

Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

September 2026 - Edition 1



September 2026 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer. It has been wonderful hearing from the children about their adventures and the activities they have enjoyed over the holidays.

A very warm welcome back to all our families, and an especially warm welcome to our new Year R children and the pupils who have joined us across other year groups. Thank you to our parents and carers for helping the children arrive punctually and looking so smart in their school uniforms. A special well done to our Year 6 pupils, who look incredibly grown up and ready for their final year at primary school in their shirts and ties!

Protecting our children with safe parking choices

A polite reminder that cars must not park on the new double yellow lines outside the school. These have been put in place to keep the area around the school entrance safe and to support families and children crossing the road.

Please also be considerate of our neighbours by avoiding parking across driveways or on grass verges and pavements. Parking on the pavement and grass verges can create a safety risk for families who need to use the footpaths and also cause damage and create safety concerns for pedestrians. The Bowling Green is the best place to park or where possible thank you for walking from home. We are required to report parking contraventions to Hampshire County Council and have begun this process. Thank you to all who are parking responsibly.

Please join us for our Meet the Teacher Presentations

We are very much looking forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible to our upcoming Meet the Teacher sessions. This year, we will hold separate sessions for Year R, Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Your child's class teacher, our SENCo and I will all be available to answer any questions following the presentation.

I look forward to sharing monthly updates about school life over the coming year.

Wishing all our children and families a wonderful academic year ahead.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Headteacher



A lovely end-of-day moment as Year R and Year 6 Buddies say their goodbyes.

All families, friends & members of

Kingsclere CE Primary School

are warmly invited to our

Harvest Festival Celebration



Where?

St. Mary's
Church



When?

Friday 25th
September



Time?

9:30am - 10:30am

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please bring a donation for the Foodbank



Tinned Goods



Pasta & Rice



Fruit & Veg



UHT Milk
& Juice



Cereal



Supporting Local Families in Need

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Please help keep our children safe and respect our neighbours.

Educating children about road safety

The Road Safety Team are launching support for parents; encouraging parents to educate their children about road safety from a very early age. The idea of the webinar is to encourage parents to set a good example and model safe road safety behaviour at all times. the link is here to sign up:

[Parent webinar registration form](#)

Please park safely

A polite reminder to families who drive to school: please park considerately at drop-off and pick-up times to help us keep our children and families safe when walking home.

While many families already use the Bowling Green, designated village parking spaces, or walk to school where possible, we have received concerns about a number of vehicles parking across driveways, on grass verges, double yellow lines, and pavements.

These practices can inconvenience residents and create safety risks for our children, families, other pedestrians and other road users. Please be mindful of where you park and show consideration for our local community. Where parking restrictions are breached, we are reporting vehicles to the relevant local authority. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our community safe and maintaining the positive relationship we enjoy with our neighbours.



NO STOPPING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Our road has double yellow lines with yellow markings on the kerbs. This means:

- ✓ **NO STOPPING** at any time
- ✓ Not even for a quick drop-off
- ✓ Applies to **ALL** vehicles, including **BLUE BADGE** holders



**No parking
on pavement
or
grass verge**



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

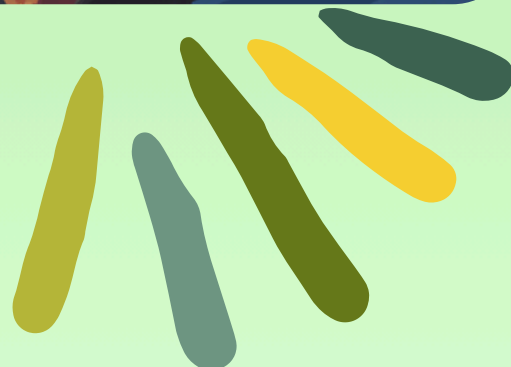
Meet the Teacher

Dates	Times	Attending
Tuesday 15th September	Year 1 and Year 2 at 17:00 – 18:00	Mrs Bowden, Miss Randall, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Khawaja, Mrs Dudman and Mrs Messenger
Thursday 17th September	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at 17:00 – 18:00	Mrs Taylor, Mrs Voke, Mrs Verney, Miss Williamson, Mrs Bentall, Mrs Dudman, Mrs Khawaja, Ms Dray-Ford and Mrs Messenger
Tuesday 22nd September	Year R at 15:30 – 16:00	Mrs Bowden, Mrs Khawaja and Mrs Messenger

We will be holding three 'Meet the Teacher' presentations for parents and carers in the school hall. The dates and times and focus of each presentation are listed in the table above, and we look forward to welcoming you.

During these sessions, staff will share key information about routines, learning and expectations for the year ahead. These presentations are designed for adults, but if you are unable to arrange childcare, your child may attend with a quiet activity and will need to sit with you calmly throughout.

Thank you for your support.





Kingsclere Primary School

School Attendance: What Parents Need to Know

Why Attendance Matters

Being in school every day helps children make strong learning progress, feel confident and stay connected with friends.

What We Ask from Parents

- Please make sure your child attends **every day and on time**
- Let us know straight away if your child is **absent**
- Work with us to solve any barriers to attendance
- Provide **medical evidence** if we request it
- Avoid **term-time holidays** (only authorised in exceptional circumstances)

Working Together

- We work closely with families whose children are at risk of low attendance or are persistently absent (below 90%).
- Support may include an Attendance Plan or help from the Early Help Hub through the Local Authority.
- In some cases, where parents have not engaged with the school to improve attendance or punctuality or have taken a holiday in term time, penalty notices or legal intervention may follow.

Illness

- Follow NHS guidance
- If your child is well enough, please send them in

Our Key Message

Every day in school matters.

We're here to help your child attend, achieve and thrive.



Book a Tour

We would love to welcome
prospective families –
Kingsclere CE Primary School
to see our school in action
and find out more about

joining our Reception class in September 2027

Friday 9 October 9:30 to 11:00

Friday 6 November 9:30 to 11:00

Tuesday 1 December 13:30 to 15:00

During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to tour
the school and speak with our Headteacher and
other members of our school.

To book a tour, please call **01635 298583** or email
adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk

If you wish to apply for a place at our school, please visit

Date	Event	Additional information
Wednesday 9th September	Year R first full day	
Monday 14th September	School led clubs begin	
Tuesday 15th September	Meet the Teacher - Year 1 and Year 2 at 17:00 - 18:00	Mrs Bowden, Miss Randall, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Khawaja and Mrs Messenger
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	Year 2 Cheam Football Festival – 12 places available for the afternoon session. Places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.	Children to wear school PE kit.
Wednesday 23rd September to Friday 25th September	Book Fair 3.15 to 3.45 for all families and children	In the school hall
Monday 28 September	School Individual Photographs	
Friday 9th October	New YR parents tour 9:30 – 11:00	
Tuesday 13th October	Parents Evening 15:45 - 18:30	
Thursday 15th October	Parents Evening 15:45 - 18:30	
Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6 will need to bring their bikes to school on this day if they have one. Thank you.
Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October	INSET Days	
Monday 26th October	Half Term Week	
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school - Autumn Term 2	

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Monday 2nd November	Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisations	With parental permissions - information will be sent out online shortly.
Friday 6th November	New YR parents tour 9:30 – 11:00	
Monday 16th November	ANTI BULLYING WEEK - Odd Sock Day	
Friday 20th November	Children in Need	
Tuesday 1st December	New YR parents tour 13:30 – 15:00	
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity Performance 09:30	
Wednesady 16th December	Nativity Performance 09:30	
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	
Monday 21st December	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4th January	INSET Day	
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school	
Monday 28th June 2027	INSET Day	

School Terms And Holidays 2026– 2027

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2026/27

SEPTEMBER 2026							OCTOBER 2026							NOVEMBER 2026						
M		7	14	21	28		M		5	12	19	26		M		2*	9	16	23	30
T	1*	8	15	22	29		T		6	13	20	27		T		3	10	17	24	
W	2	9	16	23	30		W		7	14	21	28		W		4	11	18	25	
T	3	10	17	24			T	1	8	15	22	29		T		5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25			F	2	9	16	23#	30		F		6	13	20	27	
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DECEMBER 2026							JANUARY 2027							FEBRUARY 2027						
M		7	14	21	28		M		4*	11	18	25		M		1	8	15	22*	
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MARCH 2027							APRIL 2027							MAY 2027						
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JUNE 2027							JULY 2027							AUGUST 2027						
M		7*	14	21	28		M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	30
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Bank and Public Holidays 2026/2027

Christmas Day	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day	26 December 2026	May Day Holiday	3 May 2027 31
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	May 2027 30
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	August 2027

* First day after break



School Holidays



Bank Holidays and National Holidays

Last day before break

Autumn Term 2026 starts on Tuesday 1 September 2026 and ends on Friday 18 December 2026
(Half term from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026)

Spring Term 2027 starts on Monday 4 January 2027 and ends on Thursday 25 March 2027
(Half term from Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027)

Summer Term 2027 starts on Monday 12 April 2027 and ends on Wednesday 21 July 2027
(Half term from Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027)

Term	Start date	EndDate
Autumn 2026	1 September 2026	18 December 2026
	Half term 26 October- 30 October 2026	
Spring 2027	4 January 2027	25 March 2027
	Half term 15 February - 19 February 2027	
Summer 2027	12 April2027	21 July 2027
	Half term 31 May – 4 June 2027	

WELL-BEING COURSE



DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 5?
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP WITH YOUR WELL-BEING?

WE RUN A FREE 5 WEEK COURSE DESIGNED TO HELP
WITH MANAGING YOUR OWN
MENTAL HEALTH



STARTING MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2026
THE SARUM HILL CENTRE, BASINGSTOKE
9:45AM-11:15AM



For more details email
info@hsbd.org.uk or call 01256 242500



The King's Award
for Voluntary
Service



**HOME
START**
Basingstoke
& Deane

BUDDIES & BUMPS



**AWARM, WELCOMING & FREE GROUP
FROM PREGNANCY TO PRE-SCHOOL**



**Are you expecting a baby or caring for a little one?
Join our friendly Buddies & Bumps Group,
where families can come together to
play, explore, learn and grow.**



**Tuesdays 9:45am-11:15am (Term-Time only)
Starting 15th September 2026
St. Peter's Church, Pinkerton Road,
Basingstoke, RG22 6QP**



**For more information
email: info@hsbd.org.uk
Tel: 01256 242500**



We would love to see you there!



MULTIPLE BIRTH GROUP

FREE GROUP FOR FAMILIES
WITH TWINS, TRIPLETS OR

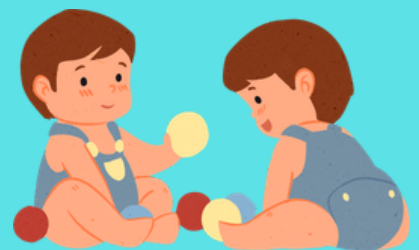
MORE! (DONATIONS WELCOME)

OAKRIDGE HALL FOR ALL
EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

10-11.30

(TERM TIME ONLY)

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT
INFO@HSBD.ORG.UK





Home-Start Basingstoke & Deane Autumn Term 2026

Please note all Groups are term-time only.

Day	Group/Course name	Location	Membership criteria
Monday 9.45am-11.15am	Wellbeing Circle	The Sarum Hill Centre, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, RG21 8SR	Members and attendees of the Wellbeing course Parent/carer and pre-school children
Monday 9:45am-10:45am	Wellbeing Course New Course starting 21/09/26	The Sarum Hill Centre, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, RG21 8SR	Parents facing mental health challenges Parent/carer and pre-school children
Tuesday 9.45am—11.15am	Buddies & Bumps	St Peter's Church, Pinkerton Road,	Parent to be/parent/carer and pre-school children
Wednesday 9.20am-10.30am	Little Wellies	Fairfields Primary School, Council Road, Basingstoke RG21 3DH	Parent/carer and confident walkers to pre-school children
Wednesday 9.45am-11.15am	Bumps to Newborn—up to 2.5 yrs Multiple Birth group	The Sarum Hill Centre, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke RG218SR	Parents/parent to be/carers and babies under 2.5yrs
Thursday 10-11.30am		Oakridge Hall for All, Forsythia Walk Basingstoke, RG21 5RL	Parent/parent to be/carer of twins/triplets/quads or more! (pre-school children)

<u>Wellbeing 5 week course</u> This is a 5 week program of topics and activities to help you focus on self-care as a busy parent. Enjoy a safe and friendly environment to find ways to understand and support your own wellbeing while your young children enjoy play and activities supported by volunteers.	<u>Wellbeing Circle</u> Informal sessions – facilitated by a Home-Start Group Coordinator but led by you. Time to talk with other parents to understand and support each other over a cup of tea/coffee.	<u>Buddies&Bumps</u> A welcoming community from pregnancy to pre-school, where families can come together to play, explore and discover. Enjoy fun activities, make new friendships and connect with other local families in a safe, nurturing and supportive environment.
<u>Bumps to Newborn (up to 2.5 years)</u> A place to meet other families with babies/toddlers for an opportunity to play and connect. Opportunities also to get support, information and guidance about services for families.	<u>Little Wellies Club</u> Home-Start goes wild! A highly interactive outdoor session where the children get involved with nature, gardening activities and play in a safe enclosed but interesting space. Wellies and rainsuits can be borrowed for the session.	<u>Multiple Birth group</u> An opportunity for you to meet other parents of multiples and give your children experiences of play in a social setting. Led by a team of brilliant Home-Start trained volunteers.
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