

KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at Kingsbridge Primary School!

Today, we came together to celebrate our Harvest Festival, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our families for the incredibly generous donations you have provided. These donations will be delivered to the Kingsbridge Food Bank and will make a real difference to people within our community who need support.

We enjoyed a special Harvest Assembly where children from across the school showcased their talents and creativity. Children performed songs, shared poetry and displayed beautiful artwork they had created as part of their harvest learning. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate not only the season of harvest but also the confidence, and creativity of our children.

I am delighted to report that attendance remains higher than it was at this point last year. Regular attendance has such a positive impact on children's learning and friendships, and we are incredibly proud to see so many children arriving at school each day ready to learn and make the most of every opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain this positive trend.

Book Fair

A reminder that our Scholastic Book Fair will take place next week in the school hall after school. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage a love of reading. We hope to see many of you there browsing the fantastic range of books available.

Important Attendance and Collection Information

A gentle reminder that when reporting your child absent from school, please provide the specific reason for their illness rather than simply stating that they are unwell. This helps us to monitor illnesses across the school and fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities.

If your child needs to be collected early, has an appointment, or there is a change to collection arrangements, please ensure that the school office is informed directly. While class teachers appreciate being kept informed, the office must have accurate records of any changes so that we can keep children safe and ensure the correct procedures are followed.

Parking Around School

Thank you to the vast majority of families who park thoughtfully and considerately at the start and end of the school day. We would like to remind everyone to park responsibly and with consideration for our neighbours, local residents and, most importantly, the safety of our children and families.

Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on pavements or stopping in locations that obstruct visibility near crossings and junctions. By working together, we can help ensure that the area around school remains safe and accessible for everyone.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that this week's Headteacher's Award goes to Willow in Year 1. Willow has been recognised for being such a caring member of our school community. She consistently demonstrates kindness towards others, looks out for her friends and is always ready to help. Willow embodies our value of Belonging and is a wonderful role model for others. We are very proud of you, Willow. Well done!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Reading at Home

Reading is one of the most important skills children will learn. It helps them improve vocabulary, spelling, imagination, writing, and understanding of the world around them. Reading every day, even for a short time, can make a big difference to children's learning and confidence.

For children in **KS1**, we ask parents/carers to listen to their child read at home for at least five minutes every day. After reading, please record your child's progress in their yellow reading diary.

For children in **KS2**, it still benefits them to read to an adult, but we recognise that this might not be the case every time they read. Children should read for at least ten minutes

every day please. They can then record their progress in their new green reading diaries. Parents/carers are encouraged to add comments to the diary when they have heard their child read.

Every read at home will be rewarded with a house point! Each week, the class with the most home reading entries will be announced in assembly and in the newsletter!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Gallagher

Year One

Year 1 have had a wonderful start to the new school year in Beech Class!

In English, we have been immersing ourselves in our Talk for Writing story, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children have learnt the story using actions and a story map, designed their own fearsome trolls and enjoyed retelling the story through their play and provision.

In Art, we have been exploring spirals and working on an increasingly large scale. After practising in our sketchbooks, we headed outside and transformed the school entrance with enormous colourful chalk spirals, using our whole bodies to create our artwork!

We have also been busy scientists, exploring our five senses through a range of practical activities, including investigating different textures and smells and even putting our sense of taste to the test with a sweet and salty popcorn challenge!

It has been lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning. Well done, Year 1!







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

Acorn	97.5%	**Conker**	98.9%
Beech	90.7%	**Cedar**	98%
Elder	99%	**Elm**	95%
Hawthorn	97.9%	**Holly**	96.3%
Pine	95.9%	**Poplar**	93.8%
Horse Chestnut	94.6%	**Oak**	98%

Whole School	**96.3%**

Celebration Assembly, Friday 25th September 2026

Excellence Awards

Beech	Pippa	**Cedar**	Roman
Elder	Wilf	**Elm**	Otto
Hawthorn	Julius	**Holly**	Ben
Pine	Freddie J	**Poplar**	Indie
Horse Chestnut	Orlen	**Oak**	Harry

Star Class – Elder

Sparx Trophy -Elder

Yours sincerely

M. Martyn

Miranda Martyn
Headteacher
Attachments: Parent Survey QR Code
PAFC x2
Swift Teacher Training
The Fidget Project x2
Cinderella

Dates for your Diary – 2026/27

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Monday - Monday	**5th – 12th October**	**Whole School**	Book Fair
Wednesday	**14th October**	**Foundation**	Parents Read, Write, Inc morning at 9.15am
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