



## Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

### Edition 10 – July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a super Summer Term and the children have achieved so much within their curriculum learning and also through additional enrichment activities.

### **Sports Events**

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Sports Day in June. We were lucky with the weather, and it was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another in their field events and races. A big thank you to the Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School for providing refreshments, pre-loved uniform sales, and support throughout the day.

We were also very grateful to the students from The Hurst, led by Mrs Randall-Bird (PE Teacher at The Hurst), for helping the children during their Sports Day activities. It was brilliant to see so many parents and carers joining in the fun with the adult races too! Thank you as well to everyone who helped take down the gazebos at the end of the day - it was really appreciated.

This week we've enjoyed our Swimming Galas. It was fantastic to see so many children getting involved in water polo and races, showing great enthusiasm and team spirit. We are also proud to share that some of our Key Stage 2 pupils qualified for the Newbury and District Swimming Gala Finals - a brilliant achievement. Many gained winning placements – well done team Kingsclere! Thank you to Mrs Dudman for organising and Lizzy from Basingstoke Bluefins.



### **Music Events**

We are incredibly impressed by all the children who performed at the Music Soiree this half term. There were performances from our infant and junior school choirs and our samba band as well as flute, vocal and piano solos. Thank you to the music team – Mrs Ellis, Mrs Moore and Mrs Bowden for this really lovely evening and well done children - we thoroughly enjoyed your performances.

Last Sunday, our choirs also performed with the Kingsclere Singers at the Fieldgate. The children's performance of *A Million Dreams* was particularly lovely and well done children for singing to such a full audience. Thank you again to Mrs Bowden.



### **Year 6, Farewells and Welcomes**

As we come to the end of the academic year, we will be saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and all they have achieved during their time at Kingsclere CE Primary School.

This half term has been full of memorable moments. A particular highlight was the outstanding performance of *'Darwin Rocks!'*, delivered brilliantly by Year 6 with fantastic support from Year 5. The children impressed us all with their dance routines, singing, solos, stage presence, projection, and characterisation - a true celebration of their talents and teamwork.

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At the start of June, our Year 6 and Year 5 children enjoyed an adventurous residential trip to Runway's End. The children showed remarkable resilience and enthusiasm as they tackled a wide range of activities, including climbing, archery, caving, and canoeing. We are already looking ahead with excitement to next year's joint Year 5 and 6 residential to Calshot, where even more challenges and opportunities await.

We are delighted with our Year 6 SATs results this year, which are above national averages in almost all areas. These results are a testament to the children's hard work, determination, and the high-quality teaching they have received. We are especially pleased that our writing assessments were externally moderated by Hampshire and validated as accurate. Our Phonics Screening results were significantly above national averages – a huge well done to Year 1!

Year 6 also showed fantastic entrepreneurial spirit by organising their own Dragon's Den event. Thank you to all the families who supported this, helping to raise funds for both Kyankowe, our partner school in Uganda. We are also grateful for your support to the fundraising event for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust through our recent 'Wear Yellow' Day. In total through these two events we have raised approximately £1000.

We wish every success to our Year 6 as they begin their next exciting chapter.

This term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dobbin and Mrs Slann. We are extremely grateful for their many contributions to the school during their time at Kingsclere CE Primary School and wish them all the very best for the future. We will still look forward to seeing Mrs Dobbin at Quackers each morning.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Lawrence, who is joining the school as a cleaner. We're also delighted that Mrs Clayton, who already works at Kingsclere as a lunchtime supervisor, will be joining the cleaning team. We would like to thank Mrs Rushby, who is stepping back from her cleaning role, for all her hard work and dedication.

### **Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School and fundraising events**

Thank you to all families and friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School who joined us at the Kingsfest last weekend. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event of live music, swimming fun and tasty food – thank you to all the performers and our village band. A special thank you also to the FKS Team who worked incredibly hard to put the event together. Please do look out for opportunities to support the school at these community events in the new academic year so we can continue to run these events for the children and our local community. It is also helps us fundraise so we can continue to run the swimming pool and subsidise extra-curricular experiences for the children.

### **Academic Year 2025 - 2026**

As part of our preparations for the new academic year, the children have taken part in two transition sessions with their new teachers and classroom. In addition, teachers and Learning Support

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Assistants have met with one another for handover meetings to ensure a smooth and successful start in September.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 4th September at 8:45am, dressed smartly in their school uniforms and ready for the year ahead. On the first day, children should go directly to their new classroom door.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year. We are also deeply grateful to our dedicated and hardworking staff team - including our Teachers, Support Staff, Learning Support Assistants, Music and Sports Coaches, and our Governing Body - for their unwavering commitment to the school, their support of families, and above all, their dedication to teaching and nurturing the children.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the new academic year. Wishing you all a happy, restful, and enjoyable summer break – after our final two days in school on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Headteacher

## Notices

### **Polite Reminder to all parents and carers**

Please do not allow your child(ren) to climb on the tyres, wellbeing suite and pirate ship before and after school. When the equipment is used in the school day, these areas are monitored and we are not able to provide this at the start and end of the school day.

Sadly, our Trim Trail has also been condemned as it is rather old. It needs to be removed although the cost is a huge amount to achieve this. If anyone would be able to support with this, has any expertise in how to remove and dispose of the Trim Trail we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with Mrs Dudman from the school office: 01635 298583.

### **School Uniform**

We look forward to seeing the children looking smart on their return to school in their school uniform. No PE kit will be needed for the first two days of school. We will let you know which days PE will take place on during the first week back at school.

### **School Meals**

School meals will be increasing to £3 per meal from 1 September 2025. Edwards and Ward will continue to offer a meat, vegetable, tomato pasta or jacket potato option with desserts each day available. The new menu will start on 1 September 2025.

### **Flu Vaccination**

We have been asked to share the following link and information on behalf of the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS). Vaccine uptake in our school was 73.37%. The overall uptake rate for Hampshire primary school aged children was 69.61%. High vaccination rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious diseases (and the target set by NHS England is 75%). The



link below provides useful information: [Flu vaccination programme 2024 to 2025: briefing for primary schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/flu-vaccination-programme-2024-to-2025-briefing-for-primary-schools)

### **Safety Focus:**

Please see the attached information to support safety for your child:

- Road safety
- Child Accident Prevention Trust
- Reporting out of school safeguarding concerns – as a member of the public, if you wish to report a welfare or safeguarding concern that is taking place outside of school please complete the Hampshire Children's Services online enquiry form which can be found in the link below. If it's an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call 999:  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/contacts>

### **Holidays**

Please also see the attached calendar for 2025 – 2026 holidays. We kindly request that holidays are not taken during school time so that children do not miss out on their academic and pastoral development. Thank you.



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## OPEN GARDEN

free event

Enjoy the village club's

## Lovely Garden



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July

10 am to 2pm

All ages welcome



Waterplay for  
children



Why not bring a picnic?

Café open for hot & cold drinks,

snacks & cake

Contact [events@kingsclerevillageclub.org](mailto:events@kingsclerevillageclub.org) or

01635 297390

### Accessories Stall

St Mary's Kingsclere Village Fete  
Bank Holiday Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2025

Please can you donate good quality gifts,  
handbags, hats, scarves, pashminas and jewellery  
for our Accessories Stall this year.

Please start putting accessories and gifts aside  
and contact me from the beginning of July.

Thank you so much.

[suzystokoe@btinternet.com](mailto:suzystokoe@btinternet.com)

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## Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other information
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	FKS Disco Year R, 1 and 2: 17:00 - 18:00 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: 18:15 - 19:15	Disco Wear!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service for Year 6 families and friends to attend 09:30	School Uniform
	Parents and carers to join us to cheer off Year 6 from 14:45	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	First day of the Summer Holiday	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET Day	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First Day of the new academic year for all children	School Uniform for the first two days back please. We will let parents and carers know PE days after the summer holiday.
5 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> September	New Year R join 08:45 – 12:30	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year R full days moving forward	
	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Piano lessons begin for piano students	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher 17:00 – 18:00	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 2 Football Tournament pm	
	Year R Meet the Teacher 15:30 – 16:00	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	New Year R Parents/Carers Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Bikeability Year 6	PE Kit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	New Year R Parents Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week and Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Odd Socks Day	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	New Year R Parents Tour 13:30 – 15:00	

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Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Grounds Day	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	
22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 2nd January	Christmas Holiday	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	INSET Day	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	INSET Day	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Break up for the Summer Holiday	