

# Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

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September 2025 - Edition 2



## September 2025 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our recent Meet the Teacher presentations. If you were unable to join us, class teachers have shared (or will shortly be sharing) their PowerPoints via email through Reach More Parents (Weduc). We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing each child thrive through strong home - school collaboration.

I am delighted to share that Mrs Claire Harris and Mr Ian Bowes have been appointed as our new Co-Chairs of Governors. Both bring a wealth of experience and have supported the governing body with dedication and insight over many years.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Sue Watson for her many years of service as Chair, and to Mrs Kerry McLaughlin for her valued contribution as Vice Chair. As both step down from their leadership roles - Kerry from the governing body and Sue continuing as a governor - we are deeply grateful for their commitment and support to the school.

Our PTA (Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School) will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 9th October at 19:00 in the school hall. It is a relaxed, friendly meeting with refreshments provided. We are especially keen to welcome new members, as some of our long-serving parents are stepping down. To ensure the PTA can continue its valuable work supporting community and fundraising events, please do join us.

The children are busy preparing for our Harvest Festival in church on Friday 3rd October at 9:30am, and we would love to see as many families as possible to join our Harvest celebrations - please see our poster for further details. Children are also warmly invited to take part in the village Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October, at St. Mary's.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Headteacher

## Clubs

It has been great to see lots of enrichment clubs up and running. Children have been taking part in additional French lessons, Samba Band, Choirs, Football Clubs, Karate and Dance. If your child is interested in taking part in a school led club please see information about our clubs available on 'Reach More Parents' or contact the school office.



## Year 2 Football Festival

It was fantastic to see our Year 2 children take part in a football festival with Cheam and other local schools.

The children showed brilliant teamwork, and all of Mrs Stephenson's preparation with them really paid off. They thoroughly enjoyed the event, and we are very proud of their efforts – and their victories!



# Our PTA Needs you!

Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary  
SchoolAGM

Thursday 9 October @ 19:00



## Why come along?

- ❖ Relaxed evening with cheese and wine and refreshments Celebrate last year's
- ❖ successes
- ❖ Hear about exciting plans ahead
- ❖ Discover volunteer opportunities big and small

## We especially need a...



Chair



Secretary



Treasurer

## You won't be alone!

The headteacher and former PTA members are happy to support anyone interested in taking on one of the above roles. We also welcome volunteers to help at FKS events.

## Why it matters:

Our PTA funds vital resources, enrichment activities, and family events. Without new volunteers, these opportunities may come to an end.

Join us on 9 October – Be a PTA Hero!

## SORA - Online Reading for All

Your child will shortly, or may have already, received their login details for SORA, our online reading platform. SORA gives free access to eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and comics - all ready to enjoy at home.

Reading with your child makes a huge difference. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has found that interactive reading can boost children's language skills by up to seven months. Every story shared helps build spelling, grammar, writing, comprehension skills and much more.

Thank you for supporting us in opening up more opportunities for your child to read!



## Safety Reminder – North Street

We have recently been contacted by local residents who are concerned about the safety of children travelling along North Street before and after school.

Please ensure that children are closely supervised at all times when using this road and following the highway code.

Thank you for helping us to keep all children safe on their journeys to and from school.

## Best Start In Life

Please find a link to the government's 'Best Start in Life' website which includes advice and support across pregnancy, babies and toddlers, early education and school readiness.  
[beststartinlife.gov.uk+2nhs.uk+2](https://beststartinlife.gov.uk+2nhs.uk+2)



# Harvest Festival

All parents, carers, family members and friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival



Where? St. Mary's Church  
When? Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Time? 09:30 - 10:30

We look forward to seeing you there!



**T** Children are kindly encouraged to bring a donation of dried or tinned goods on the day, which they will carry with them to church. All contributions will be donated to the West Berkshire Foodbank, which supports families in Kingsclere and the surrounding areas.

If you hold a DBS certificate and can help supervise the walk to and from church, please contact the school office via Weduc or speak to Mrs Messenger. We will leave school at 09:10.

Please note: Year R children will remain at school for this event but will join us at church for Christmas celebrations once they are more familiar with whole-school activities.

# Kingsclere CE Primary School



*'Hand in hand we learn, we grow, we soar.'*



*Wrap around  
care available  
every day!*



*Termly  
grounds day  
for all year  
groups*



*Use of our pool in the  
summer term*



*Close links  
with the  
community*



*Engaging learning for all*



*Opportunities to perform  
and compete*



## OPEN DAYS

**Friday, 10th October 2025 – 09:30 to 11:00**

**Friday, 7th November 2025 – 09:30 to 11:00**

**Tuesday, 18th November 2025 – 13:30 to 15:00**

Please contact the school to book an open day or a private tour during the school day.

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# School Calendar Dates 2025 - 2026

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other information
Friday 3rd October	Kingsclere CE Primary School Harvest Festival from 09:30 - 10:30 – all welcome	Usual uniform or PE kit, it a PE day please.
Sunday 5th October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's – all welcome	Children performing should wear school uniform please.
Monday 6th October	Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Friday 10th October	New Year R Parents Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
Tuesday 21st and 22nd October	Bikeability Year 6	PE Kit
Friday 24th October	INSET Day	
Monday 27th – 31st October	Half Term	
Friday 7th November	New Year R Parents Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
10th – 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week and Monday 10th - Odd Socks Day	
Friday 14th November	Children In Need Day	
Tuesday 18th November	New Year R Parents Tour 13:30 – 15:00	
Wednesday 19th November	Grounds Day	
Thursday 20th November	Parent Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Thursday 27th November	Parent Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Tuesday 16th December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Wednesday 17th December	Infants Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day	

22nd December – 2nd January	Christmas Holiday	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET Day	
Tuesday 6th January	All children back to school	
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices O2	
Monday 9th – 13th February	E Safety Week Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February	
Monday 16th – 20th February	Half Term	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.
Wednesday 11th March	Grounds Day	
Monday 30th April – Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 13th April	Children return to school	
18th – 22nd May	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	
Monday 25th – 29th May	Half Term	
Friday 12th June	Sport Day	PE Kit for all children please.
Friday 19th June	Back Up Sports Day	
Monday 29th June 2026	INSET Day	
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of the Summer Term before the Summer holiday begins on 23rd July	