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Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 8

22nd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we have been reflecting on our school value of courage, looking at individuals from history and the present day who have shown bravery in different and inspiring ways. We have learned about Neil Armstrong, whose courage took him into the unknown as the first person to walk on the moon; Sir Edmund Hillary, who demonstrated determination and resilience in becoming one of the first climbers to reach the summit of Mount Everest; Greta Thunberg, who has shown moral courage by speaking up for climate change; and Sir Marcus Rashford, whose compassion and determination have helped bring about positive change for children across the country.

Thank you for the wonderful feedback we have received about our new school website. Please do keep this coming, as it has already proved extremely helpful to us. Although the weather remains very chilly, the school continues to be a busy and vibrant place with lots of exciting activities taking place. We would like to thank Miss Morrish for organising a fantastic African Drumming event last week, as well as our friends in the PTA for generously funding this experience. A reminder about school uniform was shared with families last week, and since then we have seen a noticeable improvement in uniform presentation across the school. Thank you for your continued support with this.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we are hopeful that signs of spring will soon begin to appear, and we very much hope that all of the bulbs the children planted will emerge and brighten our school grounds. We look forward to the term ahead.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs. Victoria O'Brien
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Class Assemblies

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

Kingfishers - Tuesday 3rd February, 3pm

Hawks - Monday 9th February, 3pm

Eagles - Thursday 19th March, 3pm

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.

Diary Dates continued

Friday 23 rd January	Year 2, Spring Orienteering
Friday 30 th January	Mini Mudder, Kingfishers
Thursday 29 th January, 3pm	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Friday 6 th February	Break the Rules Day – see poster from Friends committee
Monday 9 th February, 3pm	Hawks Class Assembly
Tuesday 10 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 11 th February, 9-10am	Blackbirds Stay and Play session
Thursday 12 th February	Pickleball for Eagles, Kingfishers and Hawks – in school
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
Thursday 26 th February, all day	Eagle Class Trip to The Corinium Museum
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
Thursday 19 th March, 3pm	Eagle Class Assembly
Tuesday 17 th March, 3.10pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 th March, 3.10pm-6pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Friday 20 th March, 7.30pm	Friends of KSM Quiz Night – in School Hall
Thursday 26 th March, all day	Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish School, transport provided
Friday 27 th March	Easter Egg Hunt, Blackbirds and Year 1
Friday 27 th March, 2pm	Easter Service - Kingfishers, Eagles and Sparrows (all children may be collected from school at 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

TD DAYS 2025/26

Monday 13th April 2025, Friday 19th June 2025, Monday 22nd June 2025

TD DAYS 2026/27

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

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

Important Reminder

We need to remind parents that we are a nut free school and any food sent into school with your child should not contain any nuts. We have several children who have nut allergies that can develop into serious allergic reactions. For this reason, nuts and nut-based products are not allowed on the school grounds.

Thank you for your help and support.

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NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Polite Reminder – Pick-Up Safety

Please ensure that all children are closely supervised at the front of the school during pick-up time. For safety reasons, children must be kept away from the roundabout and the road due to moving vehicles and the school bus.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping everyone safe.



African Drumming Workshop

The sound of drums echoed through our school last week as pupils took part in an unforgettable African drumming experience!

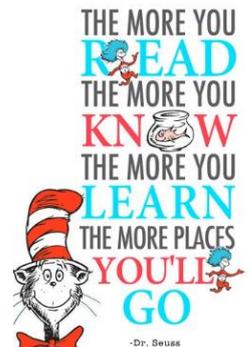
As part of our music curriculum, we were thrilled to welcome the Education Group for an exciting and inspiring workshop. They spent the whole day with us, ensuring every class had the opportunity to join in. The children loved exploring rhythm, teamwork, and music from another culture, and the energy around school was fantastic.

A huge thank you to The Friends, who kindly funded this wonderful experience and made it possible for all our pupils to take part.



World Book Day 5th 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!



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: [Enrolment – Work Wiltshire](#)

For more information, please contact the FACL team on: 01225 770478 or email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Supersonic Superstars- Term 3

Huge congratulations to the following children who have made a fantastic start to Term 3 and have already impressed their teachers:

Blackbirds - Nancy W, Joseph B, Alex M, Millie H

Sparrows - Hazel S, Avery V, Amelie B, Teddy R

Eagles - Charlie L-H, Rowan S, Aubrey H, Hana

Kingfishers - Leo M, Lorelei M, Frankie B, Annabelle T

Hawks - Emily R, Bella R, Finlay C, Noah R-S



LAST CALL: 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 by the end of January and we will make sure they are donated. **Thank you for your support!**

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)*

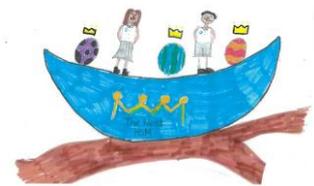
Booking Information

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**



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, 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.

☀️ The Nest – Activity Plan for Next Week ☀️

Monday:

🍕 *Pitta Pizza Making* – get creative and enjoy a tasty treat!

Tuesday:

🎨 *Crafting & Colouring Hot Air Balloons* for our NEST BOARD in the hall.

Wednesday:

🌿 *Nature Trail to Nymph Hay Woods/Park 3:30 – 4:30pm*

Please ensure children have **warm clothes and wellies**.

Thursday:

🎮 *Mini Boxercise* using our NEW boxercise game – great fun and fantastic for hand-eye coordination and reaction skills, alongside the Nintendo Switch!

Friday:

🎬 *Film Night* with puzzles, cards, and games

🍫 Enjoy hot chocolate and hotdogs to finish the week!

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>

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