

KINGSBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for helping us make such a positive start to the school year.

The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes, classrooms have been busy with learning and there is a real sense of purpose across the school. It has been lovely to see pupils embracing new challenges and routines so confidently.

Some of the more observant amongst you may have noticed a couple of visitors in school recently. We were joined by Mr Goodwin, our Trust Safeguarding and Attendance Lead, who had heard about our morning gate disco and wanted to see it for himself! We also welcomed Mr Coles, one of our Trust CEOs, who spent time around the school and commented on the positive atmosphere and excellent behaviour he saw during his visit. It was a pleasure to be able to share the work of our school with them.

Finally, a huge well done to Slapton House, who finished the half term at the top of the House Point leaderboard. Together, they earned an impressive 3,464 house points, giving them a lead of 730 points. A fantastic achievement and a reflection of the effort, kindness and determination shown by the children in the house throughout the term.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. I hope you all enjoy a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back after half term.

Reading at Home

Thank you to everyone who has supported their child to read at home this last week. Every time your child reads at home, they earn a House Point but, more importantly, it builds their confidence, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, helping them become successful, independent readers for life.

Here are this week's reading totals:

Class	Total Reads at Home
Poplar	197
Horse Chestnut	152
Elm	114
Pine	89
Elder	75
Holly	72
Beech	68
Oak	64
Cedar	59
Hawthorn	54

They've done it again! Huge congratulations to **Poplar** who are this week's Read at Home Champions with an impressive **197** reads! 🎉

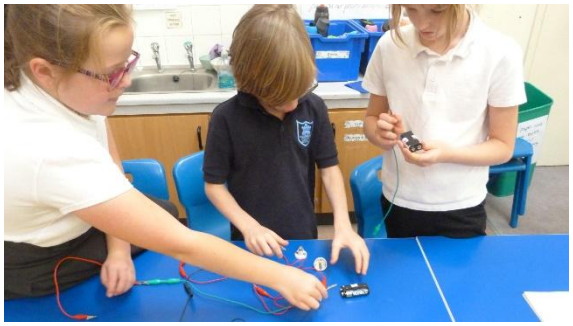
After halt term, Acorn and Conker class totals will also be counted in the Read at Home Challenge. Every time your child practises their sounds at home, please make a note in their reading record and we will celebrate their efforts in the newsletter and in assembly 🤩

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Gallagher

Year Four

Year 4 have been busy this half term learning about electricity in Science. Children have had the opportunity to learn about electrical safety, how electricity is created and how a circuit works. Children built their own circuits and the following week experimented with various materials to see which worked as insulators and which worked as conductors.
In DT we have been looking at structures and how different designs can create more strength and stability depending on the shapes, design and materials used. Year 4 have built prototypes to experiment with the different shapes and structures. They have found that triangles and cubes can provide strong frames for bird hides.





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

Acorn	97%	**Conker**	96.8%
Beech	91.3%	**Cedar**	95%
Elder	91.7%	**Elm**	94.1%
Hawthorn	91.4%	**Holly**	97.6%
Pine	91.3%	**Poplar**	99.2%
Horse Chestnut	88.3%	**Oak**	94.4%

Whole School	**93.9%**

Celebration Assembly, Friday 16th October 2026

Excellence Awards

Beech	Lowen	**Cedar**	Emily
Elder	Ari	**Elm**	Nehan
Hawthorn	Sammy	**Holly**	Charlotte
Pine	Oliver	**Poplar**	Lily
Horse Chestnut	Thea	**Oak**	Helena

Star Class – Beech

Yours sincerely

M. Martyn

Miranda Martyn
Headteacher

Attachments: KOOSC
Candlelit Dartmouth x2
Dance Collective
Kingsbridge Gym Club x2
Light Party
The Flavel

Dates for your Diary – 2026/27

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
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