



KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 18 – 24th January 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Several illnesses still seem to be making their way through the community, it has been another challenging week with children and adults off sick. Please accept our apologies if someone you expected to be somewhere, wasn't. Hopefully, everyone will be feeling better soon.

Today we were visited by Jayne Keller, Director of Education for Education Southwest, it was a real privilege to take her round and show how the school is flourishing. We were particularly interested in the provision that is being made for our children in Reception and Year One. Watching the children learn and looking in their books, I was really proud of the dedication of our staff and how this is enabling children to make great progress.

We are looking for donations of headphones (see pictured) to support learning. If you have any unwanted pairs, please contact Miss Macro.



Maths Revision Videos

Miss Thom, one of our Year Six teachers and maths lead, has started a maths revision YouTube channel. She will continue, to upload videos which will support your child with maths work at home. Topics covered will include long multiplication, division techniques, addition, subtraction and more. Please find her videos at: @MissThom96

Year Five

We have been learning how to code micro:bits. We have programmed them to produce an output dependent on the input. We created code, using *makecode*, to show a smiley or sad face dependent on the input. We also made code that programmed the micro:bits to display rock, paper or scissors when it was shaken. This allowed the children to understand how selection variables can be used within coding.



PTFA Event

The PTFA will be holding a quiz night and bottle auction on Friday 7th February, please see attached poster for all the information. We are asking for the children to come to school in non-school uniform in exchange for a bottle for the Bottle Auction on that day.

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

RSPB Big Garden birdwatch 24 - 26 January 2025

https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?sourcecode=BWEMMM0014&utm_source=20241211_EBGB_BGBW-2025-Reg-Launch-NatCham&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=8&utm_campaign=bgbw25

Forest School Lunchtimes

Forest School Spring Term	
29-Jan	Cypress
30-Jan	Elder
06-Feb	Elm
13-Feb	Hawthorn
06-Mar	Holly
13-Mar	Pine
20-Mar	Poplar
27-Mar	Horse Chestnut
03-Apr	Oak

Cypress class will go on Wednesday to make up for their missed session this week and Elder class will be going next week as usual. Children in these classes will need to bring appropriate clothing to change into. They will also need a packed lunch. For children in receipt of free school meals or any children who would like to buy one, these can be provided by the school kitchen. If you would like a school packed lunch, please tell your child's teacher no later than Monday.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. Our children's attendance this year is significantly higher than at this time last year. 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 Holly and Oak classes for having the best attendance in the school this week.

Acorn	89%	Cherry	94%	Conker	92%
Cedar	95%	Cypress	88%		
Elm	91%	Elder	90%		
Holly	96%	Hawthorn	94%		
Pine	92%	Poplar	94%		
Oak	96%	Horse Chestnut	94%		
		Whole School	92.6%		

Celebration Assembly, Friday 17th January 2025

Congratulations to our CARE Champions

Acorn	Seb P	Cherry	Aaliyah	Conker	Jimmy
Cedar		Ellie	Cypress		Freddie
Elm		Poppy	Elder		Vinnie
Holly		Rudi	Hawthorn		Jesse
Pine		Ollie	Poplar		Winnie
Oak		Ottis	Horse Chestnut		Hendrix



Star Class – Hawthorn

Yours sincerely

Gareth Howells
Headteacher

**Attachments: PTFA Quiz Night
Harbour House Exhibition**

Dates for your Diary - 2024/25

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Monday - Friday	10th - 14th February	Year 6	Residential
Monday - Friday	17th - 21st February	Whole School	Half Term
Wednesday	26th February	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Monday - Friday	3rd - 7th March	Whole School	Parents Evening
Thursday	13th March	Whole School	PTFA Disco
Friday	21st March	Whole School	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	4th April	Whole School	End of Term
Tuesday	22nd April	Whole School	Start of Term
Wednesday - Friday	7th to 9th May	Year 4	Residential
Monday - Thursday	12th -15th May	Year 6	Year 6 SATS
Monday - Friday	26th - 30th May	Whole School	Half Term
Monday - Friday	2nd June - 6th June	Year 6	Bikeability
Thursday	12th June	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Monday - Friday	2nd - 13th June	Year 4	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Friday	4th July	Whole School	Sports Day
Friday	11th July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day
Monday	14th July	Whole School	Reports Home
Friday	18th July	Whole School	End of Term

Dates for your Diary - 2025/26

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Thursday	4th September	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday - Friday	27th - 31st October	Whole School	Half Term
Friday	19th December	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	5th January	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday - Friday	16th -20th February	Whole School	Half Term
Thursday	2nd April	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	20th April	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday	4th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday
Monday - Friday	25th -29th May	Whole School	Half Term
Friday	17th July	Whole School	End of Term