



Newsletter

July 2025

During July, we celebrate all our school values

Our School Ethos: Developing caring, confident and creative children who achieve excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a fantastic term at Kington Primary, we wanted to take a moment to say a big **thank you** for all your support and to share a few highlights from what's been a very special few weeks.

Firstly, we were absolutely delighted with the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. The inspectors recognised the values, care and community that runs through our school, and we're so proud of the report. It's a real testament to the hard work of our brilliant staff, the wonderful children, and of course, the support we receive from you at home. Thank you for being part of that success.

This term has also been full of joyful learning and memorable moments – from sports day and school trips, to our enrichment mornings and the brilliant KS2 performance. The children have made fantastic progress, and it's been a joy to see their confidence grow.

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next exciting chapter. We'll miss them all and are incredibly proud of the young people they've become (please see photo below).

Please do take the time to read below about the building work we are having done over the summer holiday and how it will affect the drop off and pick up arrangements in September.

Finally, thank you again for everything you do to make Kington Primary such a special place to be. We wish you all a happy, safe and sunny summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Bretherton



Uniform for September

In line with our School Uniform Policy, all children should be in smart uniform with plain black shoes, separate PE uniform and trainers for their PE days. Hair should be smart with no tram lines or hair braids or accessories. The only jewellery allowed are earrings but they should be small simple studs so that they are safe and do not catch on clothing as children play.



Autumn Term 2025 - Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 3rd September – Children back to school (please see Nursery and Reception letters for individual arrangements)

Monday 8th September – all Reception children in all week for full days

11th September – Year 3 Forest School

16th September – Swimming starts for six weeks for Y5 and 6 (Y3/4 after ½ term)

6th October – Individual school photos

15th October – Y3 Water Workshop

**27th October to 31st October
HALF TERM**

17th November – Nasal flu vaccinations YR to YR 6

26th November – Y5 Climate Workshop

4th December – Friends of KPS Pantomime

Nativities and KS2 Christmas Concert tbc

17th December – Christmas Lunch and Y6 Games day

18th December – Class Christmas Parties

19th December - End of Autumn term

Our latest Achievement Certificate winners!



Other news...

Friends of KPS

Events

An absolutely amazing £1505.16 was raised at the Summer Fayre on Friday 27th June. £226.30 was raised at the KS2 Show. We have also had a very successful uniform sale and tuck shop. Thank you so much to our dedicated Friends team and to everyone who supports the Friends.

The year ahead

We are looking forward to planning lots of events in the new academic year. Look out for the texts with the dates for our next disco and Christmas Fayre

We will also once again be using Class Fundraising to support our Christmas fundraising efforts and subsidising our annual pantomime in December which is always so enjoyable.

Once again, thank you for your support in attending or contributing to our fundraising events – please feel free to contact us via the school office if you would like to join our growing team.

Sports News

It has been a really exciting term of sport across school with our annual sports day at Lady Hawkins being a huge success. We were so pleased that so many families were able to come and join us as we competed for our houses. We were pleased to be able to say a huge congratulations to Wales for winning the Reception and Key Stage 1 competition and Scotland for winning the Key Stage 2 event. Throughout the whole morning of sport, we were so proud to see the effort, commitment and encouragement for each other that was obvious from our wonderful children.

We were also thrilled to be able to take 63 children to the Herefordshire Summer Games event at Hereford Leisure Centre. Every team had a super day and showed all of the Kington values and were proud to represent our school at such an important event which featured 2,000 young people! We have been excited to find out that our Y4 Arena team won the Hereford squash challenge!

We would like to thank Mr. Tom Axon who has been our sports coach on a Friday and has worked with such lovely dedication and passion for encouraging engagement with sports.

PE Days – Autumn 1st Half

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.

House Team Values Beads 2024-2025



Value/month	England	Ireland	Scotland	Wales
September Kindness and Friendship	315	235	324	362
October Honesty	269	269	334	269
November Peace	208	280	345	328
December Understanding	337	339	325	334
January Hope	190	230	226	186
February Trust	260	222	265	250
March Courage and Perseverance	137	109	130	140
April Respect	185	137	183	137
May Cooperation	326	239	260	319
June Responsibility	2223	2060	2392	2325
July All the values				
Running Total				

Seeing our 'values in action' around the school has meant children have earned beads and vouchers for the Values Jar. Each month, our House Captains have counted the beads and present the totals in assembly. This year, our House winners were Scotland but here's the tally for the other months in the year too.

Forest School now run in 4 week blocks

Year 3 - start Wed 10th September

PE Days for Autumn Term 1st half

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Year 1		Reception	Year 1	Year 5	Reception
Year 2		Year 3	Year 4	Year 6	Year 2
Year 4		Year 5 and 6 (Both swimming and non-swimming groups)			Year 3

Building work - the summer holidays & autumn term:

As well as the new therapy and hygiene that is being built along the back of the new KS2 corridor, we will also be having some damp reparation work done inside different areas of the school. Some of our stone window sills will be replaced in the Victorian parts of the building as well as some much-needed re-pointing of the brick work. With the exception of the new build, which will continue until around November, this should all be completed by the end of the summer holidays.

Please note the changes to entry and exit points for the different year groups as there will be no link corridor so the current Year 5 and 6 block will be accessed in different ways.

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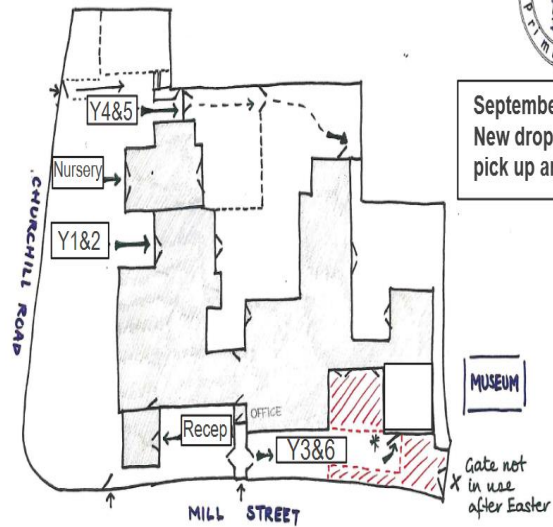
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September 2025
New drop off and
pick up arrangements



* New door into Club room

▨ Newly restricted area

→ Entry for different year groups (exit also)

Attendance

We are aware that this is the time of year that some families are planning and booking holidays, and we need to remind you of our school policy and procedures.

School has high expectations for attendance, and we are keen to support our pupils to take advantage of their educational opportunities. Our policy states every child should attend every day that they are required to attend.

Absence for leave in term time may only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The application for leave must be made in advance and in line with our attendance policy. The Head teacher will consider each individual request but must be satisfied that there are truly exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstances of the case.

From all of the staff and governors of Kington Primary School, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. We will see you back in school on Wednesday 3rd September!