

KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter 2 – 18th Sept 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are only in Week 2, but it already feels as though we are well and truly back in the swing of things! It has been wonderful to see the children settled, engaged in their learning and embracing our new school values of Belonging, Excellence and Achievement.

This week, we have been celebrating Democracy Week, focusing on one of our British Values: Democracy. What better way to learn about democracy than by taking part in it ourselves? Our Year 6 children have been busy writing speeches for our student leadership positions, which were anonymously shared with all children ahead of voting.

We use an anonymous voting process to reinforce an important lesson about democracy. It encourages children to vote for the candidate whose ideas, values and aspirations best represent them, rather than simply choosing a friend. This helps our pupils understand that votes should be based on informed choices and shared values.

Congratulations to our newly elected Head Boy, Rhys, and Head Girl, Rose. We are incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward and showed such courage and commitment throughout the process.

Attendance remains a key priority for us, and it has been fantastic to see so many children in school this week. We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to know whether your child is well enough to attend school. If your child is a little under the weather but you feel they are likely to manage the school day, please do send them in. Our team will keep a close eye on them and will always contact you if we feel they are too unwell to remain in school. For guidance on common illnesses and when children should stay at home, please see the NHS advice here: Is my child too ill for school? https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Finally, I am delighted to announce this week's Headteacher's Award winner. Congratulations to Anointed in Year 6, who has been incredibly helpful in supporting with the school site. Yesterday, without being asked, he carefully moved some equipment from lunch to support everyone on the way back in for the afternoon. His willingness to help others perfectly demonstrated our value of Belonging, and he should be very proud of the example he is setting for others.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to another exciting week ahead at school.

PTFA Update

A warm welcome to our new PTFA Chair
We're delighted that Louise Farrand (Year 3) has joined the PTFA as our new Chair this year, and we'd like to say a huge thank you to our outgoing chairs Vicky and Harriet who did a brilliant job last year.
For anyone new to the school, the PTFA is a team of parents and carers working together to raise crucial funds that support the children's memorable experiences, forest school, and the Year 4 and Year 6 residentials. This funding is vital to keep these opportunities going for every child, and it only happens because people get involved - whether that's joining the committee, helping out at events, sharing ideas, or offering a skill or business support. However much or little time you have, we'd love to hear from you.

New this year: Class Reps
To build on that team spirit, this year we're introducing a Class Rep for every class - just one parent per class to act as a friendly link between the PTFA, the school and other parents. It's a light-touch role: think helping organise your class's cake sale, and generally helping parents and the school get to know each other a little better. Having someone from within each class means it's easier for everyone to know who to go to, and vice versa - a small role that makes a big difference to community spirit across the school.

Fancy being your class's rep? Please let the school office know by Wednesday September 23rd - we'd love at least one volunteer per class

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 Conker for having the best attendance in the school this week.

Acorn	97.9%	**Conker**	100%
Beech	92.8%	**Cedar**	95%
Elder	97.3%	**Elm**	96.6%
Hawthorn	93.6%	**Holly**	92.3%
Pine	95.9%	**Poplar**	99.2%
Horse Chestnut	95.8%	**Oak**	98.4%

Whole School	**96.1%**

Yours sincerely

M. Martyn

Miranda Martyn
Headteacher

Attachments: Karate Club

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