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Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 10

26th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring has arrived at KSM, bringing brighter days and a renewed sense of energy across the school. The lighter evenings and signs of the new season have certainly lifted spirits, and there is a real sense of purpose and enthusiasm in our classrooms.

We are looking forward to World Book Day next week, with children enjoying a range of reading activities, sharing favourite books and celebrating the importance of stories. It is always a pleasure to see such excitement around reading.

Our School Council has also been working hard behind the scenes and will soon be making an announcement about a special activity planned for the spring!

Thank you for your feedback on our Friday enrichment sessions. We are pleased with how well these have been received and the positive impact they are having.

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Chippenham Dance Festival on Monday. They represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence and enthusiasm. The dance moves, hairstyles and costumes looked fantastic, and we are very proud of them. A sincere thank you to Mrs Burfoot, Mrs Bevan and Mrs Attiogbe for giving their time in the evening to support this event, it was greatly appreciated.

Wishing all of our families a super term ahead!

Kind regards,
Victoria O'Brien

Diary Dates

Class Assemblies

Parents and carers are invited to come along to class assemblies in the school hall on the following dates:

Eagles - Thursday 16th April, 3pm – please note change of date

Blackbirds – Wednesday 29th April, 3pm

Sparrows – Wednesday 24th June, 3pm

To avoid congestion in the main school reception area please can parents queue up around the side of school outside the hall door. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

TD DAYS 2026/27

We can now confirm the TD days for 26/27 academic year, as follows:

Tuesday 1st September 2026, Monday 4th January 2027, Monday 12th April 2027,
Friday 18th June 2027, Monday 21st June 2027

Diary Dates continued

Monday 2 nd March, all day	Bikeability Group 2
Wednesday 4 th March, all day	Year 5 Taster Day at Sheldon School, transport provided
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – see details below
Tuesday 17 th March, PM	Year 4 and 5 Girls football match at St Paul's School
Tuesday 17 th March, 3pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 th March, 3pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 th March, 3pm	Eagle Class Assembly
Friday 20 th March, 7.30pm	Friends of KSM Quiz Night – in School Hall
Monday 23 rd March, 2pm	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 26 th March, all day	Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish School, transport provided
Friday 27 th March	Easter Sports, Blackbirds and Year 1 at Sheldon School
Friday 27 th March	Easter Egg Hunt for all years in school
Friday 27 th March, 2pm	Easter Service - Kingfishers, Eagles and Sparrows (all children may be collected from school after the end of the service)
Friday 27 th March	End of Term 5
Monday 13 th April	School closed – Training Day
Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Term 5
Wednesday 15 th April	Class photos with Astracolour
Thursday 16 th April, 3pm	Eagles Class Assembly

School Attendance

At KSM we have been working really hard to improve school attendance across our school.



Our attendance is closely monitored by our Education Welfare Officer and the Department for Education. If a child's attendance falls below 95%, a letter will be sent home from the school, with a follow up meeting if required.

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring their child attends regularly, keeping contact details up to date, and engaging with support where needed. If your child is absent, please contact the school as soon as possible by phone or email, explaining the reason for absence and keeping us informed, wherever possible, appointments should be made outside of school hours. Term-time holidays are rarely authorised and may result in a fine. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed.

Year 6 Bikeability

Congratulations to the year 6 pupils who took part in Bikeability during the last week of Term 3. The children all passed with flying colours and are all proficient with cycling on the roads. A few of the children will complete part 2 of the course on 2nd March.

We received the following feedback from the instructors, "the children all did really well, they were polite, respectful and enthusiastic despite the wet weather". Well done everyone we are super proud of you.



Dance festival article and photograph by Megan Burrows and Lacey Southam

We were so excited when we first arrived as our dance was near, but we shook off the nerves and we ate sweets and played games until we were called to dance. We stood back stage, nervous yet excited. The stage went black; we entered, glow bands glowing and energy pumping from all the sweets! As the music started, we danced to our hearts content like we had never danced before, the music stopped and we had finished. We all rushed to our parents and dreamed about the amazing day we had.

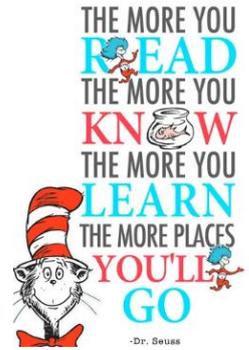
A huge well done to all our superstars who took part, they were amazing!



Reminder - World Book Day 5th March 2026

Just to remind that next week we will be celebrating World Book Day.

This year, to celebrate a love of reading and books, your child may come into school dressed as their favourite character and bring along their favourite book. There will be lots of activities across the day including a special assembly, led by our brilliant year 6 Librarians and English Ambassadors, mystery readers, cosy book time and lots more!



Forest School Update

Blackbirds continued to enjoy their Forest School sessions last term, embracing every moment—even the final session, which saw plenty of mud, rain, and the wonderful treat of toasting marshmallows around the fire. The children showed great resilience and enthusiasm, making the most of the outdoor adventure!



We are also excited to share that our new Forest School seating is now in place. A very big **thank you** goes to **Mr and Mrs Matthews of Clapcote Forestry**, who generously donated, cut, and delivered the log seating for our growing outdoor learning area. Their kindness has helped take an important first step in developing our Forest School space.

Blackbirds, along with our fantastic Year 6 volunteers, had great fun rolling the logs into position and helping set everything up. Their teamwork and energy have helped create a welcoming space that will be enjoyed by many classes for years to come.

This is just the beginning of our Forest School journey, and we look forward to seeing the area continue to evolve.



Update from Mrs Waylen, SENCO

Please see details below of an information session for parents and carers, organised by Wiltshire Council.

You are invited

Family and Community Learning

Join us online to find out how our family skills courses help support children's wellbeing, confidence and learning.

Family Learning Information Session for parents and carers

Tuesday 24 February 4.30 - 5.15pm

Discover how our courses can help you promote wellbeing, strengthen communication, and feel more confident supporting your child's learning.



Scan qr code for bookings

Bookings through Eventbrite
Contact Family and Community Learning
01225 770478
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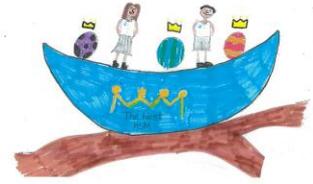
🎉 WRAPAROUND CARE AT THE NEST! 🎉

🍎 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*)

📅 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**

☀ The Nest – Next Week’s Fun-Filled Adventures! ☀

Get ready for a fantastic week of creativity, fresh air, and cosy treats!

🍰 **Monday:** Time to get sticky and creative as we decorate our very own iced cupcakes!

🌬 **Tuesday:** Let’s get crafty making colourful wind chimes to tinkle in the breeze.

🌳 **Wednesday:** Park Trip Day! We’re heading to the local park for some outdoor fun (*weather permitting*).

🏃 **Thursday:** Outdoor sports - running, games, and lots of energy!

🎬 **Friday:** Film Friday! Sit back and relax with popcorn, hot chocolate, and a delicious hot dog.

We’re looking forward to a fun-filled week with the children!
