



« Learning together, aiming high »

Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 4

13th November 2025

Autumn is well and truly here at KSM, and this week has been particularly soggy! We are planning a number of exciting activities and events leading up to Christmas, including a few surprises, so there will be a lot to look forward to and enjoy.

This term, our focus is on the value of compassion. As we approach the Christmas season, we encourage everyone to think about ways we can show compassionate acts of service to others, following the example of Jesus, who taught us to “be kind and compassionate to one another” (Ephesians 4:32).

Children might like to take part in simple acts of kindness such as writing Christmas cards for local care home residents, donating toys or food to those in need, helping at home, or including someone who may be feeling left out. Together, these small actions can help us make a meaningful difference within our school and wider community this Christmas.

With best wishes,
Mrs. Victoria O'Brien
Headteacher

Diary Dates

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| Thursday 13 th November | Parent teacher consultations – all classes in Main Hall |
| Friday 14 th November | Children in Need – non-uniform day, £1 donation & cake sale |
| Friday 14 th November | Kingfishers Class swimming at the Olympiad |
| Tuesday 18 th November, 3.25pm | Friends – Nativity Costume & Christmas Jumper Swap |
| Friday 21 st November | Kingfishers Class swimming at the Olympiad |
| Friday 28 th November | Kingfishers Class swimming at the Olympiad |
| Friday 4 th December, 5.15pm | Stargazing Event in school – Hawks, Kingfishers & Blackbirds |
| Friday 5 th December | Sparrows and Blackbirds Multi skills at Hardenhuish School |
| Friday 5 th December | Kingfishers Class swimming at the Olympiad |
| Tuesday 9 th December | KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Year 5 to attend Sheldon Christmas Show – details to follow |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Flu Vaccinations |
| Wednesday 10 th December, 2pm | KS1 Nativity Performance |
| Thursday 11 th December, 10am | KS1 Nativity Performance |
| Friday 12 th December | Kingfishers Class swimming at the Olympiad |
| Friday 12 th December | Christmas Fun Run – all children to come dressed in PE kit |
| Monday 15 th December, 2pm | Rock Steady Concert |
| Tuesday 16 th December, 2-3pm | KS1 Disco |
| Tuesday 16 th December, 3-4pm | KS2 Disco |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 19 th December, 2pm | Kingfishers & Hawks Christmas Service in Church |
| Friday 19 th December | End of Term 2 |
| Tuesday 6 th January | First day of Term 3 |

Teacher Training Days - 5/1/2026, 13/4/26, 19/6/26, 22/6/26

Remembrance Day at KSM

This week, our Worship Council led a special Remembrance Assembly before walking down to the church to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

The children also took part in Remembrance-themed art activities, led by Mrs. Burfoot, as we reflected on the importance of this special time of year.

We have had a wonderful response to our poppy sales – thank you so much for your generosity and support. It's lovely to see how many of our pupils wanted to contribute to such a meaningful cause.



Odd Socks Day & Anti-Bullying Week



This week, we took part in Anti-Bullying Week and enjoyed a range of activities and discussions across the school, all focused on kindness, respect, and celebrating differences.

Our Year 6 pupils did a fantastic job leading a special Anti-Bullying Assembly on Monday to start the week.

Everyone joined in with Odd Socks Day, proudly wearing their odd socks to celebrate diversity and individuality. It was a fun and colourful reminder that being unique is something to be proud of!

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 14th November. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and bring a £1 donation to support this wonderful cause.

There will also be a cake sale taking place in school on the day, with all proceeds going to Children in Need. Please bring all cake donations in to classrooms in the morning. Children will need some money to purchase the cakes at lunchtime.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!



Forest School Fun – Blackbirds Class

We are delighted to share some photographs from Blackbirds Class first Forest School session last week. The children had a fun filled morning exploring the outdoors, working together, and learning new skills.

They gathered round to light a fire, learning about safety and team work as they helped prepare their own snack of delicious hot chocolate and a biscuit. The children then had the opportunity to experience nature inspired craft and exploration. They built habitats for woodland creatures, made colourful leaf bunting to decorate the shelter and created conker fireworks that added a festive touch to autumn (if you look carefully, you may still see one or two in the trees!!)

The mud kitchen was one of the highlights where imagination ran wild and muddy concoctions were served. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork, and curiosity throughout the session!

Help us Grow our Forest School!

Over the next year we would love to continue to develop our dedicated area for regular Forest School sessions and continue to look for resources.

We need:

- Big branches and tarpaulin for den building
- Large logs for climbing and seating
- Wooden toys for outdoor play
- Garden trowels
- Utensils for the mud kitchen
- Butter knives for whittling

If anyone is felling or pruning a large tree, please let us know - Sycamore, Hazel and Ash are particularly good for crafting and would be greatly appreciated.

Any help or donations would make a big difference and are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office if you have anything that you think may be useful.



Book Fair

Our annual book fair arrived on Tuesday with a fantastic selection of books and gifts to bring reading to life. Don't forget to come along on Thursday, Friday and Monday to explore a wonderful selection of books for all ages from exciting adventures to heart-warming stories and activity books.

The book fair is open every day until Monday from 3.30-4pm.

By supporting our book fair, you are also supporting the school as a percentage of funds raised goes towards new books for our curriculum. We look forward to seeing you there.



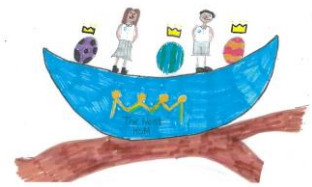
🎉 **LOTS OF FUN HAPPENING IN THE NEST!** 🎉
Games • Competitions • New Toys • Christmas Crafts
💫 *Come join the fun — spaces are available now!* 💫

🍎 **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)*

Expect plenty of games, crafts, and festive fun as we get ready for Christmas!

📅 **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 — where every day is full of fun, friends, and new adventures! 🌈

Star Gazing Night – Blackbirds, Kingfishers & Hawks

We are thrilled to announce a Star Gazing Night in partnership with Bath Astronomers on Thursday 4th December! This special after-school event will begin at 5:30pm and finish at 7:00pm — a truly magical evening for our budding explorers of the night sky.



Children will have the chance to:

- Step inside a dome planetarium
- Create their own paper lanterns and rockets
- Enjoy real stargazing through state-of-the-art telescopes

Schools in the local area who have hosted this event before have said how incredible the experience is and we can't wait to bring it to our pupils!

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 per child to help towards the cost of the event — payment is available on ScoPay. The contribution also includes a hot dog for each child — perfect for a cosy evening of stargazing!

This really is a brilliant opportunity, and we hope every child will be able to join us for this wonderful evening of science, creativity, and discovery.

We're delighted that the Friends of KSM are once again supporting this event using funds raised through community efforts such as the Litter Pick and other fundraisers throughout the year. It's a perfect example of how your generosity helps us create unique, hands-on learning experiences that children will remember for years to come.

Litter Pick Adventure!

What an amazing effort from our eco-heroes! Armed with high-vis jackets, litter pickers, and huge smiles, the children set out to make Kington St Michael village and Cepen Park estate sparkle — and they certainly delivered!

With the help of Wiltshire Council, who kindly lent the litter-picking kits, families were able to join in safely and make a real difference to our local environment. Sponsored by generous friends and family, the children raised an incredible £130 through their hard work and determination!

Bag after bag of rubbish was collected — some even sorted for recycling — proving how small hands can make a big impact. The litter pick quickly turned into a real-life treasure hunt, with exciting “discoveries” like a tiny TV, a lonely shoe, and even bedsheets! You never know what you’ll find when you care for your community!

A huge round of applause to the lucky winner of the delicious homemade flapjacks!

Massive thanks to Wiltshire Council, all the brilliant children and parents who took part, and our wonderful sponsors who helped make this event such a success. Together, we’ve cleaned up our community — and had a fun doing it!

