



**KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really enjoyed talking to parents at our most recent parent forum meetings to share our news and development projects. We appreciate the feedback we have received, and we are acting in response to this. One common theme in each meeting so far has been issues around the behaviour of some parents who drive to school and, as a result of this, road safety before and after school. So far this year, around fifty parents have attended our parent forum meetings. The next opportunity to do so is next Monday (25<sup>th</sup> November) at 3pm.

Yesterday, Miss Martyn and I had the privilege of attending our first Talk for Writing conference as a Showcase school. We were in Birmingham working with colleagues from Show Schools and Training Centres across the country. It is so inspiring to see what colleagues in schools outside of the Southwest are doing and we look forward to continuing to implement new practices to further improve our children's learning.

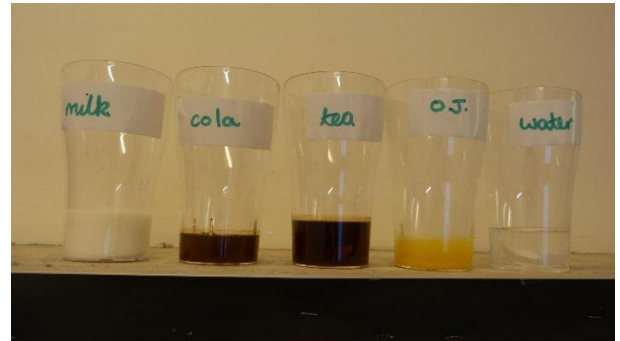
As December approaches, teachers will soon start working with the children to prepare for our festive events. As much as possible, we try not to let this overtake the curriculum too soon. KS2 children will all perform a part of a musical performance at the Community College and the EYFS and KS1 children will perform at school. The dates are below and information about tickets will follow soon.

As has been the case for the last few years, all children in KS2 will get the chance to perform at Christmas and Year Six children will all be part of a larger dramatic performance in the Summer Term.

## Year Four

Last Friday, we had a danceathon to celebrate Children in Need. The children took this very seriously! Yesterday, we were able to have a two-minute brain break to go out and experience snow. Something that some of the children said they had not done before.

This week, we have set up a science experiment. We are investigating how different liquids can affect our teeth. Eggshells can be used to see the effect that different liquids can have on tooth enamel, and we have, therefore, placed eggshells in containers with different liquids. The children felt that the liquids should be placed in clear containers so they could observe what was happening. They also said we needed to label the containers as some of the liquids looked like each other. We will be examining the results in our science lesson next week.



## Children in Need

It was great to see so many children dressed in spots last Friday. We spent part of the afternoon enjoying dance competitions. We raised an amazing £397.59 for children in need so thank you all for your support.



## Forest School Lunchtimes

Date	Class
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak

Oak class will be attending Forest School next week. Children in this class 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. Unfortunately, one area in which some children are missing large parts of their education is through unauthorised holidays. Parents who decide to take their children on unauthorised holiday for five days or more will receive a penalty notice. Parents telling the school that their child is ill, then posting pictures on the beach online, or children telling us they have been to Greece, will be considered an unauthorised holiday. 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 Cedar class for having the best attendance in the school this week.

<b>Acorn</b>	87%	<b>Cherry</b>	97%	<b>Conker</b>	90%
<b>Cedar</b>	99%	<b>Cypress</b>	89%		
<b>Elm</b>	88%	<b>Elder</b>	93%		
<b>Holly</b>	94%	<b>Hawthorn</b>	98%		
<b>Pine</b>	92%	<b>Poplar</b>	93%		
<b>Oak</b>	94%	<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	88%		
		<b>Whole School</b>	92.3%		

# Celebration Assembly, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Congratulations to our  
CARE Champions

<b>Acorn</b>	Jack Williams	<b>Cherry</b>	Jackson	<b>Conker</b>	Oakley
<b>Cedar</b>		Grace W	<b>Cypress</b>		Rosa
<b>Elm</b>		JJ	<b>Elder</b>		Louis
<b>Holly</b>		Rudi	<b>Hawthorn</b>		Dylan
<b>Pine</b>		Emi & Storm	<b>Poplar</b>		Freya
<b>Oak</b>		Frankie	<b>Horse Chestnut</b>		Emily



**Star Class – Holly**

Yours sincerely

Gareth Howells  
Headteacher

Attachments: Parent Letter Annual Report

**Dates for your Diary – 2024/25**

<b>DAY/S</b>	<b>DATE/S</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Year 5 Cake Sale
Thursday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Christmas Dinner Day, Christmas Raffle and Non uniform
Friday	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTFA</b>	Christmas Raffle
Monday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1</b>	Christmas Performance
Tuesday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1</b>	Christmas Performance
Wednesday	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2</b>	Christmas Performance
Friday	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Monday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Monday - Friday	<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	Residential
Monday - Friday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Wednesday	<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Bags2School
Monday – Friday	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Parents Evening
Friday	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Tuesday	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Wednesday - Friday	<b>7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	Residential
Monday – Thursday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	Year 6 SATS
Monday - Friday	<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Monday - Friday	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	Bikeability
Thursday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Bags2School
Monday – Friday	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Friday	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Sports Day
Friday	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Reserve Sports Day
Monday	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Reports Home
Friday	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term

**Dates for your Diary – 2025/26**

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