

# Kingsclere CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and exciting month it has been. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at our Parents/Carers Evenings this week and for working in partnership with us to achieve the very best for your child(ren).

**We warmly welcome all families, friends, parents and carers of Kingsclere CE Primary School to join us at our Easter Service at St. Mary's on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March starting at 9:30.** The children have prepared Easter songs and readings to share with you and tea and coffee will be available at St. Mary's from 09:00 prior to the service. Please do come along and enjoy this special celebration!

There have been lots of great opportunities and learning taking place over the last month. These have included:

## Grounds Day

Grounds Day this term has supported children's learning in many curriculum subjects including art, history and science. Pupils took part in their year groups in a variety of activities including, making model Amazon villages, prehistoric decorations, Easter gardens and exploring ways to make large bubbles! Our school has also successfully been awarded a grant from 'Learning Through Landscapes' who are providing training and support for outdoor learning activities at our school.



## Enrichment

Year 1 and 2 took part in a Great Fire of London interactive workshop led by the *Trunk Theatre Company*. The children learnt all about the disaster that took place in 1666 and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

## Speak Out, Stay Safe

The whole school took part in the NSPCC Safeguarding 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme which encourages children to understand that they always have a right to feel safe, and that they can speak to a trusted adult or Childline if they ever need help or support. Each class continue to use their 'Tell Me boxes or teddy' to share any concerns they have. Our Personal Social and Health Education curriculum also focuses on teaching children about how to safeguard themselves in their daily lives.



## Year R Mummies Afternoon

Our Year R children prepared a very special afternoon with the special ladies in their lives in celebration of Mother's Day. The children had spent lots of time planning and preparing for the event and a fun time was had by all. Well done Year R!

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## Science Week

Children took part in a wide variety of science activities for British Science Week, including science experiments and cross curricular activities in reading, mathematics and art. Year 5 and 6 also took part in an online event looking at how to make a factory which is net zero. We have been very impressed with the children's British Science Week poster competition entries. There is still time for children to bring in their entries as the closing date is 6pm on Thursday 28 March 2024. We have been awarded a place on the STEM ENTHUSE Partnership programme to develop teaching and learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

## West Berkshire and North Hampshire Primary School Cross Country

We took 59 children to West Berkshire and North Hants Primary Schools Cross Country Championships 2024 at Newbury Showground. All our children completed the course and supported one another in each race and we are extremely proud of all of the children that took part. Well done all and especially to Flo, who came 34<sup>th</sup> place in the Year 3 and 4 girls race, to Euan who came 50<sup>th</sup> in the Year 3 and 4 boys race and James who came 105<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5 and 6 boys race. All races included approximately 400 children.



A very big thank you to Mrs Randall-Bird who provided two training sessions for our runners prior to the event. Mrs Randall Bird has kindly offered to run a running club for children in Year 3 to 6 on a Friday afterschool until 16:00 in the summer term. Places will be provided on a first come first served basis and we look forward to seeing children develop their running skills.

We break up from school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 15:15 next week and look forward to seeing your child(ren) back at school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 08:45. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter!

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Acting Headteacher

## Notices

### Clubs

Our clubs' timetable will be sent out at the start of next week. Please do look at the opportunities available to your child. We are very lucky to have so many staff who choose to run a club at lunchtime or at the end of the school day. Clubs are such a valuable part of school life. They provide children with the opportunity to learn or develop a skill as well as make friendships with peers who have similar interests.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance is presently 94% and nationally the average attendance is presently 94.3%. We aim for a whole school attendance of 96%. Please do continue to send your child to school as regularly as possible so they do not miss out on learning and socialising with their peers. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance is as good as it can be. This NHS

website link is very useful if you are ever unsure if you should send your child to school:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Year 6 Leadership Roles

We continue to celebrate new leadership opportunities for our Year 6 children. Each of the roles have provided valuable support to staff and children in the school as well as developing children's leadership skills and qualities. Well done to our School Leaders: Sophia, Eleanor, Stanley and Joseph and our Play Leaders - Marnie, Heidi, Evie, Darcie R, Millie and Alice and our House Captains: Isla, Alfie, Felix, Darcey C, Alice, Orion, Mia and Elliot

## Fun Junior Tennis Competition - Saturday 13th April 2024 - 10am - 2pm

There is a local tennis competition open to children between the ages of 5 to 11 at Kingsclere Tennis Club. Prizes and refreshments will be available and entry is just £4 per child. Sessions will be run by LTA qualified coaches. For more information, please go to Kingsclere Tennis Club page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/819923804867554#> = We are presently liaising with Simon Parker, the manager of Kingsclere Tennis Club, to develop further sport opportunities for children at Kingsclere. Watch this space...!

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Congratulation to Mrs Lindsey Bowden (our Year R, 1 and 2 Phase Leader) who has passed her Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead training which is a leadership role that schools are required to have to support pupil wellbeing and promote positive mental health. We are presently reviewing our wellbeing provision and support in place for children so we can continue to support positive wellbeing.

Hampshire County Council have shared the following link which provides free online courses for ALL parents, parents-to-be, carers, grandparents and teens living in Hampshire. Please click on the attached link for further information: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/solihullapproach>

Next week our artist of the week is...

<p><b>Artist of the Week: Katsushika Hokusai</b> <i>Japanese Painter and Print Maker</i> <b>1760 – 1849</b></p>  <p><b>The Great Wave, 1831</b></p>	<p><b>Interesting Fact:</b> Katsushika produced over 30,000 paintings, sketches, woodblock prints and images for picture books.</p>  <p><b>Fine Wind, Clear Morning, 1832</b></p>
<p><b>Best Known For:</b> His woodblock print series named 'Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji, includes the iconic print 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa'</p>	



## Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2024

Date	Event
Friday 22 March	School Led Clubs stop
Tuesday 26 March	Easter Service at St. Mary's at 09:30. All parents/carers, friends and family members invited! Tea and Coffee available at St. Mary's at 09:00
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Spring term
Friday 29 March	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holiday
Monday 15 April	First day back of the Summer Term
Monday 22 April	Class Photographs
Friday 26 April	FKS Break the Rules Day
Monday 29 April	School Led Clubs Start for Summer term
Tuesday 30 April	Final payment date for Year 5/6 Trip to Calshot
Wednesday 1 May	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week SATs Week (Year 6)
Monday 20 May	Y5 and Y6 residential to Calshot until Friday 24 May Walk to school week
Thursday 23 May	Year R trip to Wellington Country Park
Monday 27 May – 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 June	School Led clubs resume after half term
Thursday 13 June	New Year R children's Parent/Carer Evening for children in Year R in 2024 - 2025
Wednesday 10 July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 13:15
Thursday 11 July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 18:30
Friday 12 July	Last day of school led clubs
Saturday 13 July and Sunday 14 July	Campout Weekend for all families of Kingsclere CE Primary School run by Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School (FKS)
Monday 15 July	Y3 and Y4 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 16 July	School Grounds Day
Wednesday 17 July	Y5 and Y6 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am Y5 and Y6 Oscars Evening 6.30 pm
Monday 22 July	Whole School Walk with picnic lunch
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term. Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 9.30 am. All Year 6 parents/carers and families welcome to attend Year 6 lap of honour in the school playground 15:00 – all parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins
INSET DAYS for the next academic year 2024 - 2025	2nd September 2024 3rd September 2024 25th October 2024 6th January 2024 30th June 2025

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