



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer holiday has arrived! Over the last few weeks it has been great to see the many enrichment activities the children have participated in. Thank you to all parents, carers and friends of our school who have supported us in supervising the many events.

Swimming Gala

The children took part with enthusiasm and determination in the water polo matches and swimming races last week. It has also been good to see the progress and enjoyment the children have made in their swimming skills and swim safety this half term in both daily and afterschool swimming sessions.

Grounds Day

During the morning of Grounds Day, children worked together in mixed year groups, and it was great to see children of different ages working together to complete outdoor learning tasks. In the afternoon, children worked in their year group classes on learning linked to their enquiry topics, focussing on embedding their substantive and disciplinary knowledge in Geography and Science.

FKS Disco and Camp Out

Thank you to our super Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School (PTA) volunteers and staff for making the Camp Out event and end of term discos possible. Although it was a warm evening at the discos, the children looked like they were having lots of fun and it was great to see children dancing the night away and spending time with their friends. The Camp Out also went well with live music, dance performances, swimming sessions, a delicious hog roast and some camping despite the wet weather. The Camp Out event has raised approximately £2300. Thank you to everyone for coming together as a community and supporting our FKS events.

Choir performance at the Fieldgate

Well done to our school choir and Mrs Bowden for the Year R and KS1 and KS2 choir performances and joint performances with the Kingsclere Singers at the Fieldgate. It was a lovely event and children performed with confidence and musicality. The next event we will be performing at is the Mayor's Variety Show in October. Details have been sent out to Year 3 – 6 yesterday. All keen singers are welcome to take part – please do encourage your child to get involved at this fun event that also helps to raise funds for some important local charities.

Thank you, EMCOR!

You may have noticed the improvements to the Early Years space being carried out by EMCOR. This is being carried out as an outreach project for Kingsclere CE Primary School and we are so very grateful to Mr Palmer for putting us in touch with EMCOR. Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Adams for their contribution following their special wine and food evening at the Art Gallery. All these funds and contributions to our school will help us to make ongoing school improvements to our school grounds and school resources for all our children.

Bobby the Dog

Thank you to Chrissy Green who has brought Bobby the dog into school to encourage children to read independently. We look forward to seeing Bobby coming into school in the Autumn Term and also are looking to open up the opportunity for many more children to read with Bobby.



Year 6

We say farewell to Year 6 and wish them all the very best at their new secondary schools and for the future. Today the whole school came together with Year 6 and their parents/carers at our Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. Mary's. The children shared memories, sang songs and each Year 6 pupil received a bible and candle as a gift from the school and church. Thank you to the St. Mary's team for supporting us at today's service.

We were all incredibly proud of the Year 5 and Year 6 children's musical performance, 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' the week before last. Many parents/carers said this was the best performance they had seen to date and the quality of the children's solo singing, two-part harmony, characterisation and commitment to their performances was to be commended.

Last week, each Year 6 child walked the red carpet into their Oscar's evening and achieved a special award at their Oscar's Night. We also had some musical entertainment during the evening from Lilly, Teresa, Alice, Kieran and Lucy. Well done children! Thank you to the Year 5/6 teaching team for organising a special evening for the children.

Thank you for working in partnership with us this academic year. We look forward to seeing your child(ren) back at school on Wednesday 4th September at 08:45. Wishing you all a great summer holiday!

Jo Messenger
Headteacher

Notices

Online Safety

Please click on the attached links to see videos to support your child's online safety. We continue to promote the importance of E-Safety with all year groups and hope you can support your child with online safety in the home. See: <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-videos/>

Community Larder

The Community Larder is open all over the holidays for anyone who might need food - every Thursday 2.30 - 4:00pm. Please enter through the main door at St Mary's Church. For a £3 donation you will receive a bag of tinned/dried goods which you can choose, and then a bag of fresh vegetables/fruit, frozen items and bread. If you need any information, please contact administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk or 07422 687125.

Attendance

When you received your child's report recently, a copy of your child's attendance data will also have been in the report envelope.

We aim for all our children to have good attendance and our target for each child's attendance is 96% or above. Government guidance advises that a child is a Persistent Absentee if they have attendance of 90% or below and action is required to be taken by a school with children and/or families where a child's attendance is nearing or below 90%. We continue to request that holidays are taken during the school holiday. Research shows that reduced attendance impacts children academic and social development. Please continue to support us in ensuring your child has good attendance. Thank you.

'Hand in hand we learn, we grow, we soar.'
Kingsclere CE Primary School



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2024 - 2025

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins	
Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September	INSET days	
Wednesday 4th September	First day back to school for all children for the new academic year	School Uniform
Monday 9th September 17:00 – 18:00	Year 1 Meet the Teacher presentation for parents/carers	
Wednesday 11th September 17:00 – 18:00	Year 5 and Year 6 Meet the Teacher presentation for parents/carers	
Sunday 15th September 13:00 – 16:00	Soloist opportunity audition for any children wishing to sing a solo at the Mayor's Variety Show performance on 5th October	Own clothes – casual wear
Monday 16th September	After School Clubs begin	
	Bikeability Week – Year 6	PE Kits and a wet weather coat
Tuesday 17th September 17:00 – 18:00	Year 2 Meet the Teacher presentation for parents/carers	
Wednesday 18th September 17:00 – 18:00	Year 4 Meet the Teacher presentation for parents/carers	
Thursday 19th September 17:00 – 18:00	Year 3 Meet the Teacher presentation for parents/carers	
Tuesday 24th September 15:30 – 16:00	Year R Meet the Teacher presentation for parents/carers	
Monday 30th September	Individual Photos	School Uniform
Tuesday 1st October	Reading Workshop for all year groups parents/carers at 09:00 - 10:00	
Saturday 5th October	Mayor's Variety Show Choir Performance	School Uniform
25th October	INSET Day	
6th January 2025	INSET Day	
28th January 2025	Travelling Bookfair Week	
30th June 2025	INSET Day	