



Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

Edition 3 – November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are approaching the Christmas season and many of the children have shared that they have begun the countdown to Christmas! Nativity and Christmas Cantata rehearsals have also begun at school – do check the calendar at the end of the newsletter and join us for the special Christmas events coming up. Thank you for all your very generous donations for our Christmas Fayre next Friday 6th December from 15:30 – 17:30. We look forward to seeing you there to meet Father Christmas, enjoy some delicious food, play some games, hear the choirs and piano students perform, and you can even join in our festive sing-along to help get you in the Christmas mood!



We said goodbye to Mrs Bayliss who began her maternity leave last week and wish her and her husband all the best of luck. We look forward to welcoming Anna Siatkowska to our team to support as a new Learning Support Assistant.



This week Reverend Canon Dodie Marsden returned from her travels in Uganda and spoke to the whole school about her visit to Kyankowe, our partner school. Dodie read a lovely letter to the children from the Headteacher of Kyankowe and shared a book the children from Kyankowe had all contributed towards about the animals that they regularly see in their village. The children from Kyankowe also shared that they enjoyed looking at the book created by Kingsclere primary children about UK flora and fauna.

We have had lots of special days to support curriculum learning. On 20th November we held our Grounds Day. Luckily the sun shone, and the children extended their curriculum learning linked to Science, Geography and History. Children have also taken part in Odd Socks Day to support the importance of respecting our differences. Anti-Bullying Week recognised the importance of this year's message: 'Choose Respect'. We have also invited NSPCC workshop leaders into the school to help children recognise the importance of safeguarding and promote the key theme to 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' Our Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) and Relationships, Sex, Health Education (RSHE) curriculum continues to support weekly learning linked to safety and also respecting differences to support all children in becoming good citizens showing our values of love, courage and respect.



The Remembrance event in the village was such a special event and well done to our school leaders, Arya, Dan and Keely, who read poems at the memorial and in the church. All the children who lay a cross for each of the soldiers represented the school brilliantly – thank you to all

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parents/carers and governors who were able to help support at the event. We also held a remembrance service at school on 11th November to recognise this important occasion.

Thank you to everyone who joined and supported our Fireworks festival and a special thank you to Mys Jayne Verney and the whole fireworks and FKS team who made this event possible. As well as being an important community event, the evening raised about £7000 which will support the school in being able to run the swimming pool in the Summer Term. Our 'Break the Rules Day', organised by our School Council, raised £329. Some of the donations the children shared have been sent to Kyankowe and some will be used for new lunchtime equipment for both playgrounds. The children have been busy writing their playtime resources wish lists!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Headteacher

Notices

Polite request

Please remember that students are not permitted to bring toys or personal items from home unless prior approval has been granted by a member of the school staff. The school assumes no responsibility for the loss, damage, or theft of any personal belongings brought onto school premises.

Advice and a Slice for all parents/carers – all welcome!

Come and join Mrs Attiya Khawaja, our school SENCO and Safeguarding Officer from 9 – 10 on any of the following days:

Tuesday 3rd December

Tuesday 4th March

Tuesday 3rd June



The sessions provide an opportunity for a tea/coffee, a slice of cake and a chat to talk about anything linked to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and/or Emotional Wellbeing and a chance to chat with other parents/carers.

Advice & Slice Parent Support

- Meet other parents
- Choose topics for discussion
- Share knowledge & practical skills
- Share solutions
- And much more...

Slice & Advice Coffee Mornings
Tuesday 3rd Dec/ 4th March/ 3rd June
9am – 10am

Contact SENCo via school office any time.



Love – Courage – Respect

Health Information to Support Health, Wellbeing and School Attendance

Schools have been asked to share the following links and posters from the Director of Public Health for Hampshire and the Chief Medical Officer for NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight, regarding information to support students' health, wellbeing and school attendance this winter:

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/>

[Hampshire Healthy Steps Leaflet - Sept24.pdf](#)

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Termly groups day for all year groups

Wrap around care available every day!

Use of our pool in the summer term

Engaging learning for all

Close links with the community

Opportunities to perform!

OPEN DAY

Friday 14th October at 9.30am
Friday 8th November at 9.30am
Tuesday 19th November at 1.30pm

Contact the school to book our open day or a private tour during the school year
01635 298583
adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk
www.kingsclereprimary.com

Ms Joanna Messenger - Headteacher
Kingsclere CE Primary School, Ash Grove, Kingsclere, Newbury, RG20 8RE

Year R Open Days

We have enjoyed meeting, showing and talking to families of Year R children who may start with us in September 2025. Some of Kingsclere CE Primary School children have provided tours for families showing them our school in action. New or existing parents/carers who have children who are looking for a school place in September 2025 are very welcome to contact us to book a tour and find out more about Kingsclere CE Primary School.

Posters of local community events and a free taster session – breakfast or afterschool club

HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER NETWORK
enabling voices to be heard

Basingstoke SEND Parent carer Get Together

At: The Viabes Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

2024

13th Nov - 10-12pm
11th Dec - 10-12pm

2025

8th Jan - 10-12pm
12th Feb - 10-12pm
12th March - 10-12pm
14th May - 10-12pm
11th June - 10-12pm
10th July - 10-12pm

Dates For Your Diary

- Discuss Local Issues and topics important to you
- Share Experiences
- Enjoy a hot drink

Follow us on our socials:
Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn

Like us on Facebook: [participation@hpcn.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/participation@hpcn.org.uk)

Out of School Clubs Quackers
fun, flexible & friendly

COME JOIN THE FUN

FREE TASTER SESSION BREAKFAST OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Choose from a Free Breakfast or After School Club Session in November or December 2024.
- Includes Full Session Childcare, Activities and Food.

To Claim:
Call 07841 018726 to book your session (lines open 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday Term Time Only).
Offer limited to new children or those who have not used Quackers in the 2023/2024 School year. Subject to availability. This offer has no cash value.
www.quackersoutofschoolclubs.co.uk

St. Mary's Church Kingsclere

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Movie Night

Friday 6th December at 7 pm

Kick off the Christmas Season with this free event
You are warmly invited to join us
Refreshments included
Bring your pillows & blankets, and wear your Christmas jumpers!

www.clerewoodslands.org.uk



Dress as your favourite nativity character and join in the fun as we re-tell the story of the very first Christmas.

St Mary's Church
24th Dec (Christmas Eve)
at 4pm

For more information contact
administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk or 07422 687125
www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Previous attachment

Kingsclere Players PRESENTS

Babes in the Wood and Robin Hood

Act Fast! Last year's sell out awaits!

AT THE FIELDGATE CENTRE, KINGSCLERE

Friday 29th November 7.30pm
Saturday 30th November 2.30 & 7.30pm
Sunday 1st December 2.30pm
Friday 6th December 7.30pm
Saturday 7th December 2.30 & 7.30pm
Sunday 8th December 2.30pm

Adults £12.50/ Children £7.50 **BOOK NOW!**

Also available at
www.kingsclereplayersgroup.com
or the Fieldgate Centre

In partnership with Kingsclere Community Association

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Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other
Monday 2 nd December	Deadline for ordering Christmas Dinner	Form available under child's name on Reach More Parents
Monday 2 nd December	Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Football Match at Ashford Hill School	Football kit
Tuesday 3 rd December	Advice and a Slice Coffee morning with Mrs Khawaja 9.00am to 10.00am in The Acorn Nurture room.	Please enter via classroom opposite the swimming pool (grey door – 4 th door) , walk down via infant playground /path past Year R/KS1 classrooms.
Friday 6 th December	FKS PTA Christmas Fair 15:30 – 18:00	Christmas jumpers and/or tinsel if performing in the choir please.
Monday 9 th December to Friday 13 th December	Last Teacher/School Led club week	Fee paying KS1 Football, Tennis and Karate will continue in the last week.
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip	School Uniform and coat, packed lunch from home if not ordered from school by 29 th November. Contribution via Reach More Parents by 1 st December
Friday 13 th December	Flu Vaccinations	Permission form needs to be completed by 10 th December.
Friday 13 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Walk	School uniform with PE track suit bottoms and pair of wellies or walking boots. School trainer for when back in school to change into. Warm coat
Tuesday 17 th December	Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	Tickets £2 each, via Reach More Parents, payments

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Wednesday 18 th December	Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	Tickets £2 each, via Reach More Parents, payments
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Christmas Jumpers and school trousers/skirts
Thursday 19 th December	FKS PTA Film Night 15:15 – 17:30	Available via FKS Classlist soon
Friday 20 th December	Whole School Christmas Cantata – all parents/carers and friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School welcome	School Uniform (no need for PE kit today)
Monday 23 rd Dec. – Friday 3 rd Jan.	Christmas Holiday	
Tuesday 31 st December	Year 5/6 Residential at least 50% of payment deadline	If you are not able to meet the deadline, please speak to the school office to make them aware.
6 th January 2025	INSET Day	
Monday 7 th January 2025	Children return to school for the Spring Term	
Friday 10 th January 2025	Year 6 Height and Weight screen with NHS Nursing Team	If you wish to withdraw your child, please write to Mrs Messenger by 1 st January 2025
Monday 13 th January 2025	School/teacher led clubs start	Club sign up deadline is 7 th January via Reach More Parents Forms – details will be published by end of Autumn term
Wednesday 22 nd January 2025	Young Voices Concert	School Uniform and coat, 2 packed lunches from home
Monday 27 th January 2025	Year 5 & Year 6 Trip	School Uniform and coat, packed lunch from home if not ordered from school by Monday 6 th January. Contribution via Reach More Parents by 1 st January
Tuesday 28 th January 2025	Year 6 SATS meeting at 3.15pm	All Year 6 parent/carers invited to attend
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Safer Internet Day	



Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term	
Monday 24 th February	School/Teacher Led Clubs restart	Restart from Monday 24 th February
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 7 th – Friday 14 th March	Science Week	
Monday 24 th March to Friday 28 th March	Last week of School/Teacher led clubs	
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school	
Friday 2 nd May	Deadline for Year 5/6 final residential payment	If you are not able to meet the deadline, please speak to the school office to make them aware.
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 8 th May	Whole Class Photo Day	School Uniform (no need for PE kit)
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week	
Monday 26 th – 30 th May	Half Term	
Monday 2 nd – 4 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	Outdoor clothing for Year 5 and 6 attending the residential
Wednesday 11 th June	Sports Day	House colour T Shirt and school PE shorts
30 th June 2025	INSET Day	
Wednesday 23 rd July	First day of the Summer Holiday	