

Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter



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September 2025 – Edition 1

Welcome back to school!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow – Thursday – and would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year R families, as well as to new pupils joining us in other year groups.

Classroom doors will open at 8:45am, and our teachers are excited to begin the year with their new classes.

Please note that children should wear school uniform on Thursday and Friday this week. Our Physical Education timetable will be shared with you shortly, so you will know which days your child should come to school in their PE kit next week.

Please join us for our 'Meet the Teacher' presentations for your child's new year group. These sessions are a great opportunity to hear about your child's learning and routines for the year ahead, as well as to speak with their teacher(s) afterwards.

The 'Meet the Teacher' dates are:

- Year R – Tuesday 23rd September, 15:30–16:00
- Year 1 – Wednesday 17th September, 17:00–18:00
- Year 2 – Monday 15th September, 17:00–18:00
- Year 3 – Thursday 11th September, 17:00–18:00
- Year 4 – Thursday 18th September, 17:00–18:00
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Wednesday 10th September, 17:00–18:00

We can't wait to see everyone tomorrow and to begin another exciting school year together.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Headteacher

Music Lessons and Groups

In addition to class music lesson, instrumental lessons are available in piano, voice, drum kit, electric, acoustic and bass guitar. Please contact Good Vibes for further details and costs of lessons: <https://www.goodvibesmusicacademy.co.uk/kingsclere>

There are also choirs for each Key Stage and Samba Band for Key Stage 2 – these are free of charge. No prior skills needed.



Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School

As we begin the new school year, I would like to take a moment to thank the Friends of Kingsclere School (FKS) for all their incredible support over the years. Many of the original committee members, whose children have now moved on to secondary school, kindly stayed on last year to help organise events and fundraise for our school.

Understandably, after many years of dedication, many of the original committee members are now stepping down at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). We now urgently need new parents and carers to take FKS forward and help run its events. Without additional support, these activities – and the funds they provide – cannot continue.

FKS raises around £12,000 each year, which helps fund vital resources and opportunities for our children. This support has kept the swimming pool running, funded our new library furniture, subsidised school trips, provided the Samba kit, funded learning apps, and much more. In addition, FKS organises key community events such as film nights, discos, Kingsfest, the fireworks display, and the Christmas Fayre.

If you can spare some time to help, whether to chair or help run the committee or at events, please look out for details of the AGM early in the term, or contact friendsofkingsclereschool@outlook.com. Your support will make a real difference to the children and our school community.

Thank you for considering how you can help keep this wonderful tradition going.



School Roof Works Updates

Over the summer, Hampshire County Council Property Services, together with contractors Mountjoy, have been busy fitting a brand new roof for our school. This is an exciting improvement to our building that will benefit the school community for many years to come.

The scaffolding will remain in place for some time while the work is completed, and is likely to stay up until November. We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while the scaffolding and building works are underway.

The good news is that much of the noisy work was carried out during the holidays, which means that disruption to the day-to-day running of the school will be kept to a minimum.



School Lunch Menu – from September 2025

Our new school lunch menu will run from 1st September 2025 to 13th February 2026. Please find the link below to view the menu:
<https://kingsclereprimary.com/parents/our-lunch-menu/>

Children in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a free hot meal each day, provided through the Government initiative. These are ordered in the classroom at registration, though children may also bring a packed lunch if you prefer.

Children in Years 3–6 can choose to bring a packed lunch or have a hot school meal at £3.00 per day, payable online via Reach More Parents and Parent Pay. Meals can be paid for daily, weekly, monthly, or termly.

We are a nut-free school, so please avoid nuts or nut-based products (including Nutella). Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

To support healthy eating, we encourage balanced lunches and simple breaktime snacks of bread-based items, fruit, or vegetables. Some healthy packed lunch ideas include:

- Sandwiches, wraps or pittas with lean fillings, e.g., chicken, cheese, tuna
- Veg sticks with dip
- Fresh fruit or fruit salad
- Yogurt or cheese portions
- A small flapjack, muffin or rice cake



Online Safety

Please remain vigilant about what your child is accessing online at home. For age-appropriate advice, tips by app, and guidance on safe online activity, visit:

www.internetmatters.org/advice



School Clubs

School clubs are gearing up to restart, offering a wonderful array of opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop new skills.

Whether your child's passion lies in languages, music, or sports, there's something for everyone.

While it's unfortunate that Chais Sports can no longer host the football and tennis clubs, rest assured that we are actively seeking new providers to enhance our after-school sports offerings. In the meantime, students of all year groups are encouraged to participate in the available karate and dance sessions, which promise to be engaging and rewarding. For a complete list of clubs and their schedules, please refer to the Reach More Parents clubs rota in the 'Notices' section. We look forward to seeing pupils join and thrive in these enriching activities!

School Calendar Dates 2025 - 2026

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other information
Wednesday 3rd September	INSET Day	
Thursday 4th September	First Day of the new academic year for all children	School Uniform for the first two days back please. We will let parents and carers know PE days before next week. Thank you.
4th – 10th September	New Year R 08:45 – 12:30 and then full time from 11th September	
Wednesday 10th September	Year 5 and Year 6 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Thursday 11th September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Monday 15th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
	School led clubs restart	
Tuesday 16th September	Piano lessons begin for piano students	
Wednesday 17th September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Thursday 18th September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Friday 19th September	INSET Day	
Tuesday 23rd September	Year 2 Football Tournament pm	
	Year R Meet the Teacher 15:30 – 16:00	
Wednesday 24th September	Book Fair 15:15 – 15:45	
Thursday 25th September	Book Fair 15:15 – 15:45	
Friday 26th September	Book Fair 15:15 – 15:45	
Sunday 5th October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's	
Monday 6th October	Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Friday 10th October	New Year R Parents Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
Tuesday 21st and 22nd October	Bikeability Year 6	PE Kit
Friday 24th October	INSET Day	
Monday 27th – 31st October	Half Term	

Friday 7th November	New Year R Parents Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
10th – 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week and Monday 10th - Odd Socks Day	
Friday 14th November	Children In Need Day	
Tuesday 18th November	New Year R Parents Tour 13:30 – 15:00	
Wednesday 19th November	Grounds Day	
Thursday 20th November	Parent Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Thursday 27th November	Parent Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Tuesday 16th December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Wednesday 17th December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
22nd December – 2nd January	Christmas Holiday	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET Day	
Tuesday 6th January	All children back to school	
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices O2	
Monday 9th – 13th February	E Safety Week Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th	
Monday 16th – 20th February	Half Term	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	
Wednesday 11th March	Grounds Day	
Monday 30th April – Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 13th April	Children return to school	
18th – 22nd May	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	
Monday 25th – 29th May	Half Term	
Friday 12th June	Sport Day	
Friday 19th June	Back Up Sports Day	
Monday 29th June 2026	INSET Day	
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of the Summer Term before the Summer holiday begins on 23rd July	