



« Learning together, aiming high »

# Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

## NEWSLETTER - 5

### 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the Christmas season, the children have been working incredibly hard and bringing excitement into the school each day. We will be decorating our Christmas trees next week and putting out the school post box, all ready to receive lots of Christmas cards! A reminder to pass any remaining Dove decorations on to Mrs. Hussey, these will be displayed on the KSM Christmas Tree at the St. Michael and All Angels Church.

As the weather continues to turn frosty, please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, gloves, and a hat so they can enjoy outdoor play comfortably.

We are delighted to share that KSM School will be welcoming two surprise visitors on Monday, watch this space for more details!

With warmest wishes,  
Mrs. Victoria O'Brien  
Headteacher

#### Diary Dates

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Kingfishers Class swimming at the Olympiad
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	KSM Christmas Post Box opens
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	A surprise!
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 5.15pm	Stargazing Event in school – Hawks, Kingfishers & Blackbirds
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Sparrows and Blackbirds Multi skills at Hardenhuish School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Kingfishers Class swimming at the Olympiad
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 to attend Sheldon Christmas Show – details to follow
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 10am	KS1 Nativity Performance
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Kingfishers Class swimming – Postponed until 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fun Run
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2-3pm	KS1 Disco
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 3-4pm	KS2 Disco
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KSM Christmas Post Box closes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2pm	Kingfishers & Hawks Christmas Service in Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Term 3

**Teacher Training Days - 5/1/2025, 13/4/25, 19/6/25, 22/6/25**

## Christmas at KSM

### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas Post Box will be open from **Monday 1st December** until **Wednesday 17th December**.



### **Christmas Fun Run – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

The children will all be taking part in our annual Christmas Fun Run on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. We will start with a whole school warm up and then each class will run around the track twice! After the event we will all have a hot chocolate and a biscuit. This is a lovely event that brings the whole school together at Christmas time and the children always love to get involved! Please can you make sure that your child comes into school that day in their uniform but with their outdoor PE kit, and they are welcome to bring a Christmas hat to wear too if they so wish!



### **Christmas Lunch**

Lataca will be serving a **Traditional Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 17th December**, please see separate flyer. Please place your orders in the usual way through parentmail. Please note the deadline for orders is **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. You can email Lataca at [info@lataca.co.uk](mailto:info@lataca.co.uk) if you need to register for a ParentMail account.

### **Kingfishers & Hawks Christmas Service**

Parents and carers are warmly invited to a special Christmas Service for Kingfishers and Hawks on Friday 19th December at 2:00pm at St Michael and All Angels Church in the village.



### **Goodbye and thank you**



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Metcalfe, who has worked at KSM School since 2008 as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Metcalfe will be taking some time away to focus on her health and her family following a period of ill health.

We thank her sincerely for her many years of dedication and commitment to the school, and we wish her the very best for the future.

### **Children in Need – Well Done!**

A huge well done to everyone in school who took part in Children in Need this year! Together, we raised an incredible £313.00 for this wonderful charity.

Thank you once again for all your support and for helping us make a real difference!



### **Proud Moment**

We have received some lovely feedback from one of the drivers from Coachstyle. The bus driver shared that it is always a pleasure to drive the KSM children to and from school, as they are consistently happy, polite, and create a wonderful atmosphere on the bus.



We are so proud of all our wonderful children!



Together we have raised...£170.50  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**



### Reminder to parents

Please ensure that you notify the school if your child walks home and there are any changes to their usual arrangements. This will allow us to inform staff and ensure the safety and well-being of your child at all times.

Thank you for your support in helping us to safeguard all our pupils.

## Star Gazing Night – Blackbirds, Kingfishers & Hawks

Have you booked your child's place on the Star Gazing Night? This event is run in partnership with Bath Astronomers on Thursday 4th December! This special after-school event will begin at 5:30pm and finish at 7:00pm.



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.

## Update from Mrs Waylen, SENCO

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

### Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

#### Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Online Course

Tuesday 16 December 12:30-2:30pm



Book by  
9 December

- Understand how to support emotional wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478  
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk  
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



#### Eligibility Criteria

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August this academic year. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver; foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

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#### Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change

Online Course

Friday 19 December 10:00-12:00



Book by  
12 December

- Explore the reasons why children may find change difficult
- Discover ways to support your children at home in developing their ability to cope with change.
- Develop an understanding of how simple steps at home can help children prepare for change.

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#### Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

Online Course

Monday 15 December 12:30-2:30pm



Book by  
8 December

- Explore how the environment affects concentration
- Discover how words can help develop resilience
- Develop ways to support concentration and resilience

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🎉 **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**

☀️ **This Week at the Nest**

This week at the Nest, the children have been enjoying a wonderful range of special activities—cooking, friendly competitions and tournaments, as well as plenty of arts and crafts. It's been a busy and exciting few days, full of creativity, teamwork and fun.

Here are a few photos from our activities!



☀️ **What's Happening in the Nest next week?**

We have a fun-filled week lined up in the Nest!

**Monday** kicks off with *Crafting with Miss Rachel*, followed by *cupcake decorating* on **Tuesday**.

On **Wednesday**, get ready for some friendly competition in our *Bingo Tournament*!

On **Thursday**, Miss Ellie will be leading an energetic *Sports* session, and we'll finish the week with a cosy Film Friday—complete with popcorn, hot chocolate, and teddies. We'll be watching ***The Grinch*** to get everyone in the festive spirit! 🎄 🍿