



Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

Edition 4 –December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a delightful week of festive activities at school, and we are so grateful to everyone who has been able to join us in celebrating and supporting the children's wonderful Christmas performances.

Christmas Festivities

We enjoyed the nativity 'Hey Ewe!' performed by Years R, 1 and 2. The nativity involved calypso kings, square dancing and curious sheep. A huge well done to all the children for their fantastic dancing, singing, acting, and narration in retelling the nativity story. We are so proud of each of you!



On Thursday, this week, we enjoyed our Christmas Lunch with the whole school with musical entertainment provided by some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. The children looked great in their colourful or Christmas jumpers wearing party hats, sharing Christmas crackers and cracker jokes and singing along to Christmas carols. The lunch was also extremely delicious – thank you to Nicci, Karen and Julie, our kitchen staff, for a super Christmas feast!



It was lovely to see so many families attend the Christmas Fayre and thank you once again to our super Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School PTA and volunteers who worked incredibly hard to run the event as well as the Film Night this week. Thank you to Mrs Bowden and Claire Ellis for organising the musical performances and well done to all the children who performed and helped on stalls. The Christmas Fayre raised approximately £1400 and the Film Night £350. The funds raised will support us in running the swimming pool in Summer Term 2.

Our whole school performed a Christmas Cantata at the church today. Once again – well done to all of the children involved. It was lovely to hear the children's songs and readings, and we are again so pleased with the confidence the children showed in their performances. Thank you to the St. Mary's team for supporting us today at the church and for all the parents/carers who helped us supervise walking the children to and from the church.

Sports

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 girls and boys football team who took part in matches against Ashford Hill. The children represented the school well and enjoyed working together with goals scored by both our teams. Thank you to Mr Mitchell Crossland-Scott for refereeing the boys' match.



Staff News

Mrs Bayliss began her maternity leave at the end of November, and we are delighted to congratulate Mr and Mrs Bayliss on the arrival of baby Hattie! We say farewell and thank you to Mrs Bracken

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and wish her all the very best for the future. We warmly welcome Miss Anna Siatkowska as a new Learning Support Assistant to our school. Anna is supporting our outdoor provision – 'Conkers' and also supporting in Year 5 and Year 6.

Trips

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined and helped supervise the children in our recent trips to Milestones for Year 1 and 2 and the village walk in Year 3 and Year 4. The activities have helped to support the children's curriculum learning and understanding in History or Geography.



Mental Health Support

We are thrilled to share that our school has been awarded funding to participate in the NHS-approved My Happy Mind programme. This programme is grounded in scientific research and is designed to help children understand their mental health and well-being. It equips them with tools to build resilience and manage the big emotions that life can sometimes throw their way. We warmly invite everyone to join us for a presentation about My Happy Mind at 09:00 in the school hall on Thursday 9th January. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall for any parents/carers attending the event from 08:45.



We will see you all on Tuesday 7th January 2025 when we welcome the children back to school at 08:45 for the Spring Term 2025!

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you for your ongoing support over the last term.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Headteacher

Notices.

Advice and a Slice for all parents/carers – all welcome!

Come and join Mrs Attiya Khawaja, our school SENCO and Safeguarding Officer from 9 – 10 on either of the following days:

Tuesday 4th March

Tuesday 3rd June

The sessions provide an opportunity for a tea/coffee, a slice of cake and a chat to talk about anything linked to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and/or Emotional Wellbeing and a chance to chat with other parents and carers.

Advice & Slice Parent Support

Meet other parents

Choose topics for discussion

Share knowledge & practical skills

Contact SENCo via school office any time.

Slice & Advice Coffee Mornings
Tuesday 3rd Dec/ 4th March/ 3rd June
9am – 10am



Share solutions

And much more...



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Year R Open Days

The deadline for applying for a place in Year R is 15th January 2025. The link to apply through Hampshire Admissions is:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR> Tours are available for any parents/carers of children in Year R who would like to see the school in action and meet to talk about what life is like as a pupil at Kingsclere CE Primary School.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support

E-Learning for parents and families is available through the Solihull Approach NHS team. Please click on the attached link to see the free e-Learning and resources: <https://inourplace.co.uk/>

Attendance Information Summary

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. We hope that all children where possible can achieve good attendance of 96%+. Government guidance for families linked to attendance can be found here:

[Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England](#)



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January	Christmas Holiday	
Tuesday 31 st December	Year 5/6 Residential at least 50% of payment deadline	If you are not able to meet the deadline, please speak to the school office to make them aware.
6 th January 2025	INSET Day	
Monday 6 th January 2025	Deadline to sign up to school-led clubs for the Spring term	
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children return to school for the Spring Term at 08:45	School Uniform or PE Kit, if a PE Day
Thursday 9 th January 2025	MyHappy Mind Parent information morning – 8.45 for 9am start	Enter via main school office to sign in
Friday 10 th January 2025	Year 6 Height and Weight screen with NHS Nursing Team	If you wish to withdraw your child, please write to Mrs Messenger by 1 st January 2025
Monday 13 th January 2025	School/teacher-led clubs start	Club sign up deadline is 6 th January via Reach More Parents Forms – details were published at the end of the Autumn term
Tuesday 14 th January 2025	Parent/carer Phonics workshop, 9 am start	Enter via main school office to sign in

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Wednesday 22 nd January 2025	Young Voices Concert	School uniform and a coat, 2 packed lunches from home please
Monday 27 th January 2025	Year 5 & Year 6 Trip	School Uniform and coat, packed lunch from home if not ordered from school by Monday 6 th January. Contribution via Reach More Parents by 1 st January
Tuesday 28 th January 2025	Year 6 SATS meeting at 3.15pm	All Year 6 parent/carers invited to attend
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Safer Internet Day	
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Half Term	
Monday 24 th February	School/Teacher Led Clubs restart	Restart from Monday 24 th February
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 7 th March to Friday 14 th March	Science Week	
Monday 24 th March to Friday 28 th March	Last week of School/Teacher-led clubs	
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school	
Friday 2 nd May	Deadline for Year 5/6 final residential payment	If you are not able to meet the deadline, please speak to the school office to make them aware.
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 8 th May	Whole Class Photo Day	School Uniform (no need for PE kit)
Monday 12 th May to Friday 16 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week	
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term	
Monday 2 nd – 4 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	Outdoor clothing for Year 5 and 6 attending the residential
Wednesday 11 th June	Sports Day	House colour T Shirt and school PE shorts
Monday 30 th June	INSET Day	
Wednesday 23 rd July	First day of the Summer Holiday	

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