



Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the start of 2022, a major area of our improvement journey has been developing children's writing through the implementation of the Talk for Writing approach. On Wednesday this week, we were delighted to welcome Pie Corbett, the creator of Talk for Writing and Jamie Thomas, the Talk for Writing Primary Expert, to the school for our “showcase school” evaluation. In primary education Mr Corbett is a huge celebrity, so to have him sit in on lessons, look at pupils' books and speak to leaders was a huge honour. ‘Showcase Schools’ are used by Talk for Writing to exemplify best practice. We are one of only eleven schools in the UK to have Showcase School status.

We are delighted that we have achieved this and would like to thank Miss Martyn for her leadership of writing and all the staff for their hard work to make this happen. Teachers across the country will now be invited to Kingsbridge Primary School on a regular basis to see how we have implemented the programme and view Talk for Writing in action in the classrooms. More information about Talk for Writing showcase schools can be found at [Showcase Schools - Talk for Writing](#)

After half-term we are planning to invite parents in to learn more about how we teach writing using Talk for Writing, watch this space.

Please keep an eye on the dates for diary, this will be updated regularly over the coming weeks as we get things booked in for the upcoming school year.

Foundation and Year 1

It has been an exciting week in Early Years/Year 1. With funds raised by the PTFA, we were able to purchase a new set of furniture for our home corner. It arrived this week and we enrolled the children's help in opening the boxes and setting it all up. (The boxes make excellent troll traps, incidentally!) We have a beautiful dining table and chairs, fridge freezer, oven, sink, washing machine, cradle, ironing board and clothes horse plus a huge range of lovely accessories including pets! The children have had an amazing time playing in there already. We are so grateful for the generosity of the PTFA and all the children and staff wish to send them a huge THANK YOU!



PTFA

Look out for the Bags2School bags coming home today, great for if you are having a clear out over half term. Please bring your full bags to school on Thursday, 14th November 2024. You can include:

- * Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- * Handbags
- * Hats
- * Bags
- * Scarves and ties
- * Jewellery
- * Lingerie
- * Socks
- * Belts
- * Soft toys
- * Household linen
- * Household curtains
- * Household towels
- * Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

The PTFA are looking for donations of pre-loved Lego and Duplo for outdoor Lego play areas around school playgrounds. Please drop donations off at the school office.

The school disco is on Thursday 7th November. We will be selling sweets, tattoos and glitter body art and there is squash and biscuits available. If your child has an allergy we will have wrist bands available at the door to write this on and please let the volunteers know.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or find out more please find us on Facebook and send us a message on Facebook messenger.

Year Six

The Devon application portal is now live for you to apply for your child's secondary school place. This will close on the 31st October 2024 so please make sure you do this as soon as possible. You can use the following link [Apply for a secondary place – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-place)

Forest School Lunchtimes

Date	Class
7 th November	Pine
14 th November	Poplar
21 st November	Horse Chestnut
28 th November	Oak

Pine class will be going 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. When we return to school after half-term, parents who decide to take their children on unauthorised holiday, are very likely to 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 Cedar class for having the best attendance in the school this week.

Acorn	97%	Cherry	95%	Conker	98%
Cedar	99%	Cypress	94%		
Elm	97%	Elder	97%		
Holly	96%	Hawthorn	92%		
Pine	94%	Poplar	92%		
Oak	89%	Horse Chestnut	91%		
		Whole School	94.6%		

Celebration Assembly, Friday 18th October 2024

Congratulations to our CARE Champions

Acorn	Bailey	Cherry	Daisy	Conker	Charlie
Cedar		Rosie D	Cypress		Amelia
Elm		Layla	Elder		Thea
Holly		Lilith	Hawthorn		Helena
Pine		Eilidh	Poplar		Anna
Oak		Ivy	Horse Chestnut		Ted



Star Class – Poplar

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gareth Howells".

Gareth Howells
Headteacher

Attachments: Lego Appeal Poster
KOOSC Half Term Poster

Dates for your Diary - 2024/25

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Monday - Friday	28th Oct – 1st Nov	Whole School	Half Term
Thursday	7th November	Whole School	PTFA School Disco
Thursday	14th November	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Friday	15th November	Year 5	Space Dome
Monday – Friday	18th – 22nd November	Whole School	Parents Evening
Monday	2nd December	Whole School	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday	12th December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	13th December	PTFA	Christmas Raffle
Monday	16th December	KS1	Christmas Performance
Tuesday	17th December	KS1	Christmas Performance
Wednesday	18th December	KS2	Christmas Performance
Friday	20th December	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	6th January	Whole School	Start of Term
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
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