



**KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Newsletter 10 – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent Forum meetings this week. It is a pleasure to share the exciting things we are doing at school and to hear parents' views and ideas for further improvement.

In each of the three meetings held this year, one topic has been raised consistently: safety at pick-up and drop-off times. Many members of our school community are worried about this, and you will remember that I have mentioned it many times through this newsletter. Please could as many parents as possible complete the following survey using the link or the QR code?

<https://forms.office.com/e/REA8Jz9cXK>



A detailed response to this survey, will help us better understand how we can address this problem.

Please remember that all absences should be reported through the school office, and that parents need to phone during each day of any absence. Our office staff are required to text all parents if we do not know where they are. Sometimes messages do not get to the office in time and parents have been texted when they have let another member of staff know.

## Year Three

In Year Three we have started a new Science topic learning about rocks. In our lesson this week, we carried out a hands-on investigation. The children had lots of fun being scientists; they used a nail, sandpaper, a plastic spoon and a wooden lolly stick to test the hardness of rocks, including sandstone, chalk and granite. The children made observations and recorded their findings, using them to rank the rocks in order from softest to hardest.



## Community Events

- Ship Sculpture Building Workshop and Performance with Llyr Davies & Far Flung

**We will be working with artist Llyr Davies and Far Flung Dance Theatre to make large scale ship sculptures and devise a performance together for Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas Saturday November 30th 1-5pm at Harbour House**

**Performance at 10am as part of Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas Saturday 7th December**

We will be working with artist Llyr Davies and Far Flung Dance Theatre to make large scale ship sculptures inspired by Llyr's paintings in the gallery. We will devise a procession with the ships along the quayside as part of Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas 2024. It would be fantastic if you would like to take part in this performance, so ideally you would also be available on the morning of Saturday 7th December for to take part with us. Absolutely no prior performance experience necessary!

Please note that under 12s should be accompanied by an adult.

If there is anything you would like to tell us about yourself or any access needs you may have that would make your participation safer and more enjoyable, please do let us know at [beth@harbourhouse.org.uk](mailto:beth@harbourhouse.org.uk) at least a week before the event.

Free but please book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1048801632917>

- Join Harbour House and Rame Projects for a screening of artist Chris Alton and poet Matt Alton's 'Ways To Speak Absence' film, exploring grief and loss. Thursday 21st November 6pm-730pm. This is followed by a discussion which is supported by an art psychotherapist. Free but booking recommended at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-hadnt-finished-talking-to-you-yet-screening-artist-talk-tickets-1042752148747?>

## Forest School Lunchtimes

Date	Class
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Horse Chestnut
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak

Horse Chestnut class will be going next week. Children in this class will need to bring appropriate clothing to change into. They will also need a packed lunch. For children in receipt of free school meals or any children who would like to buy one, these

can be provided by the school kitchen. If you would like a school packed lunch, please tell your child's teacher no later than Monday.

## Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. Unfortunately, one area in which some children are missing large parts of their education is through unauthorised holidays. Parents who decide to take their children on unauthorised holiday for five days or more will receive a penalty notice. Parents telling the school that their child is ill, then posting pictures on the beach online, or children telling us they have been to Greece, will be considered an unauthorised holiday. 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 class for having the best attendance in the school this week.

<b>Acorn</b>	97%	<b>Cherry</b>	95%	<b>Conker</b>	98%
<b>Cedar</b>	99%	<b>Cypress</b>	94%		
<b>Elm</b>	97%	<b>Elder</b>	97%		
<b>Holly</b>	96%	<b>Hawthorn</b>	92%		
<b>Pine</b>	94%	<b>Poplar</b>	92%		
<b>Oak</b>	89%	<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	91%		
		<b>Whole School</b>	94.6%		

# Celebration Assembly, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

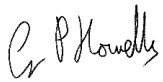
## Congratulations to our CARE Champions

<b>Acorn</b>	Wilf	<b>Cherry</b>	Seb F	<b>Conker</b>	Max
<b>Cedar</b>		Alayah	<b>Cypress</b>		Charlie
<b>Elm</b>		Freddie S	<b>Elder</b>		Lianna
<b>Holly</b>		Jasper	<b>Hawthorn</b>		Jesse
<b>Pine</b>		George	<b>Poplar</b>		Hubie
<b>Oak</b>		Esme	<b>Horse Chestnut</b>		Florence



**Star Class – Oak**

Yours sincerely



Gareth Howells  
Headteacher

Attachments: Harbour House x4  
PTFA Poster  
Rotary Club Lottery Flyer  
Karate Flyer

**Dates for your Diary - 2024/25**

<b>DAY/S</b>	<b>DATE/S</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday - Friday	<b>18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Parents Evening
Monday	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Year 5 Cake Sale
Thursday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTFA</b>	Christmas Raffle
Monday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1</b>	Christmas Performance
Tuesday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1</b>	Christmas Performance
Wednesday	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2</b>	Christmas Performance
Friday	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Monday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Monday - Friday	<b>10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	Residential
Monday - Friday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Wednesday	<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Bags2School
Monday - Friday	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Parents Evening
Friday	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Tuesday	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Wednesday - Friday	<b>7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	Residential
Monday - Thursday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	Year 6 SATS
Monday - Friday	<b>26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Monday - Friday	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June - 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	Bikeability
Thursday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	PTFA Bags2School
Monday - Friday	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Friday	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Sports Day
Friday	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Reserve Sports Day
Monday	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Reports Home
Friday	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term

**Dates for your Diary - 2025/26**

<b>DAY/S</b>	<b>DATE/S</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday	<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Monday - Friday	<b>27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Friday	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Monday	<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Monday - Friday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Thursday	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term
Monday	<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Start of Term
Monday	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Bank Holiday
Monday - Friday	<b>25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term
Friday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	End of Term