



« Learning together, aiming high »

# Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

## NEWSLETTER - 11

### 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant term we are having at KSM! Thank you so much for all of your wonderful comments about World Book Day, a special thank you to our fantastic mystery parent readers!

This week started with a bang as we embarked on Science Week. On Monday, we welcomed Hands-On Science, and all children took part in a variety of exciting science workshops.

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for our parent-teacher meetings. The best is yet to come as we make plans for our Easter Service, and a few little Easter surprises!

Kind regards,  
Victoria O'Brien

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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:

Eagles - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm – please note change of date

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:

Tuesday 1st September 2026, Monday 4th January 2027, Monday 12th April 2027,

Friday 18th June 2027, Monday 21st June 2027

##### **Polite Reminder**

A reminder to parents and carers that, in line with government guidance for schools, if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they must stay at home and should not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps prevent the spread of illness within the school community. Thank you for your support.

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources>**

## Diary Dates continued

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
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 at Sheldon School
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt for all years in school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2pm	Easter Service - Kingfishers, Eagles and Sparrows (all children may be collected from school after the end of the service)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 4
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed – Training Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photos with Astracolour
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April, 3pm	Eagles Class Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bristol Aquarium Trip – Sparrows and Blackbirds
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 3pm	Blackbirds Class Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Term 5

**PLEASE NOTE:** Teacher led clubs finish this week for the Term. There are no Up & Under Sports Clubs week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



### **Staffing update**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Clare Chatfield will be joining us at KSM, as a full-time teacher in the Sparrows Class.

Mrs. Chatfield brings with her a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. She is now in her seventh year of teaching and is particularly passionate about reading and mathematics. As part of her professional development, Mrs. Chatfield attended specialist training focusing on the teaching of early mathematics in Year 1.

Mrs. Chatfield has lived locally for nearly five years and is looking forward to becoming more involved in the Kington St Michael community. Outside of school, she enjoys ballet, baking and spending time exploring the Cotswolds.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming her to our school community.

We also wanted to share that as Mrs Chatfield will be joining the Sparrow Class as a full-time teacher, Mrs Hussey will be moving to the Eagles class to job share with Mrs Samuels, Mrs Cohen will therefore be leaving us. Mrs Hussey will also continue teaching French across the school.

### **Year 5's Taster Day at Sheldon**

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 pupils who attended a taster day at Sheldon School on Wednesday. They behaved impeccably throughout the day and truly showcased what fantastic KSM children they are.

We received several wonderful comments from the staff at Sheldon; the languages teacher was particularly impressed by how well the children could speak Spanish, German and French. They even managed to reach Level 13 in the language game he had prepared, something no other visiting school has achieved.

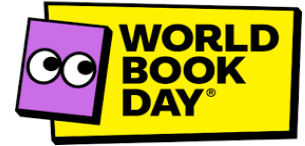
🏆 KSM are currently TOP of the Sheldon PE Leader Board among all visiting local primary schools!  
AMAZING!!

One member of staff also shared the following feedback: *"The children were very respectful, well behaved and hardworking. Please pass this on to your Headteacher."*

We are extremely proud of the way the children represented our school.

## World Book Day

World Book Day was enjoyed by both pupils and staff this year as we welcomed mystery readers, engaged in online author events and, of course, dressed up as our favourite characters! From brave wizards and daring heroes, to rainbow unicorns and fantastic beasts roaming the playground!



We want to say a huge thank you to our mystery parent readers who gave up their time to come and read to the children, showcasing some excellent storytelling and acting talents!

Thank you also for supplying and creating such amazing costumes!

World Book Day is always a special day and watching children immerse themselves in books and reading is always fantastic.



We received this message from one of our Mystery Readers: *"I just wanted to give the feedback that my children both loved all the mystery readers today and have a list of books they want to read which is an excellent result"*.

*"It was a lovely idea so well done to the team that came up with it. Both Blackbirds and Eagles were a delight to read to"*.

## Titanic Topic – Hawks class

This photograph showcases the fantastic artwork created by pupils in Hawks Class. The children have been exploring one-point perspective drawing and developing their creativity through 3D modelling. The work is by Olly, Harvey, Issy, Megan and Darcey.



## Eagles class trip to Corinium Museum

Eagles Class had an exciting trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to learn more about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. During the visit, we discovered that the days of the week are named after different gods from long ago. These names come from Old English, and amazingly, we still use them today!

We also learned how archaeologists study artefacts and skeleton remains to understand people from the past. By looking closely at these clues, they can sometimes work out a person's age, health, gender and even the kinds of activities they enjoyed during their lives.

One of the most interesting parts of the trip was learning about ancient burial traditions. We took part in a fun activity where we pretended to hold a burial ceremony. Just like in the past, the whole village would gather together to bury their loved ones. People were often buried with useful or valuable objects that they believed might help them in the afterlife.

It was a fantastic day and we all enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxon history.



## Well done and congratulations

We are delighted to share that Darcey in Hawks Class has successfully auditioned for the Royal Ballet Summer Intensive and will be boarding at White Lodge for a week this August. She has also secured another year with the Royal Ballet Junior Associates scheme, a wonderful achievement.

In addition, Darcey recently competed at the West of England Dance Festival, where she achieved fantastic results: Gold in Ballet, Silver in Lyrical, and Bronze in Modern. She has also qualified in both Ballet and Modern for All England Dance and will be competing in the regional finals this May.



We are incredibly proud of you, Darcey – huge congratulations!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUMMER FETE**  
**Sat 11th July 2026**

The Friends organise and run the School summer fete which raised last year over £2400 and the children love it!

This money supports - Forest School, STEM equipment, Sports equipment, Christmas Disco, Class Christmas presents, African Drumming, star gazing, with more to come...

**Please Volunteer!**

## Message from the KSM Friends

We are starting to organise the summer fete and looking for people to save the date and let us know what they can volunteer to support with.

Save the date - Saturday 11th July 2026

Please use the attached link or QR code on poster to let us know.

[Volunteer Levels for the Fete July 11th 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Thank you.

# 🎉 WRAPAROUND CARE AT THE NEST! 🎉

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

**Monday:** We will be making mini pizzas. The children will have the chance to choose their own toppings and enjoy creating their own delicious snack. 🍕

**Tuesday:** Easter crafting and card making. The children will take part in creative activities to make Easter-themed crafts and cards to take home. 🐣

**Wednesday:** A trip to the park (subject to the weather). The children will enjoy some fresh air, outdoor play and time together at the local park. 🌳

**Thursday:** Gardening around the school. We will be spending time outside helping to look after the school garden by planting, tidying and learning about caring for plants. 🌱

**Friday:** Film night with hotdogs, popcorn and hot chocolate. The children can relax and enjoy a film together while having some tasty treats. 🍿

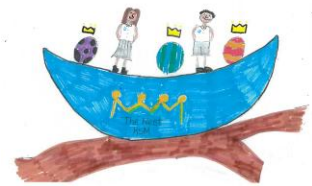
Get ready for a fantastic week of creativity, fresh air, and cosy treats!

### 🍎 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**

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