



Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

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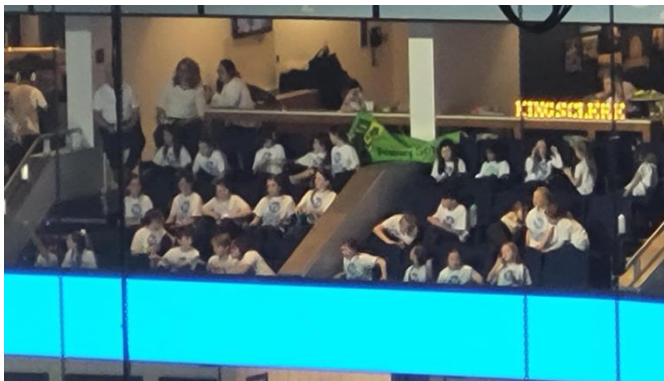


Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy month of exciting activities for the children.

Choir Perform at the O2

On Wednesday 22nd January, our Key Stage 2 Choir performed at the O2 in London. The children performed with energy and enthusiasm in the largest children's choir in the world. Pupils performed a number of songs including, *Birdhouse in Your Soul*, *Get Loud*, *Oceania* and songs from the musical *Hairspray*. The children also enjoyed performances by MC Grammar, Tommy Blaize and Souparnika Nair and performed with the artists. A huge well done to all the children involved – we are so proud of you all! Thank you also to Mrs Bowden for preparing the choir for their performance and organising such an amazing trip which the children will remember for many years to come!



Calligraphy Gallery

On Thursday 23rd January our calligraphy group were delighted to invite their family members to a special event celebrating the work the children have achieved during their Calligraphy Club. The children's calligraphy was showcased in a gallery at Kingsclere Library, with the theme, 'Book Quotes'. If you are popping into the village library, please do take a moment to look at the children's work. Well done children – we loved reading your quotes and hearing the reasons behind your choices.



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Offsite and Visit Leader Training

During our INSET day at the start of term, our staff team completed the Offsite and Visit Leader qualification. The training focussed on the skills and leadership required to safely and effectively manage an off-site educational visit or activity and ensure that the planning and procedures meet establishment and National Guidance.

A new roof for Kingsclere CE Primary

We are delighted to inform you that the school will be having a new roof as part of a thermal improvement programme. We have sadly suffered many leaks over the last few years and are really looking forward to the improvement to our school building. Work is due to start in the summer term. We will let you know regarding any impact it may have on movement around the school site.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Miss Natasha Coupe to our staff team. Natasha is teaching Hazel Class each Friday and has a wealth of teaching experience.



History Trips

Children have been enjoying their history learning and the trips and enrichment opportunities in place to support their historical knowledge. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed their trip to Winchester Cathedral which has supported the children's enquiry: *'How does Winchester's legacy of royalty, rights and revolt influence the place we see today?'* The children spoke to experts about Winchester's history and the changing times of the cathedral during that time including its royal connections and revolts. They also learned about William Walker's achievements in saving the cathedral from collapse. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a Roman Day workshop learning about why the Roman army were so powerful, Roman life and hierarchies. Children took part in lots of drama activities to support their learning.



We are looking forward to the many events in February, prior to half term, including our Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 4th February for Year R and Year 1 parents and carers in the school hall at 09:00. Tea and coffee will be available on arrival.

We wish our Netball and Football teams the best of luck in their matches on Tuesday next week as well as some of our Year 5 mathematicians in the St Gabriels' Maths Challenge next Thursday.

Please look out for details on Classlist from FKS about the Valentine Discos that will be taking place after school on 13th February for all the children! Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger

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Notices.

Phonics Workshop for Year R and 1 Parents and Carers

Please join us for our phonics workshop on Tuesday, 4th February, at 09:00 in the school hall. Miss Hollie Randall, our Phonics Leader, will share our phonics program, Phonics Shed, and share tips on how you can best support your child's phonics learning at home.

Mental Health Support

If any parents/carers were unable to attend the presentation in school about My Happy Mind, please do see the poster below about the Happy Mind App (access for Kingsclere CE Primary parents and carers is free of charge). My Happy Mind is a programme designed for schools and families who care about developing the mental wellbeing of children. It combines the latest research, science and technology to help children develop lifelong habits and learn to thrive. It equips all children with the knowledge, skills and tools to thrive in the modern world.



Advice and a Slice for all parents and carers – all welcome!

Come and join Mrs Attiya Khawaja, our school SENCO and Safeguarding Officer from 09:00 – 10:00 on either of the following days:

Tuesday 4th March

Tuesday 3rd June

The sessions provide an opportunity for a tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat to talk about anything linked to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and/or Emotional Wellbeing and a chance to chat with other parents and carers.

Advice & Slice Parent Support

Meet other parents

Choose topics for discussion

Share knowledge & practical skills

Contact SENCo via school office any time.

Slice & Advice Coffee Mornings
Tuesday 3rd Dec/ 4th March/ 3rd June
9am – 10am



Share solutions

And much more...



Love – Courage – Respect

A Message from St. Mary's: Tired of small talk? Try Alpha!

Alpha is a chance to explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs. For more information, visit alpha.org.uk/try-alpha. The sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, starting on 29th January until April 16th 2025 at St Mary's Church, Kingsclere RG20 5SR. Each evening begins with dessert and coffee, a short video and then an opportunity to chat. Everything is free and there is no pressure. To find out more please visit St Mary's Facebook page or the events page on the website www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Family Support

Please click on the link below which provides family support through web links, downloadable resources, and online videos on various issues and topics that may be able to provide you with the support that you need, or answer questions that you may have.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/family.page?familychannel=2>

Kingsclere Community Larder

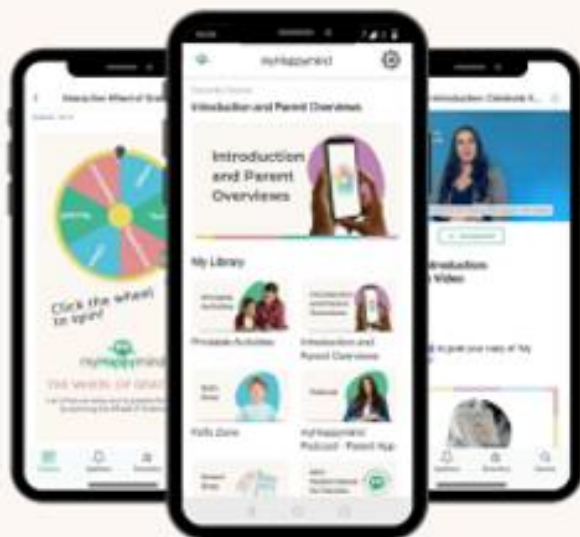
Sadly, Kingsclere Community Larder is closing. Its final day of opening will be on 27th February 2025.

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Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other
Tuesday 4 th February	Phonics Workshop for Year R and Year 1 parents and carers at 09:00 – 09:40	Please enter via the main school office
Tuesday 4 th February	Y5/6 Football Match at home	Invited players, please remember boots
Tuesday 4 th February	KS2 Netball Match at home	Invited players, please remember trainers
Thursday 6 th February	Y5 Maths Challenge	Invited pupils, full uniform
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 13 th February	Valentine's Disco	See our PTA's Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School Classlist details
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Half Term	
Monday 24 th February	School/Teacher Led Clubs restart	Restart from Monday 24 th February
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Dress as your favourite book character
Friday 7 th March to Friday 14 th March	Science Week	
Wednesday 12 th March	Whole School Grounds Day	Non uniform with outdoor clothes, wet weather gear and wellies. Bring a change of shoes for indoors please.
Friday 28 th March	Year R Mother's Day Tea	Save this date, more details to follow
Monday 24 th March to Friday 28 th March	Last week of School/Teacher led clubs	
Friday 4 th April	Break the Rules Day	FKS PTA event
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school	
Friday 2 nd May	Deadline for Year 5/6 final residential payment	If you are not able to meet the deadline, please speak to the school office to make them aware.
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 8 th May	Whole Class Photo Day	School Uniform (no need for PE kit for any year groups on this day – thank you)
Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS	
Monday 12 th May to Friday 16 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week	
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term	
Monday 2 nd to 4 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	Outdoor clothing for Year 5 and 6 attending the residential
Wednesday 11 th June	Sports Day	House colour T Shirt and school PE shorts
Monday 30 th June	INSET Day	
Wednesday 23 rd July	First day of the Summer Holiday	

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