

# Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

.....

November 2025 - Edition 4



## November 2025 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding month at Kingsclere, filled with learning and enrichment opportunities supporting children's personal development.

We were very proud of the respect shown by all pupils during our Remembrance Service on 11th November, and by those who represented the school at the village square parade and ceremony. .

During Anti-Bullying Week, pupils reflected on the importance of kindness and inclusion. Together we explored how small actions, like offering a smile, including others, or challenging hurtful behaviour, can make a big difference.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Kaylynn Day as a new Learning Support Assistant. We also warmly welcome Miss Tina Derbyshire as our new cleaner. At the same time, we say thank you and farewell to Miss Lucy Taylor and Mrs Clare Mallinson for their valued contributions, particularly to outdoor learning. We are pleased that Mrs Jessica Bayliss has re-joined the team following maternity leave, and extend our thanks to Miss Lucy Taylor for her support during the cover period.

Our Sustainability Action Plan is underway, and we are proud to have achieved the Bronze Award through the Mode Shift STARS Education programme, recognising our commitment to safe and sustainable travel. Our Junior Road Safety Officers impressed us all with their informative whole-school assembly and emphasising the message of 'Be Bright Be Seen'.

Finally, we are delighted to share that the school has once again been awarded the Music Mark Award, celebrating our commitment to high-quality music provision. Music continues to be a vibrant part of school life, with specialist tuition, weekly lessons, and enrichment activities including choirs and samba.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Headteacher



## The Digital Dilemma

The Digital Dilemma webinar is available for parents and carers and provides information on how to mitigate online harm for children. Please click on the image below to attend the webinar.

Key Topics Include:

- **Spotting Online Threats:** Learn about the most common tactics used by cybercriminals and how they target young people.
- **Social Media Safety:** Understand the risks surrounding sextortion, disinformation, influencers, AI, privacy, and hacked accounts.
- **Parental Controls:** Explore the debate on children's access to technology and social media, and discover steps parents can take to minimise harm from device usage.
- **Gaming:** Understand the risks young people face when gaming online and discover ways to monitor and restrict usage.
- **Cybersecurity Essentials:** Learn best practices for securing your family's accounts, including password management, two-factor authentication, and other protective measures.
- **Interactive Q and A session**



### Online Safety – Roblox

We have been made aware of a pop-up appearing on Roblox that encourages children to download an app called Pollybuzz/Pollyfuzz. While it may seem harmless at first, the app can quickly expose children to extreme and inappropriate content.

Please remind your child:

- Do not click on pop-ups in games
- Report anything worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult

Roblox offers parental controls, which can help reduce risks. Guidance on setting these up can be found within the 'Parental Controls Overview' in Roblox.

Please note that parental controls will block some pop-ups, but not all, so active supervision remains important.

## READING CHALLENGE!

A huge well done to all the children, parents and staff that took part in the 'Places to Read' reading challenge. It was wonderful to see the many different places that children read including multiple countries from Dubai to France as well as in castles, stately homes, up trees, in boats and at the top of Pen Y Fan!

Here are some of the lovely pictures children and parents sent in! Well done all. Reading is so important and really does help children make good progress in reading, writing, spelling, phonics punctuation and grammar as well as developing their creativity and knowledge.

Well done to our winners below and our first prize winner - Rydal!





## Reading Rewards

Each week, children who read four or more times have their name entered into a class pot. At the end of the week, the teacher picks names at random, and those selected enjoy a reward! These rewards have been chosen by the children in their classes, including rewards such as:

- eating lunch with their teacher and a friend
- sitting in the teacher's chair for a lesson
- choosing a class story or activity

As long as your child reads on four separate days during the week, they will be eligible. Children may read:

- their school reading book
- a book from home
- a library book from the school, village, or town



Children or parents and carers can note reading experiences in the reading journal or on Seesaw (for older children), so we can celebrate their efforts!

Across the school, the number of children reading four or more times a week has increased by 10% - a fantastic achievement. Well done, everyone, and keep up the brilliant reading!

## Family Support

We're pleased to share details of the latest Household Support Fund (HSF7) activities, delivered in partnership with Hampshire Achieves and Hampshire Libraries

These free courses and events are designed to support adults (aged 19+) living in Hampshire with practical skills to help manage the cost of living.

To book a free place click on the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries>

### Managing Your Household Budget

Learn how to:

- Create a practical budget plan
- Calculate income and outgoings
- Explore benefits and incentives to reduce household bills
- Access local and national support

### Digital Skills Workshop

Gain confidence in:

- Using apps and websites
- Saving money through online shopping and selling
- Navigating the digital world safely and effectively

### Healthy Cooking on a Budget

Discover how to:

- Use a slow cooker to save on energy bills
- Store and reheat batch-cooked meals safely
- Enjoy a home-cooked meal and take home a free slow cooker and food voucher

### Warm and Welcome Events



Drop-in sessions at libraries across Hampshire offering:

- Advice and support on energy bills and the cost of living
- No booking required
- More info: [Warm and Welcome events](#)





## Grounds Day

The whole school took part in Grounds Day, which provided a rich opportunity for outdoor learning across a wide range of subjects including Geography, Art, PSHE, English and Science. Children were able to revisit previous learning while also engaging with new content.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a variety of activities designed to deepen their understanding and develop practical skills. Some classes enjoyed parachute games. Others created a nativity scene using natural materials, connecting their outdoor experience to RE. Many children explored the school grounds to identify deciduous and evergreen leaves, building their knowledge in Science, while other groups designed and labelled river scenes, learning about the physical features of a river in Geography. Children also practised using coordinates, drawing links between Maths and Geography. In addition, several classes worked together to construct hedgehog homes, an activity that encouraged teamwork and connected closely with PSHE.







# *Santa Family Fun Run!*

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 15:30**

2k Sponsored family fun run.

All family members welcome to participate.

Funds raised will go towards FKS.

Children will be sent home with sponsorship forms.

Money & names in a named envelope to class teacher.

Deadline for entry names & fees Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

*School grounds*

Entry Fee  
£4.00 pp

Includes a santa hat and sweet treat.

Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day.



## Tesco Tokens

Please keep popping your tokens into the collection box for Kingsclere CE Primary School at Tesco's Newbury Retail Park or at the Front Office at school.

Every token brings us closer to securing vital grant funding towards our new Trim Trail - a fantastic resource that will help our children stay active, healthy, and happy.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already supported us.



## Inclusion and Diversity

Kingsclere CE Primary School continues to be part of the Hampshire Inclusion and Diversity Partnership, affirming our commitment to a school where everyone belongs.

We pledge to:

- Build an inclusive culture and curriculum
- Challenge prejudice and discrimination
- Celebrate diversity in teaching and learning
- Provide positive role models
- Empower every child to aspire and achieve
- Work with parents, carers, and our community to foster belonging



We believe children flourish when they - and their families - feel seen, heard, and valued.

Following an SLS audit, we have purchased new books to ensure our library reflects diversity and offers inclusive texts for all children and families.



## Fireworks Festival

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fireworks Festival.


We were fortunate with the weather, and we hope you all enjoyed the show. The lights and music were particularly impressive this year, and we are grateful to all the companies who supported the event including:

LenLo Recruitment  
Protech  
Castle Windows  
AF Gas  
KRFC  
J Verney Plumbing & Property Services  
Watership Independent Funeral Directors  
Swan Street Stores  
KDH Cleaning Services  
Sandford Springs  
Kingsclere Stables  
BBQ Bits  
Initium  
GT Building  
JT Forex  
GazKaz Promotional Wear



A special thank you goes to Mrs Verney, the fireworks team, and our FKS volunteers for organising such a wonderful display. We think that this year's event has raised even more funds than in previous years and we will be able to share this figure with you soon. All donations will go towards a new Trim Trail for the children.

*Available Now*  
**GUITAR  
LESSONS**

  
Kingsclere CE Primary School  
Ash Grove Kingsclere  
Newbury  
RG20 5RE

Limited  
Availability

**SOLO GUITAR LESSONS**

**ONLY 2 SPACES**

**AVAILABLE**



<https://www.goodvibesmusicacademy.co.uk/kingsclere>

Scan to Book



Lessons are available for children in Year 3 to Year 6 - please scan the QR code to book. Thank you.

# School Calendar Dates 2025 - 2026

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other information
Monday 8th December to Friday 12th December	Receiving gift donations. Please hand to our PTA on the playground each day. Thank you for any donations you may be able to offer.	
Monday 8th December to Friday 12th December	Last week of school teacher led clubs	Please check the last club session with fee paying clubs for their last day in school.
Friday 12th December	Wear Red Day	Wear red clothes that are suitable to wear during the Santa Run after school. Trainers required if entering the Santa Run.
Friday 12th December at 3.30pm	FKS Santa Run and Christmas Fair	Fun run starts at 3.30pm. Santa visits from 3.30pm. Stalls open from 4.30pm. Please sign up by 8th December for the Santa Fun Run.
Monday 15th December	FKS Christmas Gift Sale – children will be able to purchase a gift at school	£2 per gift – Please send cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and amount written on the front.
Tuesday 16th December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	Tickets on sale via Reach more Parents / Payment / Parentpay.
Wednesday 17th December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	Tickets on sale via Reach more Parents / Payment / Parentpay.
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper or T Shirt in place of school jumper and polo shirt/shirt.
	FKS Christmas Film Night 15:15 to 17:00	Tickets available via Classlist.
22nd December – 2nd January	Christmas Holiday	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET Day	School closed.
Tuesday 6th January	All children back to school	
Friday 9th January	Deadline for application for school led teacher clubs	Confirmation will be sent by Thursday 15th January.
Monday 19th January	School led teacher club restart	Please contact fee paying clubs to confirm start days, as may be the week before.
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices O2	



Tuesday 27th January	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents – 3.30pm in Chestnut	
Monday 9th – 13th February	E Safety Week Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February	
Monday 16th – 20th February	Half Term	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	
Wednesday 11th March	Grounds Day	
Tuesday 17th March	Parent/Carer Consultation	
Thursday 19th March	Parent/Carer Consultation	
Friday 27th March	Easter Service at St Mary's	
Friday 27th March	Last day of Spring term	
Monday 30th April – Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 13th April	Children return to school	
18th – 22nd May	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	
Monday 25th – 29th May	Half Term	
Friday 12th June	Sport Day	
Friday 19th June	Back Up Sports Day	
Monday 29th June 2026	INSET Day	
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of the Summer Term before the Summer holiday	