



KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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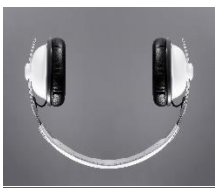
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I will be very brief today. This week the school has continued to run, despite their being a significant number of staff and children absent with illness. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in.

We are still looking for donations of headphones (see pictured) to support learning. If you have any unwanted pairs, please contact Miss Macro.

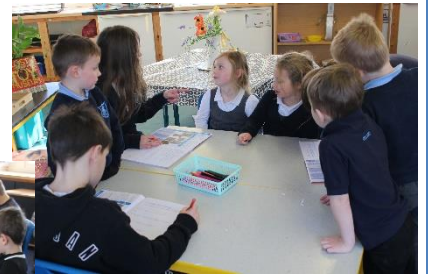


Maths Revision Videos

Miss Thom, one of our Year Six teachers and maths lead, has started a maths revision YouTube channel. She will continue, to upload videos which will support your child with maths work at home. Topics covered will include long multiplication, division techniques, addition, subtraction and more. Please find her videos at: @MissThom96

Year Six

'This week, Year Six conducted some market research with the help of the children from Acorn, Conker and Cherry. For our DT project, Year Six have to research, design and make their own, miniature, play parks. They spoke to the children from Foundation and Year One to gain invaluable ideas and opinions. The Year Six children asked what the younger children look for in a play park and what they think their parents would like to see. Year Six also interviewed some adults and parents to gain their input too.'



Early Years

Our super scientists have been busy classifying animals based on what covers their skin. We had some really challenging discussions about some of the animals! Where does a platypus go? Does a snake have scales? Do all birds have the same type of feathers? Why do birds have feathers? Gills and feathers look similar, do they have the same function?

My favourite observation of the afternoon was..."Elephants are covered in wrinkles!"

Our local fishmongers, Catch of The Day, very kindly donated us two wittings and two dabs so that the children could explore a real fish close up. The smell of the fresh fish lured our two visiting cats into the classroom...furry and scaly animals...tick!

Thank you to Catch of the Day.



Gymnastics Festival

This week, the play leaders organised and ran a gymnastics festival for our year 3 children. The year 3's enjoyed taking part in a carousel of activities exploring a range of gymnastics shapes and skills. It was wonderful to see our playleaders growing in confidence with modelling and explaining their stations clearly. As a result, all the children were able to engage and remain active throughout the festival.



PTFA Event

The PTFA will be holding a quiz night and bottle auction on Friday 7th February, please see attached poster for all the information. We are asking for the children to come to school in non-school uniform in exchange for a bottle for the Bottle Auction on that day.

Forest School Lunchtimes

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

Elm class will be going next week. 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

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 Cypress class for having the best attendance in the school this week.

Acorn	92%	Cherry	95%	Conker	89%
Cedar	95%	Cypress	97%		
Elm	81%	Elder	92%		
Holly	92%	Hawthorn	89%		
Pine	95%	Poplar	89%		
Oak	94%	Horse Chestnut	87%		
		Whole School	91.4%		

Celebration Assembly, Friday 24th January 2025

Congratulations to our
CARE Champions

Acorn	Ivy	Cherry	Jack Wilkins	Conker	Charlie
Cedar		Sophie	Cypress		Samuel
Elm		Oscar L	Elder		Max
Holly		Jessica	Hawthorn		Thomas
Pine		Wren	Poplar		Daisy - Mai
Oak		Millie	Horse Chestnut		Esmee



Star Class - Elder

Yours sincerely

Gareth Howells
Headteacher

**Attachments: PTFA Quiz Night
New Menu**

Dates for your Diary – 2024/25

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Monday - Friday	10th – 14th February	Year 6	Residential
Monday - Friday	17th – 21st February	Whole School	Half Term
Wednesday	26th February	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Monday – Friday	3rd – 7th March	Whole School	Parents Evening
Thursday	13th March	Whole School	PTFA Disco
Friday	21st March	Whole School	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	4th April	Whole School	End of Term
Tuesday	22nd April	Whole School	Start of Term
Wednesday - Friday	7th to 9th May	Year 4	Residential
Monday – Thursday	12th -15th May	Year 6	Year 6 SATS
Monday - Friday	26th – 30th May	Whole School	Half Term
Monday - Friday	2nd June – 6th June	Year 6	Bikeability
Thursday	12th June	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Monday – Friday	2nd – 13th June	Year 4	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Friday	4th July	Whole School	Sports Day
Friday	11th July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day
Monday	14th July	Whole School	Reports Home
Friday	18th July	Whole School	End of Term

Dates for your Diary – 2025/26

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Thursday	4th September	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday – Friday	27th – 31st October	Whole School	Half Term
Friday	19th December	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	5th January	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday – Friday	16th -20th February	Whole School	Half Term
Thursday	2nd April	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	20th April	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday	4th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday
Monday - Friday	25th -29th May	Whole School	Half Term
Friday	17th July	Whole School	End of Term