

KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we had been expecting colleagues from Education South West to visit us this week as part of a trust-led review, their visit was unfortunately unable to go ahead.

Rather than lose the opportunity, senior leaders carried out our own internal review across the school. It was a pleasure to spend so much time in classrooms, talk to pupils about their learning and look closely at the work taking place across every year group.

We were delighted with what we saw. Across the school, children were engaged, enthusiastic and demonstrating positive attitudes to learning. Staff continue to work incredibly hard to provide high-quality learning experiences, and it was wonderful to see our school values being lived out in classrooms every day. We are very proud of the excellent practice and learning taking place throughout Kingsbridge Primary School.

Thank you also for your continued support with attendance. We know that ensuring children arrive at school every day can take significant effort from families, and we are incredibly grateful for the commitment you have shown. We are delighted that attendance this year has improved on last year's already positive figures. Every day in school matters, and these improvements give children the very best opportunity to learn, make friends and achieve.

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Roman in Cedar Class.

Wow! What a fantastic start Roman has made to Year 2. He has consistently demonstrated exceptional behaviour, excellent manners and a wonderful attitude towards his learning. Roman approaches every day with enthusiasm, makes positive choices and is a fantastic role model for his classmates.

We are incredibly proud of the mature and responsible way he has settled into Year 2 and are delighted to recognise his efforts with this week's Headteacher's Award.

Congratulations, Roman!

Reading at Home

As we often remind our families, reading remains a key priority at KPS. Following the success of our KS1 *Read at Home Challenge* last year, we are delighted to have extended the initiative to KS2.

All children from Year 1 onwards have a reading diary in which they can record their reading at home. We encourage children in Key Stage 1 to read for at least **five minutes each day**, and those in Key Stage 2 for at least **ten minutes each day**.

Every home reading session earns a **House Point**, helping to build a love of reading while contributing to their House totals. In addition, the class in each phase with the highest number of recorded reads each week is celebrated during assembly.

This week's reading totals are:

Class	**Total Reads at Home**
Beech	71
Cedar	46
Elder	105
Elm	68
Holly	74
Hawthorn	62
Poplar	**139**
Pine	73
Oak	104
Horse Chestnut	127

Congratulations to **Poplar** who are this week's Read at Home Champions with an impressive total of **139** reads! 🎉

Year Two

This week, Cedar class have been planning and writing our own stories inspired by The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have been sharing some wonderful and imaginative ideas!

We have stories about three cheeky girls who want to cross a dark, gloomy forest to reach Dream Park, as well as three bouncy puppies heading off in search of a field full of tasty dog treats. The children have shown great creativity and enthusiasm as they develop their characters and adventures.

Mrs Dudley and Mrs Stathers are really enjoying reading their fantastic work, and we look forward to sharing these stories with you very soon.

PTFA Update

Does your business support charities?
Kingsbridge PTFA is a registered charity which helps to make amazing memories for all our children. This year, we will be making it possible for children to enjoy forest school and a range of special experiences they will remember forever, from sleepovers to special day trips.

There is much more we want to do - but we can only grow our work with a bigger budget.

If your business supports charities - perhaps in the form of matching fundraising for a particular initiative, or making one-off donations to specific causes - please get in touch and we can share more information.

Class reps
Thank you for all your support so far with class reps, who will provide a friendly link between your class, the school and the PTFA. We are still looking for volunteers for Poplar and Acorn. Please email us if you can help.

The class reps for the rest of the school are: Esther Fraenkel (Conker); Philippa Holbourn (Beech); Charlotte Burdett (Cedar); Allie Alpass (Elm); Vicky Moran (Holly); Claire Beirne (Hawthorn); Kelly Peat (Pine); Marie White (Oak) and Samsy Lidstone (Horse Chestnut). Many thanks to all our class reps!

If you are able to help with any of the above, please email us: Kingsbridgeptfa@hotmail.co.uk.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. We know that good attendance has a significant impact on learning. For example:

- Missing just one day every fortnight adds up to around 20 days of school a year, which is roughly the same as missing a whole month of learning.
- An attendance rate of 90% may sound high, but it actually means a child is missing the equivalent of one day every two weeks

Over time, these small gaps can make a big difference, and we are committed to working together to support every child's attendance. Did you know that each week, we award house points to the house with the best attendance? The competition is already heating up!

Please be aware that any parent taking their child on an unauthorised holiday of five or more days will receive a penalty notice. This link explains penalty notices for parents: School absence penalty notices – Education and Families

The attendance this week can be seen below. Well done to Poplar for having the best attendance in the school this week.

Acorn	92%	**Conker**	97.9%
Beech	96.1%	**Cedar**	98%
Elder	99.7%	**Elm**	90.2%
Hawthorn	98.1%	**Holly**	96%
Pine	93.1%	**Poplar**	100%
Horse Chestnut	90.4%	**Oak**	94.4%

Whole School	**95.6%**

Yours sincerely

M. Martyn

Miranda Martyn
Headteacher

Attachments: Quay Dental – Gum Shield Event

Dates for your Diary – 2026/27

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Monday - Monday	**5th – 12th October**	**Whole School**	Book Fair
Wednesday	**14th October**	**Foundation**	Parents Read, Write, Inc morning at 9.15am
Friday	**16th October**	**Various**	Swimarathon
Monday & Wednesday	**19th & 21st October**	**Whole School**	Parents Evening – In Person
Wednesday	**21st October**	**Whole School**	Flu Spray
Friday	**23rd October**	**Year 6**	Junior Life Skills
Monday - Friday	**26th – 30th October**	**Whole School**	Half Term
Saturday	**14th November**	**Choir**	Exeter Cathedral
Friday	**4th December**	**Whole School**	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday	**10th December**	**Whole School**	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	**18th December**	**Whole School**	End of Term
Monday	**4th January 2027**	**Whole School**	Start of Term
Monday & Wednesday	**1st & 3rd February**	**Year 6**	Parents Evening – In Person
Monday – Friday	**8th – 12th February**	**Year 6**	Residential
Monday & Wednesday	**8th & 10th February**	**Whole School, except year 6**	Parents Evening
Monday - Friday	**15th -19th February**	**Whole School**	Half Term
Thursday	**25th March**	**Whole School**	End of Term
Monday	**12th April**	**Whole School**	Start of Term
Monday	**3rd May**	**Whole School**	Bank Holiday
Wednesday – Friday	**5th – 7th May**	**Year 4**	Residential
Monday – Thursday	**10th – 13th May**	**Year 6**	SATS Week
Monday - Friday	**31st May – 4th June**	**Whole School**	Half Term
Monday – Friday	**7th – 18th June**	**Year 4**	Multiplication Check
Friday	**11th June**	**Whole School**	Summer Fair
Monday – Thursday	**14th – 17th June**	**Year 1**	Phonics Screening Check
Friday	**18th June**	**Whole School**	Sports Day
Friday	**25th June**	**Whole School**	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	**2nd July**	**Whole School**	Reserve Sports Day
Friday	**9th July**	**Whole School**	Reports
Friday	**9th July**	**Whole School**	Reserve Summer Fair
Wednesday	**14th July**	**Whole School**	Open Classrooms
Friday	**16th July**	**Year 6**	Leavers Play
Tuesday	**20th July**	**Whole School**	End of Term