



« Learning together, aiming high »

# Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

## NEWSLETTER - 7

### 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see everyone back at school, settling in and working hard as the new term begins. This term, our focus is on courage, and we will be learning about inspiring individuals who have demonstrated determination and bravery in their lives. Our assemblies will include Aesop's fables as well as stories from the Bible, such as Daniel and the Lions' Den.

This week, the children have been setting targets and goals for the year ahead, reflecting on what they hope to achieve. We also have some exciting plans for this term, including the launch of our brand-new website, which we look forward to sharing with you next week!

Thank you for your continued support, we are looking forward to a super term ahead.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs. Victoria O'Brien  
Headteacher

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#### **Diary Dates – to check**

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Kingfishers Class - final swimming session
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Up & Under Club & Teacher led clubs start this week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	African Drumming Event in school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 2, Spring Orienteering
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Mini Mudder, Kingfishers
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Hawks Class Assembly
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
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
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
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Eagle Class Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 3.10pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 3.10pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March, all day	Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish School, transport provided
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt, Blackbirds and Year 1
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	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 pleased to welcome Miss Bowler as an experienced Teaching Assistant, who will be working closely with Eagle class to support pupils' learning.

Also joining us is Mrs Cohen, who will be the class teacher in Eagles on Wednesdays until Easter. With her extensive teaching experience, we're excited to have her working with the class.

We are thrilled to have both of them on board and look forward to their contributions to our school community!

### Update from Mrs Waylen, SENCO

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

13/01/2026	Tuesdays and Fridays	Customer Service (four sessions)	10:00-12:00	Online
16/01/2026	Friday	Discovering Wellbeing	10:00-12:00	Online
19/01/2026	Monday	Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change	10:00-12:00	Online
23/01/2026	Friday	Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience	10:00-12:00	Online
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: [Enrolment - Work Wiltshire](#)

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

### Honeycomb Magazine

Last term, Helen Cartwright, editor of Honeycomb Magazine, spent a morning visiting KSM and speaking with Mrs O'Brien at the start of her second year at KSM. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit and described our school as a school full of warmth and heart.

The article celebrates our vision for a happy and beautiful school, our developing outdoor spaces including plans for the Early Years Garden, greenhouse, allotment and Forest School, as well as the wide range of trips, activities and sporting opportunities offer to our children. It also highlights our excellent academic outcomes and very positive Ofsted results from last year.

A copy of the article will be displayed in in the foyer, with additional copies available from the village shop.

### Emergency School Closure

If we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions then we will notify you by email or text as soon as possible. We will also update our website with details. Please note that we will only close if we absolutely have to.



### Polite reminder

Please can you ensure your child comes to school dressed in warm clothing, hats, gloves and coats to ensure they have a happy playtime.

## Free Taster Sessions at The Nest – Breakfast & After School Club

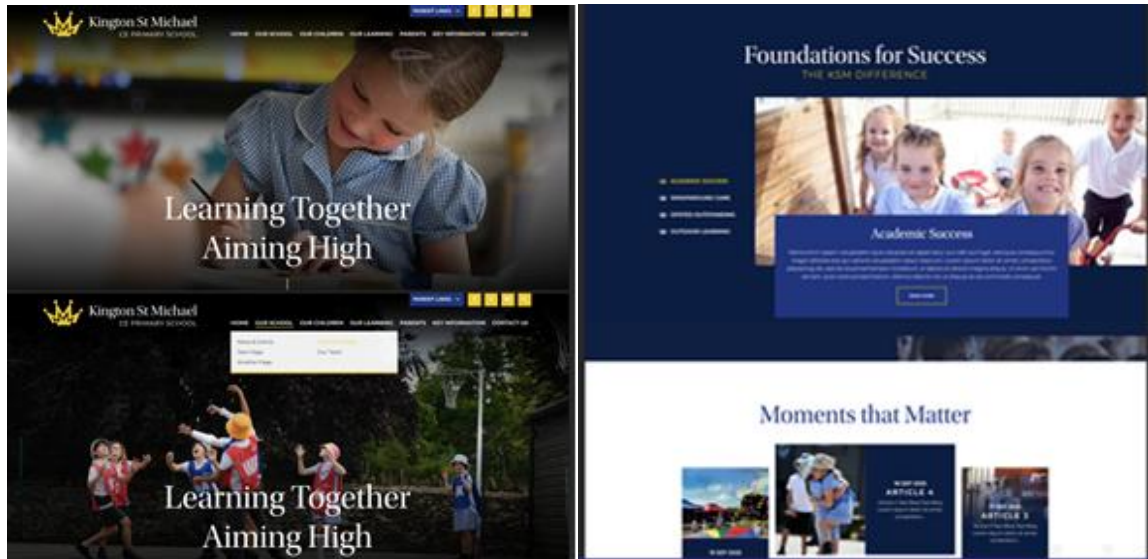
This term at The Nest, we are delighted to offer free taster sessions for children who would like to come along and give it a try.

We have some lovely activities planned for the coming weeks, including: Jam roly-poly making, Craft quilling, Nintendo Switch Sports on our new big screen, winter gardening and a cosy film afternoon.

If your child is interested in attending a taster session at The Nest, please speak to Mrs Allott or Miss Gardner in the school office, who will be happy to reserve a place for your child.

## Our new School Website

We are delighted to share that next week we will be launching our new school website! Look out for our email telling you that we have gone live!



## REMINDER: Did your family enjoy some Christmas chocolates over the festive period?

If you bought 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!**

## Wiltshire's Children & Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey 2026

Our school will be taking part in Wiltshire Council's Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey between 5<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Children and young people aged 8-18 across Wiltshire will be completing the survey to help the Council and schools understand how pupils feel about school, health, friendship, safety, and wellbeing.

The survey is **anonymous**, and no child can be identified. It takes around 30 - 45 minutes and will be completed in school.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

# 🎉 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**

## Important Information from the Children's Commissioner of England

Last week the Children's Commissioner of England published a new guide for parents and carers, developed with children and young people, [what I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#)

Supporting children's safety online is a shared responsibility for parents, professionals and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting their children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play. The guide was directly influenced by children in England. It is a reflection of their views, and what they said that they wished their parents knew. We hope this guide will be a useful resource for parents and carers.

## Next Week at THE NEST

### Monday – Baking Jam Roly Poly's

We kick off the week in the kitchen baking delicious Jam Roly Poly's with Rachel and Ellie. A hands-on session where everyone can help mix, roll, and taste the final result!

### Tuesday – Quilling Craft

Get creative with Quilling Craft led by Hayley. The children will learn how to roll and shape paper to create decorative designs.

### Wednesday – Nintendo Switch Sports

Time to get moving with Nintendo Switch Sports, friendly games.

### Thursday – Winter Gardening

Wrap up warm and head outdoors for Winter Gardening. Time will be spent in the fresh air tidying, planting, and caring for the garden. A great opportunity to enjoy nature and stay active during the colder months.

### Friday – Film Afternoon

We end the week by relaxing with a Film, complete with hot chocolate and popcorn. A cosy, social way to unwind and enjoy time together before the weekend.

