



## KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, it has been wonderful to see the children embracing their learning with enthusiasm and positivity. I have been especially impressed with how hard they have been working on their behaviour this week, showing kindness, respect and a real commitment to our school values.

This week, our Year Six children have been away on their residential, creating amazing memories and taking on exciting new challenges. Meanwhile, back at school, it has been a pleasure to step in for Mr Howells while he has been caving at Grenville. The dedication of both staff and pupils is what makes working at Kingsbridge Primary such a joy, and both Mr Howells and I want to thank everyone for their hard work this term.

With half-term just around the corner, I hope you all have a well-deserved break and enjoy some time to rest and recharge. When we return, we'll be looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, for which, we are sending out a letter with all the details with this newsletter. The children will have the chance to dress up as their favourite book characters so we can't wait to see their creative costumes and share in a fantastic day celebrating the joy of reading!

Wishing you all a wonderful break.

### Financial Education for children



At KPS, we are trying to improve our offer of financial education for all our children. A great way to support your child's financial education at home is through real life experiences and activities. Halifax have released a fantastic game called 'Island Savers'. It is suitable for primary-aged children and helps to teach them about saving, spending and the environment. It is available on all major gaming platforms.

## Year Two

We are learning to sew in DT this half term. We have looked at different types of puppets and learnt to do a running stitch with the help of some amazing parents. We can all sew a line of stitches, and we have made some finger puppets using running stitch. We are really proud of our creations and our new skill.



## SEND Support Group

On Saturday, 15th February, from 18:00 to 21:00, in Harbour House Art Studio, Kingsbridge Crafters will host an evening dedicated to relaxation and creativity through Mandala Dotting. This event offers parents a chance to unwind, connect with others, and replenish their emotional reserves.

Mandala Dotting is a simple yet profoundly meditative art form, perfect for those seeking a creative outlet without prior artistic experience. By focusing on the repetitive patterns and colours, attendees can find a sense of calm and mindfulness and receive peer support from those around them.

Booking is required so to secure your spot, reach out to Laura on 07450558443 or email [kingsbridgecrafters@gmail.com](mailto:kingsbridgecrafters@gmail.com)

## Karate Club

The karate club students moved to orange and red belts after preparing and training hard for it. Orange belt signifies the first beams of sunlight that gives a seedling new growth and life. As such, the orange belt is worn by a beginner who has learned to practice the basic moves of karate.

Focus: Learning basic stance, punches, and kicks



## Forest School Lunchtimes

Forest School Spring Term	
06-Mar	Holly
13-Mar	Pine
20-Mar	Poplar
27-Mar	Horse Chestnut
03-Apr	Oak

Holly class will be going the week after half term. 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

The biannual attendance letter has been emailed out today, please keep an eye out for this. Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. Our children's attendance this year is significantly higher than at this time last year. 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 Elder class for having the best attendance in the school this week.

<b>Acorn</b>	95%	<b>Cherry</b>	95%	<b>Conker</b>	85%
<b>Cedar</b>	85%	<b>Cypress</b>	88%		
<b>Elm</b>	95%	<b>Elder</b>	97%		
<b>Holly</b>	93%	<b>Hawthorn</b>	92%		
<b>Pine</b>	89%	<b>Poplar</b>	94%		
<b>Oak</b>	96%	<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	93%		
		<b>Whole School</b>	92%		

# Celebration Assembly, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

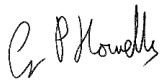
## Congratulations to our CARE Champions

<b>Acorn</b>	Madison	<b>Cherry</b>	Lola	<b>Conker</b>	Georgina
<b>Cedar</b>		Malachi	<b>Cypress</b>		Olivia H
<b>Elm</b>		Olivia S W	<b>Elder</b>		Hollie
<b>Holly</b>		Marlowe	<b>Hawthorn</b>		Mia H
<b>Pine</b>		Emily	<b>Poplar</b>		Luna
<b>Oak</b>		Maisie	<b>Horse Chestnut</b>		Matilda B



**Star Class - Hawthorn**

Yours sincerely



Gareth Howells  
Headteacher

**Attachments: World Book Day letter**  
**PTFA Bags2School Poster**  
**Costume Swap**  
**Forest & Beach Half Term Poster**  
**PTFA Spring Disco**

**Dates for your Diary - 2024/25**

<b>DAY/S</b>	<b>DATE/S</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday - Friday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Thursday	<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Booked Places</b>	Talk For Writing open morning
Monday - Friday	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Parents Evening
Thursday	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Disco
Thursday	<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Bags2School
Friday	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday	<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Reception</b>	Eye Screening
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