

KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that next week is already the final week of this half term! It only feels like yesterday that we were welcoming the children into their new classes, and yet here we are, six weeks into another fantastic year.

It has been a wonderfully busy term, full of exciting new learning and, perhaps most importantly, gate discos! We have had the best time already and the year is only a sixth of the way through! There has been so much to celebrate, and it has been lovely to see the children settling so brilliantly into their new year groups.

Next week is Parents' Evening. Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment. Alongside this newsletter, I have attached a booklet which you might find helpful when meeting with your child's teacher. It includes some suggested questions you might like to ask, as well as some other useful information. This is, of course, completely optional. Please just see it as a tool that might be useful for some families in helping you to make the most of the conversation with your child's teacher.

A quick diary reminder too! Please do take a moment to check the diary dates at the bottom of this week's newsletter, as there have been a few changes and updates.

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Ben H in Year 4 for being such a caring and thoughtful member of our school community.

I had the privilege of watching Ben at lunchtime this week as he patiently taught another child how to use a tennis racket. He spent a considerable amount of time showing them what to do, encouraging them and helping them to keep trying. It was one of those lovely moments that you sometimes just happen to spot during the school day, and it made me incredibly proud. Well done, Ben!

As we head into our final week before a very well-earned half-term break, thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening next week.

Reading at Home

Thank you to everyone who has supported their child to read at home this week.

Here are this week's reading totals:

Class	Total Reads at Home
Poplar	174
Elder	107
Elm	95
Holly	95
Horse Chestnut	92
Hawthorn	81
Cedar	63
Beech	59
Oak	53
Pine	47

Congratulations to **Poplar** who are this week's Read at Home Champions AGAIN with an even bigger total than last week - **174** reads! Great work! 🎉

Elder and Elm Classes

We have been getting creative in Art this term, exploring the exciting world of gestural drawing! Inspired by the work of Laura McKendry and Edgar Degas, the children have experimented with charcoal to draw shells and used chalk to develop shadow and depth. They have also discovered how using full-body movements can help to create energetic and expressive drawings. The results have been fantastic, and we are delighted to share some examples of their wonderful work!





PTFA Update

Does your business support charities?
Kingsbridge PTFA is a registered charity which helps to make amazing memories for all our children. This year, we will be making it possible for children to enjoy forest school and a range of special experiences they will remember forever, from sleepovers to special day trips.

There is much more we want to do - but we can only grow our work with a bigger budget.

If your business supports charities - perhaps in the form of matching fundraising for a particular initiative, or making one-off donations to specific causes - please get in touch and we can share more information.

PTFA dates for the diary 2026-27

22nd October: Non-uniform day. Bake sale for Year Six - spooky bakes encouraged!
20th November: Year Five bake sale
26th November: Disco
10th December: Christmas dinner day & raffle
18th December: Non-uniform day
12th February: Non-uniform day. Bake sale for Year Four - Valentine's bakes encouraged!
4th March: Spring disco
19th March: Bake sale for Year Three
25th March: Non-uniform day
10th April: Spring clean the school day (more info to follow)
23rd April: Bake sale for Year Two
28th May: Non-uniform day
11th June: Summer fair
1st July: Bake sale for Year One
[9th July: Reserve summer fair]
20th July: Non-uniform day

Christmas raffle
Are you a local business? Could you kindly donate a prize for the Christmas raffle? If so, please contact us: kingsbridgeptfa@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you!
If you are able to help with any of the above, please email us: Kingsbridgeptfa@hotmail.co.uk.

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

Acorn	98%	**Conker**	97.4%
Beech	90.4%	**Cedar**	99.7%
Elder	98.3%	**Elm**	96.2%
Hawthorn	98.6%	**Holly**	97.6%
Pine	91.7%	**Poplar**	97.3%
Horse Chestnut	88.5%	**Oak**	98.4%

Whole School	**96.2%**

Yours sincerely

M. Martyn

Miranda Martyn
Headteacher

Attachments: Parents Evening Booklet
PAFC Flyer
Sporty Stars Flyer
PTFA Cake Sale

Dates for your Diary – 2026/27

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Monday & Wednesday	**19th & 21st October**	**Whole School**	Parents Evening – In Person
Wednesday	**21st October**	**Whole School**	Flu Spray
Thursday	**22nd October**	**Whole School**	Year 6 Bake Sale
Friday	**23rd October**	**Whole School**	Non Uniform Day
Friday	**23rd October**	**Year 6**	Junior Life Skills
Monday - Friday	**26th – 30th October**	**Whole School**	Half Term
Monday	**2nd November**	**Year 5**	Space Dome
Saturday	**14th November**	**Choir**	Exeter Cathedral
Friday	**20th November**	**Whole School**	Year 5 Bake Sale
Thursday	**26th November**	**Whole School**	PTFA – School Disco
Friday	**4th December**	**Whole School**	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday	**10th December**	**Whole School**	Christmas Dinner Day & PTFA Raffle
Friday	**18th December**	**Whole School**	Non Uniform 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
Friday	**12th February**	**Whole School**	Non Uniform Day & Year 4 Bake Sale
Monday - Friday	**15th -19th February**	**Whole School**	Half Term
Thursday	**4th March**	**Whole School**	PTFA – School Disco
Friday	**19th March**	**Whole School**	Year 3 Bake Sale
Thursday	**25th March**	**Whole School**	Non Uniform Day
Thursday	**25th March**	**Whole School**	End of Term
Monday	**12th April**	**Whole School**	Start of Term
Friday	**23rd April**	**Whole School**	Year 2 Bake Sale
Monday	**3rd May**	**Whole School**	Bank Holiday
Wednesday – Friday	**5th – 7th May**	**Year 4**	Residential
Monday – Thursday	**10th – 13th May**	**Year 6**	SATS Week
Friday	**28th May**	**Whole School**	Non Uniform Day
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
Thursday	**1st July**	**Whole School**	Year 1 Bake Sale
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**	Non Uniform Day
Tuesday	**20th July**	**Whole School**	End of Term