



« Learning together, aiming high »

Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 6

11th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the season of Advent, excitement is really growing around school. This time of year reminds us to reflect on the past year, and to prepare for the joy of Christmas. We have lots to look forward to in the last two weeks of term. There will be Christmas discos, our Nativity Play Fleece Force!, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, and our end-of-term service at St Michael & All Angels Church. These events will give us many lovely chances to come together as a school community.

It has also been an exciting two weeks in school already, with a visit from two friendly alpacas, one Olympic athlete, and a special Stargazing Session with the Bath Astronomers. We want to take an opportunity to say a big thank you for your continued support and kindness during this busy and joyful time. A special thanks goes to our Friends PTA, our Parent Volunteers, and our school Governors for everything they do behind the scenes. Thank you too to Miss Gardner, Sophia, Eva and Erin for running the KSM stall at the KSM Christmas Village Fayre. The table looked beautiful and we almost sold out!

The village of Kington St Michael looks especially beautiful in the colder weather, with its festive decorations and the most fantastic Christmassy post-box!

As the days get chillier, we hope you are all keeping warm and finding moments to enjoy this special season.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs. Victoria O'Brien
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday 12 th December	Kingfishers Class swimming – Postponed until 9th January 2026
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fun Run – see note below with details
Monday 15 th December, 2pm	Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 16 th December, 2-3pm	KS1 Disco – party clothes
Tuesday 16 th December, 3-4pm	KS2 Disco – party clothes
Wednesday 17 th December	KSM Christmas Post Box closes
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December, 2pm	Year 6 Christmas Service in Church
Friday 19 th December	End of Term 2
Monday 5 th January	TD Day – school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	First day of Term 3
Friday 9 th January	Kingfishers Class - final swimming session
Wednesday 11 th February, 9-10am	Blackbirds stay and play
Thursday 12 th February	Pickleball for Eagles, Kingfishers and Hawks
Friday 13 th February	End of Term 3
Monday 23 rd February	First day of Term 4
Monday 23 rd February, 4.30pm	Dance Festival - Hawks
Tuesday 17 th March, 3.10-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 th March, 3.10-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations

Just to remind:

Christmas at KSM

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is open! It will close on **Wednesday 17th December**.



Christmas Fun Run – Friday 12th December 2025



The children will all be taking part in our annual Christmas Fun Run on Friday 12th December in the morning. We will start with a whole school warm up and then each class will run around the track twice! After the event we will all have a hot chocolate and a biscuit. This is a lovely event that brings the whole school together at Christmas time and the children always love to get involved! Please can you make sure that your child comes into school that day in their uniform but with their outdoor PE kit, and they are welcome to bring a Christmas hat to wear too if they so wish!

Christmas Discos – Tuesday 16th December

We are excited to announce that the school will be hosting Christmas Discos in partnership with the Friends Committee:

- **KS1: 2:00pm – 3:00pm**
- **KS2: 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their party clothes for the day. Please ensure they are comfortable and warm. Huge thanks to the Friends Committee for organising the event and kindly funding the DJ. All children will also receive a drink and snack during their disco.

Christmas Lunch

Lataca will be serving a **Traditional Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December**. Please place your orders in the usual way through parentmail. Please note the deadline for orders is **Thursday 11th December 2025**. You can email Lataca at info@lataca.co.uk if you need to register for a ParentMail account.

Kingfishers & Hawks Christmas Service

Parents and carers are warmly invited to a special Christmas Service for Kingfishers and Hawks on Friday 19th December at 2:00pm at St Michael and All Angels Church in the village. All children will then walk back to school and may be collected.



Thank you

A big thank you to all pupils who designed a dove decoration for the Church Christmas tree, it will be located in St Michael and All Angels church over the Christmas period. Well done everyone!



Term 2 - WALL OF FAME

A huge congratulation to the following children whose outstanding work has been selected by their class teacher and Mrs O'Brien for our Term 2 Wall of Fame. We are incredibly proud of you, keep shining and aiming high! You are all amazing!

Blackbirds –	Alfie DH
Sparrows –	Teddy R
Eagles –	Charlie R
Kingfishers –	Callum P
Hawks –	Elliott W



Great Athletes Visit

We had the most amazing and inspirational afternoon last Thursday with Paralympic footballer Jack Rutter. Everyone loved taking part in the fitness circuit, and it was wonderful to see how well-behaved and supportive the children were towards one another.

At the end of the day, Jack shared his story with us, and we were all truly inspired by the message he delivered.

We are also incredibly grateful for the generous amount of money raised to support new sports equipment for our school. Our current total stands at £600, and we will be sharing more details soon about what we have purchased with these funds!



Stargazing Event

Last Thursday, Blackbirds, Kingfishers and Hawks took part in an exciting stargazing event at school. The rain and clouds cleared just in time, and the evening was a great success! Our young astronomers had the opportunity to peer through telescopes and discover the wonders of the night sky — with the added bonus of hot dogs to enjoy!



The highlight of the night was seeing the craters on the Moon up close, a truly awe-inspiring sight! The children were also thrilled to observe Saturn and even spot a double star. There was plenty of excitement as they explored the planets, stars and galaxies far beyond our world.

A huge thank you to Bath Astronomers and to everyone who came along and helped make the event so special. It was a fantastic learning experience and a magical evening under the stars!

A quote from Joshua White Year 5 Hawks:

"The stargazing event was excellent! We looked through a telescope and saw Saturn, The Moon and a double star. Then we went in a blow-up planetarium and saw the night sky, it was great fun. After that we used finger lights to make constellations in the dark. We had hot dogs and squash and then it was time to go home. I rate it 10/10!"

Friends of KSM School

We would like to say a very big **thank you** to the Friends of KSM School. Once again, they have generously given each class a donation towards Christmas gifts, are providing all the funding, and help at the Christmas discos. The hard work and dedication that the Friends put into fundraising have paid for many additional resources and opportunities across the school, things we would not otherwise have. We are truly grateful for their continued support.



Update from Mrs Waylen, SENCO

The following courses are available to parents and are run by Wiltshire Council:

Family and Community Learning
Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Helping My Child With Anxiety and Worry
Online Course
Thursday 8 January 10:00-12:00

Book by 1 January

• Understand how to support emotional wellbeing at home
• Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
• Positive and realistic help for the family

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/

Eligibility Criteria
Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 16+ on 31 August 2025. They must also be able to link one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year, in receipt of benefits (other than Child Benefit), be a care leaver, foster carer or carer, be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel, have religious status, have a learning difficulty or disability, be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

Wiltshire Council

Family and Community Learning
Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing
Online Course
Friday 9 January 10am - 12pm

Book by 2 January

• Understand the changes in a teenage brain
• Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
• Explore positive psychology

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Understanding School Anxiety
Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance
Online Course
Thursday 15 January 10am - 12pm

Book by 8 January

• What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
• Strategies to support with anxiety and worry
• Strategies to support attendance
• Advice on reasonable adjustments that schools can make
• Group discussion with education psychologist

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Please complete the Wiltshire Council SEND survey and have a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. Wiltshire Council is asking parent/carers of children with SEND to fill in a survey so the feedback can help improve support for children and families. Survey closes Monday 15 December. To find out more and fill out the survey go to:
[Win a £50 Amazon Voucher - Help Shape SEND in Wiltshire - Wiltshire Council](#)

Special Visitors

On Monday 1st December, we welcomed some very special furry visitors to school for cuddles and feeding time! Every child had the opportunity to meet, pet, and even feed the alpacas and they absolutely loved the experience despite the very wet weather.

Here are some of the wonderful comments from the children:

- "I found them soft and cuddly and it was fun to feed them."
- "It was a very memorable experience meeting the alpacas."
- Darcey in Hawks "They were so friendly and cuddly"
- Pandora "They were cute, soft and fuzzy, we loved them."

What a fantastic afternoon for everyone!





WRAPAROUND CARE AT THE NEST!



☛ Breakfast Club

Start your day the *Nest* way — with friends, fun, and a tasty breakfast!

🕒 **7:40am – 8:40am** – £4.00 per session (*includes breakfast*)

🕒 **8:15am – 8:40am** – £2.50 per session (*without breakfast*)



🎮 After School Club

Finish the school day with laughter, creativity, and play!

🕒 **3:25pm – 5:00pm** – £8.00 per session (*includes a snack & drink*)

🕒 **3:25pm – 6:00pm** – £12.00 per session (*includes a snack, drink & light tea*)

Expect plenty of games, crafts, and festive fun as we get ready for Christmas!

📅 Booking Information

Booking is **super easy** — just pay through **SCOPAY!**

We also accept **childcare vouchers** (contact the school office for details).

Need a **last-minute space**? No problem!

☎ Call the school office or reach **The Nest** directly during club hours: **07483 325482**

🎄 Next Week at THE NEST – Get Ready for Lots of Fun! 🎄

🌟 Monday – Chess & Super Mario!

Come and learn new chess tricks with Ellie, or play exciting levels of **Super Mario** on the Nintendo. A great way to start the week!

🌟 Tuesday – Let's Make Mince Pies!

Roll up your sleeves and get baking! We'll be making our very own **mince pies**. You can decorate them and take them home (if you don't eat them first!).

🌟 Wednesday – BINGO Night

Eyes down! We'll be playing **BINGO**, and if you get a Full House, you win a **special prize**. Bring your best luck and have a great time with your friends.

🌟 Thursday – Crafting Fun with Rachel & Hayley

Time to get creative! Join Rachel and Hayley to make some brilliant Christmas crafts to hang up or take home.

🌟 Friday – Christmas Movie & Treats

To finish the week, we'll be watching a Christmas film together! We'll have warm hot chocolate and tasty popcorn to enjoy during the movie. Cosy and fun! 🎄 🍿

Notice from Wiltshire Police - Raising Awareness of E-Scooter Safety This Christmas

With Christmas approaching, Wiltshire Police are reminding families about the laws and safety concerns surrounding e-scooters, which are increasingly popular gifts for young people. Privately owned e-scooters cannot be used on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, or parks, they are only legal on private land with the landowner's permission.

Police can seize e-scooters being used illegally, and riders may face warnings, fines, points on a future driving licence, or prosecution. There are also serious safety risks, as some e-scooters can reach speeds of 30mph or more, and riding without a helmet or proper supervision can result in serious injury. Wiltshire Police have already seized over 140 e-scooters this year and are working to keep young people safe. Families are encouraged to talk to their children about these rules to prevent accidents and costly mistakes. For more information, visit Wiltshire Police e-scooter safety.

Do you enjoy Christmas chocolates?

If you buy those big tubs of sweets for your family over the festive season, here's a great way to make the empty tubs do some good!

We've been approached by a local company asking if we would support a fantastic initiative run by Greene King pubs called <https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/> The project collects empty plastic Christmas sweet tubs (such as Celebrations, Heroes, Roses, Quality Street etc.) to be recycled, with all funds raised going directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Last year, the scheme raised over £10,000 for this amazing charity!



If you would like to help, please bring your empty tubs into school throughout January and we will make sure they are donated. Thank you for your support!

Village Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the Year 6 pupils who managed the KSM stall at the recent Village Christmas Fayre selling crafts made by the KSM children. Well done everyone!



We would like to wish all our families a safe, relaxing and very Merry Christmas. Thank you for your support this term, we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year!