



# Newsletter

April 2025



## Values for April: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we wrap up a fantastic, busy term here at Kington Primary School. There have been so many highlights and achievements, all thanks to the incredible hard work of our staff and the unwavering support from our wonderful families. Thank you all for your commitment and enthusiasm.

We're also thrilled to share some exciting news! At the start of the summer term, we will be launching our brand-new school website. It will be a brilliant resource for everyone, offering easy access to school news, updates, and more. We hope it will strengthen our communication with you and create even more opportunities for you to be involved in school life.

In other exciting updates, we have received a generous donation of £1,000 from the Kington Lions. This will go towards our vibrant new playground markings once the building work has been completed, adding a splash of colour and fun for the children to enjoy. Thank you so much to the team at the Lions!

As you will have read in our message yesterday, the building work for our new therapy and hygiene facilities will commence just after the May half term. We're looking forward to these improvements which aim to provide even better learning environments for your children.

Warmest regards and looking forward to an exciting term ahead,

Mrs Bretherton



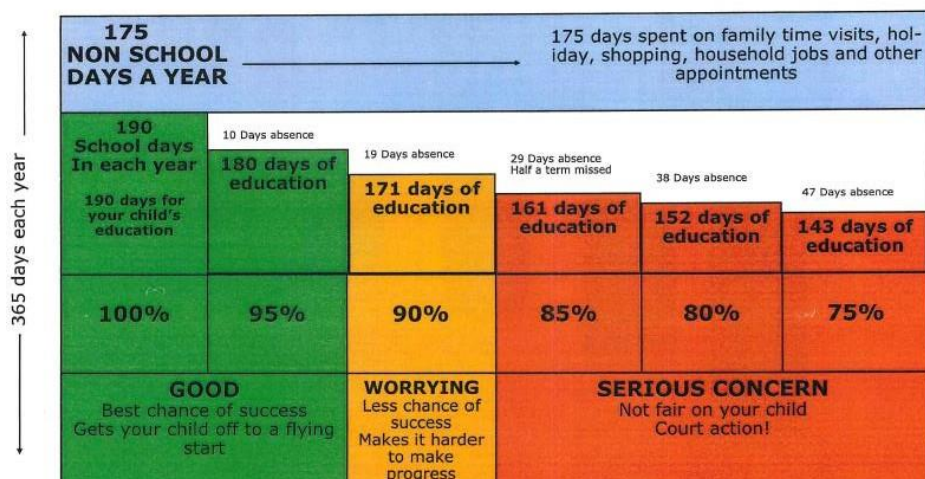
## Summer Term 2025 – Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – All back to school  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Reception  
 Mastering Number Parent Workshop (pm)  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Reception Mastering  
 Number Parent Workshop (am)  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Police Talk with Year 5  
 & 6 (Being Safe in the Community)  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 3 & 4 Caerleon Trip  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – About Face Workshop  
 with Year 6 exploring Hate Crime  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Forum – reports  
 and website feedback  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photos  
 Week of 12<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Redridge Parent  
 Meetings  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Hay Festival  
 Week of 26<sup>th</sup> May - Half term holiday  
 Week of 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Multiplication check  
 and Yr 1 & 2 Phonics check  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
 Week of 9<sup>th</sup> June – Multiplication check and  
 Yr 1 & 2 Phonics check  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – School Nurse Drop In  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day and  
 Book Fair in Hall  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Red  
 Ridge Residential for Yr 5 and 6.  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Friends of KPS Summer  
 Fayre  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - High school transition  
 day  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Show  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July –  
 Parents Evenings  
 Year 6 end of term arrangements to be  
 confirmed

Next year's term dates can be found on the website

**Attendance Update** Once again, the children have enjoyed their weekly class awards for the best collective attendance which means they win another playtime. Most classes have won it at least once this term which is lovely to share. The winner for this half term's class attendance is Year 4 with 97.3% so they get to choose a special class treat for a half day. Please remember, mild symptoms, such as a runny nose or stomach discomfort should not prevent your child from attending school. Holidays cannot be authorised. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING



- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve
- Every school day counts

## Other news...

### Sports News at KPS

We are having a positive year of sport and activity with the beautiful weather meaning that we have been lucky enough to have most of our PE outside which has been an unexpected treat!

This term our Sports Premium money has continued to support sports and active playtimes across school including supported training for our lunch staff with 2 courses focused on behaviour management and building relationships and exploring physical active playtimes. We have also been able to take part in activities organised by 'Stride Active' including netball and play-leaders. Our Y4 netball team had an amazing time and represented our school so well. Our Y5 play-leaders had a super day and have made a start on supporting our youngest children at lunchtime. We have also welcomed Abi from Herefordshire cricket coaching to work with Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 for a 6 week block of coaching, this was really enjoyable and we hope that some of our children can access the excellent local Kington cricket club. We have welcomed Georgie back to Kington for a term of yoga with Year 6 and a small focus group every Tuesday which has been a super opportunity to offer.

Mr. Millington has become our Sports Premium Governor and he and Mrs. Welson have shared the plan for the year and looked for other opportunities to explore sport and activity.

Our Sports Premium money also supports our Sports Council and House leaders as they promote activity across school. Our sports council ran an active playtime challenge for KS2 with prizes awarded in the last week of the Autumn term and will be running one for KS1 once the 'ping pong' challenge is complete! This term's House competition is 'ping pong' and we await the grand final after the holidays to decide the champion! Please be aware that the date for Sports Day is on the school calendar – 6<sup>th</sup> June and reserve 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## Friends of KPS

We have had another busy term.

We started off the fundraising this year with our disco in early March which the children always love and we raised a fantastic **£382.97**.

Last Friday we held our Easter Bingo which raised a fantastic **£426.81**

We have also had a uniform sale which raised **£80**.

We are very pleased that we have been able to support the ELSA / Reception Class with paying for gardening supplies and supporting the coach travel for the Year 3 & 4 trip.

We are also subscribing to Kitt Medical for a 5-year period and paying for the school to have an Emergency Anaphylaxis kit in school for pupil and adult use.

### **Future Events planned so far;**

Summer Fayre- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 3.45pm-5pm

Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre-Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at JP Turners barn

The Friends of KPS would like to thank you for all your support.

## Uniform Update

Thank you for supporting us by following our uniform policy (please find on website) but please can we remind you that children should only wear plain black, white or dark grey socks or tights. They are welcome to wear summer dresses and grey school shorts too.

Please also ensure hairstyles are sensible with only school colours hair bobbles and no tram lines please. It is important that all children feel part of the same team and we can save more colourful and intricate designs for non-uniform days and holidays. Thank you.

Please do ask at the office if you would like to look at our pre-worn uniform selection.

## Values

*January – Hope*

*February – Trust*

*March – Courage and Perseverance*

*April – Respect*

*May – Cooperation*

*June – Responsibility*

*July – bring all the values together*

*September – Kindness and Friendship*

*October – Honesty*

*November – Peace*

*December - Understanding*

*We believe it is essential to have a core set of values that we can all share together. We talk about them in our class and whole school assemblies as well as in our PSHE lessons. Much of our discussions with children centre on these values so everyone understands our expectations.*

*Alongside these focus values we follow 3 whole school rules: **Ready,***

***Respectful and Safe.***

*All of our children are able to demonstrate these rules and values in an age appropriate way across our school and we are very proud of them all.*

Please ensure all **pupils' earrings** are small, plain studs so they are safe and practical in line with our school uniform policy. Anything else is too great a risk as it can easily catch on clothing during playtimes and cause injury to your child and others.

Thank you for your cooperation in this health and safety matter.

Here are some special memories from this term – we have been so busy!! Please take a look at our school blog on our website for more photos.



- Year 2 at Forest School at Hergest
- Year 5 Moving Targets group on stage at the Courtyard and with VE Veterans from the Trefoil Guild
- Year 6 on Science Day
- Year 3 on World Book Day with the Courtyard Drama specialist
- Year 4 ukulele performance
- Year 1 acting out the Magic Porridge Pot
- Year R visiting the butcher's Nursery and Year 4 treasure hunt
- This half term's Achievement Certificate Awardees.



