



Newsletter

July 2024



During July, we celebrate all our school values

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

We are so proud of all of our pupils this year and the hard work and dedication they have shown to their learning. It has been great to see the increase in pupils achieving 98-100% attendance for the half term and full term this year; as well as an increase in pupils achieving 100% attendance for the full year. Well done to Peri for winning the high attendance draw and to Year One who won the class attendance prize again.

It has also been fantastic to see pupils representing our school at events across the county including in sport at the Summer Games and at the Tag Rugby tournament at Luctonians.

We would like to extend our heartfelt best wishes and thanks to Mrs Turner and Miss Pitt who are leaving us this year and we wish them well although I'm sure we will see them again very soon! Thank you to all our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication this year and to our governors and parents for their much appreciated support. It is a joy to work with you all!

Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils who leave us today to move to secondary school. I am sure that you will all continue to impress with your attitude to learning in Year 7.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Mrs Bretherton

Our latest Achievement Certificate winners!



Coming back in September

Please can we ask that all children are in smart uniform and proper black shoes with separate PE uniform and trainers for their PE days. Hair should be smart with no tram lines or hair braids or accessories. Earrings should be small simple studs and not characters, rings or shapes that can catch on clothing as they play.

When we come back, Nursery and Year and 1 and 2 children can wait with parents or carers on the large playground while Years 3 to 6 are dropped off at the main gate to wait with the teacher on duty. Reception children wait in the small playground to the left of the main gate.

Autumn Term 2024 - Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 4th September – Children back to school

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Nursery 'Stay and Play' Sessions
New Reception Children Start

(Please see your child's letter from the Nursery or Reception staff to see when your own child starts)

Monday 9th September – all Reception children in for full days

11th September – Year 4 Forest School

13th September – Friend of KPS Uniform sale (after school)

16th September –Swimming starts for six weeks for Y5 and 6

18th September – Nasal flu vaccinations YR to Y6

26th September – Parent Forum 2.30pm

2nd October – Individual school photos

22nd October – EYFS/KS1 parent workshop 1.30 to 3.30pm
'Understanding your child'

28th October to 1st November
HALF TERM

7th November – KS2 parent workshop 1.30 to 3.30pm 'Understanding the teenage brain'

8th November – FKPS School Disco

28th November – Parent Forum 9.30am

29th November – Friends of KPS Christmas Bingo

5th December – Friends of KPS Pantomime

18th December – Christmas Lunch and Y6 Games day

19th December – Class Christmas Parties

20th December - End of Autumn term

Other news...

Friends of KPS

School Fayre

An absolutely amazing £1337.18 was raised at the Summer Fayre on Friday 28th June. Thank you so much to our dedicated Friends team and to everyone who helped and came along to support the school.

The year ahead

Exciting Friends of KPS future events include....

- Friday 13th September - Pre-loved Uniform Sale
- Friday 18th October - School Disco
- Friday 29th November Christmas Bingo

We will also once again be using Class Fundraising to support our Christmas fundraising efforts.

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 us.

Sports News

As a school we have been enjoying so many sporting opportunities this term including the ‘Bunny Run’ to help raise money for our school; children from Years 3 and 4 attending the Herefordshire values games; Years 1 and 2 swimming in Presteigne for 6 weeks of lessons; our older children taking part in ‘Tag Fest’, Years 1 and 2 taking part in the Herefordshire multi-skills event with children from Years 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 all attending the Herefordshire summer games on Wednesday 3rd July. The visibility and importance which we, as a school, attach to physical activity is really important and we continue to reflect this through the sports board, weekly sporting headteacher sticker and our Sports Council.

Our Sports Council recently met with Mr Philip Sell, Kington’s mayor, when he spoke to them alongside the School Council to help them to understand how a council works, the organisation of meetings and how decisions are made.

We continue to work alongside ‘Superstars’ across school on a Friday although we had to say ‘goodbye and good luck’ to Mr Will Haines as he had secured a job with Everton FC in the USA! We have been happy to welcome Mr Tom Axon as his replacement for this term. Lastly, we have recently celebrated a wonderful morning of sports with our annual sports day which was incredibly well supported by our families and the children loved the whole experience.

PE Days – Autumn 1st Half

PE days for autumn term - 1st Half

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Year 2 Year 4	Reception Year 1 Year 5 Year 6	Year 5 Year 6	Year 3	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4

Parents Forum

The next Parents Forum will be held on Wednesday 26th September at 2.30pm. Please do come along if you can for a coffee and a chat. We plan to discuss:

- Promoting good behaviour throughout our school and beyond into the community

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.

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 Ireland but here’s the tally for the other months in the year too.

Value/month	England	Ireland	Scotland	Wales
September Kindness and Friendship	123	109	99	65
October Honesty	62	81	70	53
November Peace	70	108	74	72
December Understanding	120	100	106	87
January Hope	193	186	216	218
February Trust	133	109	112	125
March Courage and Perseverance	115	125	131	121
April Respect	138	155	145	154
May Cooperation	127	147	151	140
June Responsibility	213	164	171	186
July All the values	114	142	146	151
Running Total	1408	1426	1421	1372

Forest School

Autumn 1st Half = Year 4

Autumn 2nd Half = Year 5

Punctuality – a change for next

year:

From September, we will be implementing a Late Book in the office that parents will need to sign if your child arrives late. This is to encourage all pupils to arrive on time so that they are ready and settled to come in with their friends at 8.55am. Please support your child's learning by making sure they are here a few minutes before the start of the day. Thank you.



**- Kington Creations -
St Mary's Lego Club**

Thousands of bricks, Lots of mini figures, Loads of fun!

Wednesday 24th July
3:30 – 5:00 pm

St Mary's Church Kington
Young children to be accompanied by an adult please
Refreshments available

legoclub.Kington@gmail.com

Having fun creating together

Stay Safe Over the Summer:

As we enter the summer break, it is important to keep the safety and well-being of all our children at the forefront. We kindly request that you talk with your children regarding outdoor safety, water safety, and road safety so that they can enjoy positive, outdoor activities with you and in the community.

Keep Practising Reading and Number Skills:

Although our pupils will be enjoying a well-deserved break, we encourage them to keep up with their reading and number skills. Reading throughout the summer helps to maintain progress and fosters a love for learning. Kington Library will be running their Reading Challenge again over the summer so please do visit the library which is open Tuesdays 9:30 to 6pm (closed between 1 & 2pm) and Thursday to Saturday 9:30 to 1pm (see below). We also recommend practicing number skills through games, puzzles, and daily life activities to ensure their mathematical abilities stay sharp. It is really important that our KS2 children continue to practise their multiplication skills on Times Tables Rock Stars at least three times a week too.

Unleash Your Creativity with the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge returns to Herefordshire Libraries with an exciting new theme for 2024 - Marvellous Makers!

Developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with Herefordshire Libraries, this year's Challenge celebrates children's creativity and storytelling abilities.

From craft activities, puppet theatre shows, science workstations, WildPlay to Storytimes and workshops with award winning illustrators the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge will provide plenty of opportunities for children to explore their imagination and unlock their inner maker through the power of reading. Join in with the celebrations on 'Sign Up Saturday' by collecting your free Summer Reading Challenge pack and selecting your books!

Details of all events can be found on the Herefordshire Libraries website including a Fizz Pop Science Workshop at Kington Library on 1st August.



**From all the staff at Kington Primary School, enjoy the summer break
and we will see you on Wednesday 6th September!**