



Kington St Michael

CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 3 – Thursday 15th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 1 already, it has been a busy and successful few weeks! We are incredibly proud of our children and their hard work, which has been reflected in some fantastic academic results, our Biodiversity Award and the wonderful learning opportunities provided through Forest School.

The falling leaves and autumn sunshine have given the children plenty of opportunities to enjoy the changing season and explore the natural world around them and to play in our wonderful garden. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the term; it really does make a difference. As we head into half-term, we hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest, family time and perhaps an autumn walk.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2 and meeting with parents and carers at our parent-teacher meetings to celebrate the children's progress and discuss their next steps. Have a lovely half-term break! 🍁

Best wishes,

Mrs. Victoria O'Brien
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday 16 th October	PFA Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation
Wednesday 21 st October - 2pm	Harvest Festival Church Service – parents of Blackbirds, Sparrows and Eagles Classes are welcome
Wednesday 21st October	Last day of term 1
Monday 2nd November	First day of term 2
Monday 9 th November	Flu Vaccinations – All Years
w/c Monday 16 th November	*No Teacher led clubs this week – Up & Under continues*
Tuesday 10 th -16 th November	Scholastic Book Fair in School
Thursday 12 th November - 9am	Phonics Information Morning
Monday 16 th November	Individual and Sibling Photos
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 17 th November - 3:30pm	Christmas Jumper and Nativity Costume Swap in the school library
Tuesday 17 th November	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 th November	Parent Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 24 th November	SEND Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 25 th November	Blackbirds Class SEND Parent Teacher Consultations

September 2027 Admissions

The deadline dates for school place applications are:

- Primary Reception 2027 entry – 15th January 2027
- **Secondary Year 7 2026 entry – 31st October 2026**

Applications for September 2027 can be made online through Wiltshire Council's website, or you can download a paper application. The recommendation is for parents to apply online at:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>



Book Fair

From Tuesday 10th November until Monday 16th November, the Scholastic Book Fair is back at Kington St Michael C.E School. The Fair will be open in the school hall after school until 4pm. The attached PDF has more information about buying in advance and earning free books for our school.

Booksters Book Club

Booksters reading group are looking for new members. The group is for children in years 5 & 6 and discusses one book every 4 weeks. Their next book will be **Scarlet & Ivy, The Lost Twin**. It's a boarding school murder mystery written by Chippenham's very own, Sophie Cleverley. In previous years, members said it had the best clues they had ever read. Everyone gave it 5/5. Please see the attached PDF for more information.

Special visitors for Blackbirds

Blackbirds had a very special visit on Monday. As part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic, the Police came in to talk about what they do to help keep us safe. The children asked lots of questions and were lucky enough to try on some uniform and even sit in the back of the police car!



Cold weather clothing

As the weather gets wetter and colder, we would kindly ask that you send your child into school with a **waterproof coat**, waterproof trousers (if possible), and a pair of wellies.

We love getting outside and exploring the world around us in all weather, and having the right clothing helps us to make the most of our outdoor adventures, whatever the weather!

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you so much for your continued support in helping us enjoy the outdoors come rain or shine

Doorway Programme Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who has brought in donations for the Doorway Projects Harvest collection. Our table in the foyer is overflowing with your generous donations. Food is at the heart of Doorway's service, providing welcome, comfort, warmth and essential nourishment to those facing difficult circumstances. Donations are used to provide weekly food bags and emergency supplies, with items suitable for people with or without access to a kitchen.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church on Wednesday 21st October at 2pm. We would like to invite the parents of Blackbirds, Sparrows and Eagles classes to join us in this celebration.



Driving on the School site

Please can we remind those driving onto and near the school site to be vigilant of pedestrians and other road users around them. We appreciate that drop off and pick up are especially busy times but please be mindful of your speed and only drop children off in the yellow marked box, nowhere else on the roundabout. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Medical Updates

If your child's medical needs change in any way please can you let the school office know by email to admin@ksm.wilts.sch.uk as soon as possible. We have a detailed medical register to make sure we are supporting the child the best we can.

Also, please be reminded that **only prescribed medication** is allowed to be taken at school. This needs to be administered by staff once the appropriate form has been signed by a parent or carer.

The Nest Wraparound Care

The Nest team are looking forward to welcoming the children back after the half term break with some fun activities.

As well as yoga each morning, the children can look forward to:

Monday: Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday: Quiz Night

Wednesday: Film Night, Popcorn & Hot Chocolates

Thursday: Fruit Kebabs

Friday: Friday Football

The Breakfast Club:

7.40am-8.40am - £4.50 per session - includes breakfast

8.15am-8.40am - £3.00 per session - does not include breakfast



After School Club:

Monday - Thursday

3.25pm-5.00pm - £9.00 per session. Includes a welcome snack and a drink

3.25pm-6.00pm - £14.00 per session. Includes a welcome snack, drink and a light tea

Friday

3.25pm-5.00pm - £9.00 per session. Includes a welcome snack and a drink

Booking a place and payment are to be made through SCOPAY. The Nest also accepts payment using childcare vouchers.

If you require a booking at short notice, please contact the school office. Should you need to contact The Nest staff during club hours please call 07483 325482.

Please note that places cannot be cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice. Thank you for your understanding.