



KINGSCLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 5/6 Residential

Today many of our Year 5/6 children and staff returned from an action packed few days at Runways End for their annual school residential. It was amazing to hear about the children's adventures and acts of bravery as they attempted different activities, including the climbing wall and fire lighting. Well done to all those who took part!

Well done also goes to the pupils who remained in school who worked on a specific learning project and demonstrated fantastic learning behaviours, they have been excellent role models to others within school. A huge thank you to the staff team for all their hard work in ensuring the best experiences for our children!

Sports Week & Sports Day

After half term we have an action packed 4 days filled with Sport to enthuse, inspire and engage the children. We have special workshops from a **professional dance teacher** as well as a **cricket coach**. **Swimming** will also be starting for **all year groups**, this is particularly unique for a primary school and something that we treasure, thank you for all your support in contributing to the running of this! We aim to inspire the children, building their resilience and independence along the way. We will round off the week with our annual **Sports Day**, EYFS / KS1 taking part in events across the morning, KS2 during the afternoon. **All parents/carers are welcome to join us** and stay for a lunch on the school field, fingers crossed for some lovely weather!

Gardening Club

It has been wonderful to see and hear all about the successes of Gardening Club. The children have so far planted potatoes, strawberry plants, raspberry plants, broccoli seeds, lettuce & cabbage seedlings, sunflower seeds and an array of other plants! We look forward to reaping the fruits of their labour soon. We would like to say a huge thank you to the parents / carers and other members of our village community who have kindly donated seeds, seedlings, plants and tools to the club.

A thank you from me

It has been a pleasure to be back in school again this week, the children are truly wonderful and I have missed them whilst I have been on maternity leave. Throughout the year I have been working closely with Mrs Messenger and staff and it is great to see lots of fantastic learning in practice now I am back. I would like to thank the whole school community for their support; parents/carers, children, governors and staff, for helping to ensure our school continues to thrive. A special thank you of course goes to Mrs Messenger, who has been super in her role as Acting Headteacher this year! We are both very much looking forward to working together once again! I look forward to seeing many of you, and meeting some of our new families, on the playground over the next half term, please do come to say hello!

Best wishes,

Mrs Melrose
Headteacher





Notices and Diary Dates

INSET Day

Please remember that we have an **INSET day** scheduled for **Monday 5th June**. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th June at 8.45am.

Sports Week 6th June - 9th June

Children should wear their PE kit all week, with a sun hat and water bottle please. We have swimming lessons and cricket sessions led by specialist coaches taking place and dance sessions led by Kingsclere Performing Arts College (Kings PA). On Friday 9th June we will be holding Sports Day and parents/carers and family members are warmly welcome to attend, do not forget to bring your picnic lunch to enjoy together on the field!

Sports Day Friday 9th June:

Year R + KS1: 09:15 – 11:45

Picnic Lunch with Parents/Carers from all year groups 12:00 – 13:00

KS2: 13:15 – 15:00

Pupils will be dismissed from classroom as normal at 15.15

Swimming Volunteers

Thank you to those that have contacted school to support swimming as a volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer to support the swimming sessions we would be very grateful. Please do let the office know if you are able to support in anyway and we will ensure you have completed the necessary DBS forms so you can volunteer in school – thank you.

INSET DAYS for 2023 – 2024

The INSET days for the next academic year have now been agreed with governors and are detailed below. Please also find an attached document for the holiday periods for 2023 – 2024.

1.9.23

4.9.23

6.10.23

2.1.24

3.6.24

Year 6 Bikeability 22nd – 23rd June

Year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability, a programme delivered by specialist cycling teachers to support children in their knowledge of how to stay safe on the roads when on their bikes. If you are yet to return your permission slip for this, please do so ASAP.



Calendar Dates

(These dates can also be found on the Weduc calendar)

Date	Event
Tuesday 23 May	New Year R Meeting for parents/carers of children starting Year R in September 2023
Wed 24 – Friday 26 May	Year 5/6 Residential
Thursday 25 May	Year R trip Thatcham Discovery Centre
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	May Half term
Monday 5 June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 June	Sports Week Activities
Friday 9 June	Sports Day Year R + KS1: 09:15 – 11:45 Picnic Lunch with Parents/Carers 12:00 – 13:00 KS2: 13:15 – 15:00
Tuesday 13 June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral service. Children to arrive at school by 08:15 to leave at 08:30 this day please.
Thursday 15 June	Year 3/4 Watercress Line Trip
Tuesday 20 June	Year R visit to the Fieldgate Senior Citizens' club
Thursday 22 June Friday 23 June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 4 July	iSingPOP event at St. Mary's – all year groups. Further details to be sent out next week
Saturday 8 July	FKS Kingsfest – This is a live music event for families of Kingsclere CE Primary School with an option of camping on the school field. Food is included in the price of the tickets – dancing and stalls will be available to entertain the children. Further details about this event will be sent out shortly.
Wednesday 12 July	13:15 Year 5 and 6 School Play
Thursday 13 July	18:00 Year 5 and 6 School Play
Monday 17 July	Swimming Gala Year 3/4: 09:15 – 10:15 Year 5/6: 10:45 – 11:45
Tuesday 18 July	Grounds Day
Wednesday 19 July	Whole School Walk
Friday 21 July	Leavers' Service 09:20 at St. Mary's – All Year 6 parents/carers and families invited
	14:00 final Collective Worship for Year 6s for all Year 6 parents/carers
	Last day of the summer term – finish at 15:15