

KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter 1 – 11th Sept 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new school year! It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back after the summer holidays and to see our classrooms once again filled with enthusiasm and a real eagerness to learn. The children have settled brilliantly, and there is such a positive atmosphere around the school.

This year, we are particularly excited to launch our new school values: **Belonging, Excellence and Achievement**.

We want every child to feel a strong sense of belonging, knowing they are valued, supported and an important part of our school community. We will encourage all children to strive for excellence in everything they do and to recognise and celebrate achievement in its many forms, whether that's academic success, personal growth, sporting accomplishment or acts of kindness.

Alongside these values, our School Improvement Plan focuses on four key priorities for the year ahead. We will continue to build on the exceptional teaching that already takes place across our school, ensuring that every child experiences consistently high-quality learning every day. We are also committed to providing rapid support for children who may have gaps in their foundational learning, recognising that timely intervention can make a significant difference to future success. Attendance remains a key focus, as we know that being in school every day gives children the very best opportunity to achieve their potential. Finally, we are determined to ensure that every child has access to a wide range of enrichment opportunities that help them discover new interests, develop confidence and broaden their horizons.

We are excited about all that this year will bring and look forward to working together with you to help every child thrive. Thank you for your continued support as we begin what promises to be another wonderful year of learning, growth and success.

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 Acorn, Conker and Elm for having the best attendance in the school this week.

Acorn	100%	**Conker**	100%
Beech	90.4%	**Cedar**	98.8%
Elder	98.8%	**Elm**	100%
Hawthorn	95.7%	**Holly**	98.8%
Pine	94.8%	**Poplar**	98.1%
Horse Chestnut	99%	**Oak**	96.5%

Whole School	**97.5%**

Yours sincerely

M. Martyn

Miranda Martyn
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary – 2026/27

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Friday	**25th September**	**Whole School**	Individual & Family Photos
Wednesday	**30th September**	**Children Starting Sept 2027**	Open Morning
Friday	**2nd October**	**Whole School**	Harvest Festival
Monday - Monday	**5th – 12th October**	**Whole School**	Book Fair
Wednesday	**21st October**	**Whole School**	Flu Spray
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