


**KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Newsletter 3 – 25th Sept 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting and busy week at school. There has been a little more illness around than usual recently, but it has been lovely to see so many children returning to school after some rest.

You may also have noticed a bit of a boogie on the gate this morning! We have introduced Funky Fridays, with some upbeat music at the start of the day to help put a spring in everyone's step as they head into the weekend. It was fantastic to see children (and a few adults!) showing off their amazing dance moves on the way into school.

A huge congratulations also goes to Liam in Poplar Class, who is this week's Headteacher's Award winner. Liam has been making an exceptional effort to demonstrate all of our school values, but particularly Excellence. I had the absolute pleasure of teaching him on Monday and have watched him continue to shine throughout the week. His positive attitude, commitment to learning and consistently excellent behaviour make him a fantastic role model for others. Well done, Liam!

## Foundation

This week foundation went for an Autumn walk to collect autumn leaves and to pick apples from our school orchard. We had a lovely walk observing the different trees and learning their names. When we arrived at the orchard, the children were mesmerised by how many apples were so high up in the trees. We had to gently shake the branches to get the apples to fall down!

After we returned to the classroom, the children quickly put the apples to use. We made an apple run, rolling them down and running to catch them at the bottom.

We also used the apples to create some beautiful art, printing them into paint.





## PTFA Update

**New this year: Class Reps**
To build on that team spirit, this year we're introducing a Class Rep for every class - just one parent per class to act as a friendly link between the PTFA, the school and other parents. It's a light-touch role: think helping organise your class's cake sale and generally helping parents and the school get to know each other a little better. Having someone from within each class means it's easier for everyone to know who to go to, and vice versa - a small role that makes a big difference to community spirit across the school.

Fancy being your class's rep? Please let the school office know by Wednesday September 23rd - we'd love at least one volunteer per class.

## Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. We know that good attendance has a significant impact on learning. For example:

- Missing just one day every fortnight adds up to around 20 days of school a year, which is roughly the same as missing a whole month of learning.
- An attendance rate of 90% may sound high, but it actually means a child is missing the equivalent of one day every two weeks

Over time, these small gaps can make a big difference, and we are committed to working together to support every child's attendance. Did you know that each week, we award house points to the house with the best attendance? The competition is already heating up!

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 Conker for having the best attendance in the school this week.

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| **Acorn** | 96.9% | **Conker** | 97.9% |
| **Beech** | 90.4% | **Cedar** | %96 |
| **Elder** | 97.7% | **Elm** | 95.2% |
| **Hawthorn** | 92.5% | **Holly** | 96.7% |
| **Pine** | 96.2% | **Poplar** | 95.4% |
| **Horse Chestnut** | 88.8% | **Oak** | 97.6% |

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| **Whole School** | **95.1%** |

Yours sincerely

M. Martyn

**Miranda Martyn**
**Headteacher**

**Attachments: Lets talk Pack**
**KOOSC October Half Term**

# Dates for your Diary – 2026/27

| DAY/S | DATE/S | Class | Event |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | **30th September** | **Children Starting Sept 2027** | Open Morning |
| Friday | **2nd October** | **Whole School** | Harvest Festival |
| Monday - Monday | **5th – 12th October** | **Whole School** | Book Fair |
| Wednesday | **21st October** | **Whole School** | Flu Spray |
| Monday - Friday | **26th – 30th October** | **Whole School** | Half Term |
| Saturday | **14th November** | **Choir** | Exeter Cathedral |
| Friday | **4th December** | **Whole School** | Non-Pupil Day |
| Thursday | **10th December** | **Whole School** | Christmas Dinner Day |
| Friday | **18th December** | **Whole School** | End of Term |
| Monday | **4th January 2027** | **Whole School** | Start of Term |
| Monday & Wednesday | **1st & 3rd February** | **Year 6** | Parents Evening – In Person |
| Monday – Friday | **8th – 12th February** | **Year 6** | Residential |
| Monday & Wednesday | **8th & 10th February** | **Whole School, except year 6** | Parents Evening |
| Monday - Friday | **15th -19th February** | **Whole School** | Half Term |
| Thursday | **25th March** | **Whole School** | End of Term |
| Monday | **12th April** | **Whole School** | Start of Term |
| Monday | **3rd May** | **Whole School** | Bank Holiday |
| Wednesday – Friday | **5th – 7th May** | **Year 4** | Residential |
| Monday – Thursday | **10th – 13th May** | **Year 6** | SATS Week |
| Monday - Friday | **31st May – 4th June** | **Whole School** | Half Term |
| Monday – Friday | **7th – 18th June** | **Year 4** | Multiplication Check |
| Friday | **11th June** | **Whole School** | Summer Fair |
| Monday – Thursday | **14th – 17th June** | **Year 1** | Phonics Screening Check |
| Friday | **18th June** | **Whole School** | Sports Day |
| Friday | **25th June** | **Whole School** | Non-Pupil Day |
| Friday | **2nd July** | **Whole School** | Reserve Sports Day |
| Friday | **9th July** | **Whole School** | Reports |
| Friday | **9th July** | **Whole School** | Reserve Summer Fair |
| Wednesday | **14th July** | **Whole School** | Open Classrooms |
| Friday | **16th July** | **Year 6** | Leavers Play |
| Tuesday | **20th July** | **Whole School** | End of Term |