



## Kingsclere CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the sunny weather this week – what a difference it makes to the many activities taking place outside this half term! We are looking forward to our Mental Health Awareness week next week where we will be teaching children strategies to support positive mental health to build resilience.

Our Year 1 and 2 children recently enjoyed their trip to Marwell Zoo exploring their Enquiry learning focus and seeing the many different animals in the zoo. Our Year R visited Kingsclere CE Primary School village library last week and explored the many books available and learnt about how to join a public library.

Our Netball Team won against Ashford Hill 9 – 4! Well done Kingsclere CE Primary Netball team we are very proud of you all and how well you worked together as a team.

It has been great to see the many clubs start up led by staff or volunteers these last two weeks and we are extremely grateful to all our staff and volunteers who are running these clubs. This term, Mrs Randall-Bird has set-up a new Key Stage 2 running club and Mrs Bentall a new Doodle Club. Many children have also been keen for clubs in these areas, so it is great that we have been able to fulfil the children's requests.

Our Year 5 children are taking part in an environmental education and ethnicity project with Southampton University and the children have been keen to consider how they can support the environment. Jake has built some bat boxes and kindly donated one to the school so we will be putting this up for the bats to enjoy very soon. Well done Jake – a super design! Sadly, we had to have some of our trees cut down recently by Arbor Care – this is due to some of the trees being diseased and therefore a danger to the school community and our neighbours with the potential for falling branches. We still have lots of healthy trees left though to encourage the bats to live in!



Congratulations to Mrs Stephenson (Willow Class Teacher), who has passed her National Professional Qualification in Literacy Leadership. We are very proud of you Mrs Stephenson and thank you for leading the school in English so children can make excellent progress in Reading and Writing.

Today, Revd. Canon Dodie Marsden visited to share new developments in Kyankowe, our partnership school in Uganda. The children enjoyed some photographs comparing the school day in Kyankowe and the school day in Kingsclere. It was also wonderful to see pictures of the kitchen that Kingsclere CE Primary and St. Mary's church raised funding to help build.

We are running a Half Term Tennis camp on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May with Kingsclere Tennis Club. Please do sign up if your child may be interested in developing their tennis skills. If you would like to book, please see the attached poster or visit [kingscleretenniscamp.eventbrite.com](https://kingscleretenniscamp.eventbrite.com)

Our Year 6 children will be completing their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) next week. We wish them lots of luck and know they will try their very best to use all the knowledge they have learnt in Reading, Writing and maths over their time in Primary School. Good luck Year 6 – we are very proud of you all!

Wishing you all a super weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Messenger  
Headteacher

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## Notices

### Walk to School Week

20<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> May is Walk to School Week! Let's hope the weather remains good for that week! We warmly encourage all our children to walk to school (supervised by an adult as required) where possible. Whether it means parking a little further away from the school and walking to school with your child or walking from home if this is something you do not presently do already. We always aim to encourage the children to participate in healthy exercise and are keen to further develop children's awareness of road safety. We have a number of lessons linked to road safety which we will share with each year group during the week.

### Attendance

Ash won our Year R and Key Stage 1 Attendance Ted with 98.2% and Holly won the Key Stage 2 Attendance Ted with 97.5 %. We are very grateful for your support in ensuring your child is at school each day and arriving on time.

### Art Exhibition

We warmly welcome all Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers to our Art Exhibition in the school hall on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Some of the children have created artwork inspired by Karla Gerard. Refreshments will be available and if you wish you may purchase your child's framed art piece for a small donation to develop a Reflection and Spiritual Garden Space in the school.

### Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated so many wonderful books to our school library over the last month. This week these have been added to our library shelves for the children to enjoy.

### Sports Day

Our Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Year R + KS1 Sports Day will begin at 10am followed by a picnic lunch and KS2 Sports Day will commence at 13:00. We look forward to seeing many of you there and hope the weather is good! Our reserve Sports Day date will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June with the same timings if the weather is too wet or hot to run Sports Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### Swimming

Today we have sent out details about swimming over our Summer Term 2. We are also trying to set up swimming lessons afterschool each day in the second half of the term and are working with Simon Parker from Chais Activities. We hope to be able to send out details soon. Please look out for these details if you would be interested in booking swimming lessons for your child afterschool.

### Outdoor Activity Equipment

You may have noticed that our outdoor activity equipment has been closed this week. We had our annual outdoor equipment safety inspection last week via Hampshire County Council and they have reported a few repairs that need to be carried out. For Health and Safety reasons we have closed the equipment until the supplier can return the equipment to its full working order.

Next week our artist of the week is...



**Artist of the Week: Pablo Picasso**  
Spanish Painter  
1881 – 1973

**Great Still Life on Pedestal, 1931**

**Best Known For:**  
Co-founding the Cubist movement. Cubism was a new way of painting, in which artists would paint a person or object from different angles using geometric shapes. Artists create pictures of something by breaking them up into different blocks.

**Interesting Fact:**  
When Pablo was baptised, his name was 23 words long!!

**Jacqueline, 1961**

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## **Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>What pupils should wear please</b>
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week SATs Week (Year 6)	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R & KS1 Art Exhibition – 3.30pm to 4.15pm School Hall	
Monday 20 May	Y5 and Y6 residential to Calshot until Friday 24 May Walk to school week	See the packing list sent home prior to the Easter holiday for children attending the residential. Children not attending the residential should wear school uniform to school this week as normal please.
Thursday 23 May	Year R trip to Wellington Country Park	Children to wear PE kit and trainers. Children to bring a back pack containing a packed lunch (if not ordered from school) water bottle, sun hat and rain coat.
Monday 27 May – 31 May	Half Term	
Monday 3 June	INSET Day	
Tuesday 4 June	School Led clubs resume after half term Swimming starts this week for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Swimming gear for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - towel, swimming hat, costume and crocs/ flip flops/ suitable pool side shoes
Thursday 6 June	Fire Brigade Visit for Year 1 and Year 5 at school today	Normal uniform
Monday 10 June	Swimming starts this week for Year R, 1 and 2	Swimming gear for Year R, 1 and 2 – towel, swimming hat, costume and crocs/ flip flops/ suitable pool side shoes
Tuesday 11 June	Simon Murray artist visit during the school day	Normal uniform
Wednesday 12 June	Sports Day - Year R + KS1 Sports Day will begin at 10:00 followed by a picnic lunch and KS2 Sports Day will commence at 13:00.	PE kit with a coloured T shirt representing your child's House – red, green, blue or yellow please
Thursday 13 June	New Year R Children's Parent/Carer Evening for children in Year R in 2024 - 2025	
Thursday 4 July	Music Soiree Performance – 18:00 – 19:00. Join us to see our choirs, small ensembles and solo instrumentalist performances!	School Uniform for all performers
Wednesday 10 July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 13:15	Costume details will be sent home soon after children begin preparing for their show
Thursday 11 July	Y5 and Y6 Performance 18:30	
Friday 12 July	Last day of school led clubs	

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Saturday 13 July and Sunday 14 July	Campout Weekend for all families of Kingsclere CE Primary School run by Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School (FKS)	
Sunday 14 July	Kingsclere CE Primary School choir concert event with Kingsclere Singers. Timings TBC	School uniform please
Monday 15 July	Y3 and Y4 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am	Year 3 and 4 children to wear PE kit to school and bring swimming kit
Tuesday 16 July	School Grounds Day	Outdoor clothing with sensible footwear and a wet weather coat
Wednesday 17 July	Y5 and Y6 Swimming Gala 10.00 – 11.30 am Y5 and Y6 Oscars Evening 6.30 pm	Year 5 and 6 children to wear PE kit to school and bring swimming kit
Monday 22 July	Whole School Walk with picnic lunch	Outdoor clothing with sensible footwear and a wet weather coat
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of term. Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 9.30 am. All Year 6 parents/carers and families welcome to attend Year 6 lap of honour in the school playground 15:00 – all parents/carers welcome	School Uniform
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins	
INSET DAYS for the next academic year 2024 - 2025	2nd September 2024, 3rd September 2024, 25th October 2024, 6th January 2024, 30th June 2025	