



« Learning together, aiming high »

# Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

## NEWSLETTER - 9

### 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

After several rainy days, it has been lovely to see blue skies again, and we have been bringing a touch of spring into school by displaying daffodils around the school building.

This week we held our full Governing Board Meeting, which was very positive, and we continue to value the commitment and expertise of our KSM Governors. We also welcomed a local authority visit this week, under the new inspection framework; the feedback was extremely positive, particularly about our children, who impressed our visitor with their polite, confident communication and strong understanding of our core values. Our pupils have been working hard across the school, and we are very proud of them.

A special well done to the Kingfishers class for their wonderful assembly on Tuesday, and thank you to parents for your continued support.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs. Victoria O'Brien  
Headteacher

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#### **Diary Dates**

##### **Class Assemblies**

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

Hawks - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm

Eagles - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm

Blackbirds – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm

Sparrows – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027,

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2027, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2027

## Diary Dates continued

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Break the Rules Day – see poster from Friends committee
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 3pm	Hawks Class Assembly
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February, 9-10am	Blackbirds Stay and Play session
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pickleball for Eagles, Kingfishers and Hawks – in school
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability – Year 6 children (who have registered)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability – Year 6 children (who have registered)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	First day of Term 4
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 4.30pm	Dance Festival - Hawks
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February, all day	Eagle Class Trip to The Corinium Museum
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March, all day	Year 5 Taster Day at Sheldon School, transport provided
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – see details below
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, PM	Year 4 and 5 Girls football match at St Paul's School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 3pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 3pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 3pm	Eagle Class Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm	Friends of KSM Quiz Night – in School Hall
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2pm	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March, all day	Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish School, transport provided
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Sports, Blackbirds and Year 1
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt for all years
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2pm	Easter Service - Kingfishers, Eagles and Sparrows (all children may be collected from school at the end of the service)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 5
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed – Training Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5

## **Staffing update**

We are sad to announce that Miss Morrish will be leaving us at the end of Term 4, to move on to pastures new. Miss Morrish has been a valued member of the KSM team, and we sincerely thank her for the dedication, enthusiasm, and care she has brought to her role. We wish her every success and happiness in her future plans.

We are currently advertising for a replacement teacher for Sparrow class and will keep parents updated when we have some news.

## **Goodbye**

This week we said a sad goodbye to Mr Hodson, our much-loved sports coach from Up and Under Sports Coaching. Mr Hodson has been coaching at our school for the past three years and has been a firm favourite with all the children. As well as being an amazing sports coach, he always brought a ray of sunshine into school. We wish Mr Hodson every success and happiness in his new role as a class teacher at Christchurch Primary School.

## **Supersonic Superstars- Term 3**

Congratulations to these amazing students who are impressing their teachers:

**Blackbirds** - Isabella, Leo, Imogen, Charlie

**Sparrows** - Henry, Olive, Evie, Drew

**Eagles** - Florence, George, Rowan, Ethan

**Kingfishers** - Alana, Phoebe, Emma, Natasha

**Hawks** - Martha, Harvey, Pandora, Felicity



## **Forest School Update**

All classes will be taking part in forest schools between now and the end of the summer term and you will be notified of the dates for your child in advance.

Please see below details of clothing required:

### **Autumn/Winter**

- Waterproof boots or wellies essential in the winter for wet, mud and frost.
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers -keeps layers dry
- Warm mid layer (e.g., fleece or jumper) to hold in heat
- Thermal base layer on very cold days to help with extra warmth
- Warm hat and waterproof gloves
- Thick socks to keep feet dry and warm (bring a spare pair)



### **All Seasons**

***Please label all clothing and place in a named bag - helps lost items find their way back. We will be out in all weathers so expect children to get muddy and wet.***

### **Spring/Summer**

- Waterproof boots or wellies - essential for mud and wet grass
- Long sleeved tops and long trousers -helps prevent scratches from bushes/tree branches and protects from insect bites
- Sun hat - shade for face and neck
- Sunscreen
- Light waterproof jacket to protect from rain showers.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child comes to school with suitable clothing for Forest School sessions. If you are experiencing financial difficulties in providing any essential items, please contact the school business manager, Mrs Davis, by email: [sbm@ksm.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@ksm.wilts.sch.uk). All communication will be treated in strict confidence.

### **Polite Safety Reminder**

We are very proud of how well our morning drop-off system at KSM works and appreciate the support of parents in keeping this running smoothly. However, it has been brought to our attention that lately some parents are stopping in the school bus stop instead of using the designated drop-off system.

This can cause congestion and creates a safety risk for children getting out of vehicles. We kindly ask that the bus stop is not used for dropping off children and that all families continue to use the school drop-off system.



Please can we also ask that children are not dropped off or arrive on school premises, including those walking to school, before 8:40am.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.

### **Polite request – Fidget toys**

We have seen an increase in small fidget toys in the classrooms which can be a distraction during lessons. Unless your child has had permission from Mrs Waylen, the Senco or from the class teacher please can we ask that children keep these toys in pencil cases and school bags to only play with them at break times. Thank you for your support with this request.

## Update from Mrs Waylen, SENCO

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

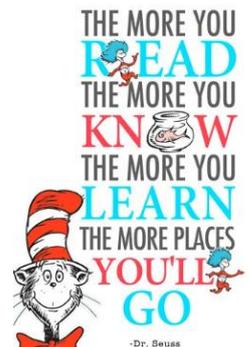
24/02/2026	Tuesday	Helping my Child with Anxiety and Worry	10:00-12:00	Online
26/02/2026	Thursday	Supporting My Teen with Wellbeing	10:00-12:00	Online

New learners need to complete an enrolment form, which they can do on the phone with us or online using this link:

**For more information, please contact the FACL team on: 01225 770478 or email: [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)**

## World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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!



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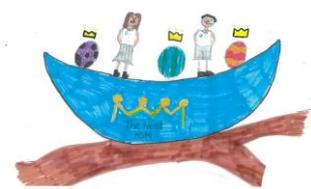
## WRAPAROUND CARE AT THE NEST!

### 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 – Activity Highlights for Next Week ☀️

We have an exciting week of activities planned at The Nest!

### Monday

#### **Sweet Treat Monday!**

Make delicious chocolate cornflake / Rice Krispie cakes and decorate them with mini eggs

### Tuesday

#### **Crafty Creations!**

Get creative with Rachel as we sew adorable Valentine hearts

### Wednesday

 An outdoor **Minibeast Trail** at Nymph Hay Woods

 3:30 – 4:30pm   Please ensure children bring warm clothing and wellies.

### Thursday

#### **Game Time!**

Interactive Pictionary with lots of laughs

### Friday

#### **Film Friday Treat!**

Sit back and relax with a movie, hot dogs, popcorn, and hot chocolate

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

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## **Wiltshire Council is offering free swimming to all primary and secondary school pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, starting from the Easter holidays**

It follows the success of last year's pilot scheme when children and young people enjoyed free swims during the summer holidays. The scheme will now start in the Easter holidays and then run through all school holidays. It will be available across all [council-run leisure centres](#) with a pool to children and young people who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

The free swimming initiative will build on this success and aims to support families and promote healthy, active lifestyles for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to access leisure activities over the holiday period.

The offer is available for all eligible primary and secondary-aged children who have benefits related free school meals. From the Easter holidays, the offer will provide one free swim per eligible child per week during school holiday periods, for up to 13 weeks. More details on how it will be rolled out will be shared in the coming weeks.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/free-school-holiday-swimming-for-eligible-children-starts-this-easter>