KINGSHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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October 2026 Newsletter

Headteacher's Update

What an incredible first half-term we have had at Kingshurst! Over the summer, the school saw a bit of a face lift, with painting, furniture and our fabulous new wall vinyls – all focusing on our school values. Our new mascots: Ollie (Respect), Tara (Resilience) and Lennie (Aspiration) have been a real hit!

We have also seen big steps forward in terms of the work in pupils' books – so much care and attention is going into those foundational skills like presentation, pencil grip, spelling, punctuation and grammar. We are seeing so much pride being taken by our pupils – well done!

As we look ahead to the half-term break, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their support. We absolutely love having your children in school; they are the shining light of Kingshurst.

We have had lots of brilliant achievement this half-term – some individual success in ice skating, karate and more, as well as some team success – the girls' football team's medals shone brightly in the last week of term!

I am so proud to be your headteacher; our staff team is so committed, doing their best for your children every day. We will not stop trying to improve our school for you and our pupils – thank you for your support. With that in mind, I would like to remind parents and carers about our uniform expectations, with a particular mention of shoes and trousers – please check out the website or Class Dojo for more information.

Excitingly, after half-term, we see the return of streaks! We will be keeping an eye on those who build their streaks for our prize draws, and those who can improve their attendance, getting ready for the end of term discos!

With that, all the learning and the Christmas Fair, I am sure, like me, you cannot wait to come back!

Mr Dawes
Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 22nd October
School finishes for the half-term break

Friday 23rd October
School closed to pupils - **Inset Day**

Monday 2nd November
School re-opens to pupils for the new half-term

Friday 18th December
School finishes for the Christmas break

Tuesday 5th January 2027
School re-opens to pupils for the new term

Parents and carers will be notified of any additions and changes to these dates as soon as possible.



Remember to Stay connected and discover all the amazing things happening in your child's class by following their Class Story on **Class Dojo!** Also keep your eyes peeled for our new and improved school website coming soon!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT KINGSHURST



Our recent trips so far this Autumn term have been a great success. Our Year 2 pupils visited the beautiful medieaval Warwick Castle where the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning about past Kings and Queens following their history lesson topic in school earlier in the year.



Some of our Year 3 and 4 children had an absolutely amazing few days on the recent residential trip to Boreatton Park, Shropshire! From adventurous activities, team challenges and games, to exploring, making memories and lots of laughter, the children absolutely threw themselves into everything. We saw children challenge themselves, overcome their fears, work together as a team, support each other and try things they may never have done before. A HUGE WELL DONE to our amazing Year 3 and 4 children - What a memorable trip!





Tiger Class have had an amazing first half term. The children have settled beautifully into their new routines, made new friendships and are growing in confidence and independence every day. Our strong communication and partnership with parents have made such a positive difference, helping us to support the children as they begin their nursery journey. Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We are really looking forward to an exciting next half term, starting off by exploring bonfire night and Diwali. Also celebrating Nursery Rhyme week when we will be inviting staff across the school to come along and introduce themselves to Tiger Class and share a nursery rhyme with us. We can't wait!

(Please see the intake information below if you are interested in a Nursery or Reception place at our school)

INTAKE 2027 - APPLY NOW!



NURSERY

WE ARE NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2027 FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE TURNED 3 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE 1ST SEPTEMBER 2027.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACE:

HTTPS://FORMS.CLOUD.MICROSOFT/E/GCZMH3ZHJL

WE WILL BE HOLDING AN OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO VISIT OUR WONDERFUL PROVISION. WE DO HAVE SPACES FOR CHILDREN TO JOIN OUR NURSERY DURING THIS YEAR, JOINING US THE TERM AFTER THEY HAVE TURNED 3 IN EITHER JANUARY 2027 OR APRIL 2027.

WE WILL BE CONTACTING THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY APPLIED SHORTLY TO CONFIRM THE START DATES.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING THE CHILDREN AS THEY START THEIR SCHOOL JOURNEY WITH US.



RECEPTION



A reminder that you can apply for your Child's Reception place now via Solihull Council through their website:

https://www.solihull.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/starting-primary-or-secondary-school

Please see information below - **all children need to apply for a place even if they are already in our school nursery**. We look forward to your children starting or continuing their learning journey with us in September 2027!

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 start full time school in September '27.

You can apply online if you live in Solihull - The closing date for applications is 15 January 2027 and offers will be made on 16 April 2027. You can apply for up to 5 schools. (Please note: Children attending the nursery do not usually have a higher priority for getting a Reception place.)

TEAM KINGSHURST

SPORTS NEWS



Our football teams had a fantastic start to the year, playing in the North Solihull Sport 4-A-Side Football League recently.

The girls team achieved a varied score line over their last 3 games - by winning one, losing one and drawing another. They also took part in a football tournament last Monday coming a well deserved 3rd place and were also given the opportunity to meet some of the BCFC Womens team players. **The boys team** drew at all 3 of their matches and also won 3-0 on Monday at their match against Marston Green. Both our teams have played brilliantly and represented the school really well by showing our school core values - **Resilience, Aspiration and Respect.** Well done everyone - keep it up!



ON YOUR BIKES!



Many of our Year 4 and 5 pupils completed their 'Bikeability Learn to Ride' lessons recently, gaining either their level 1 or level 2 award. Well done to you all and happy cycling!

RECENT NEWS UPDATE



A huge thank you to all our wonderful families for the generous donations towards our harvest Collection!
We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by our school community. All donations will go towards supporting families in need, helping to make a difference to those who may need a little extra support. 🥫❤️

It was lovely getting to know you all properly at parent's evening last week, and having time to discuss your child's progress so far this term. We all are looking forward to watching the children grow and flourish over the rest of the school year.



HELLO YELLOW DAY - FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Last Week we wore yellow to school to show our support for **YoungMinds,** a charity dedicated to supporting children and young people's mental health 💛

Alongside raising funds for this amazing cause, the children also enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon packed with activities, colouring and games! 🎨🧩

It was lovely to see so many smiles, lots of laughter and happy faces throughout the day! 😊

Mental Health matters, and it's so important that our children know it's okay to talk about their feelings, ask for help and remember that they are never alone. 💛



We raised over £190 for this worthy cause. THANK YOU ALL - Your generosity is always very much appriciated.

REMINDER - Please Keep Us Informed..

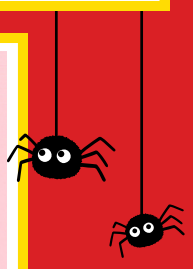
..of any changes to your contact details from over the summer break, e.g. phone numbers, email addresses, contact names etc. and also of any changes to your child's ongoing medication. Keeping your information updated, enables us to contact you if or when needed, especially in an emergency or if your child is unwell whilst at school.













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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

REMEMBER, REMEMBER..

STAY SAFE

..on the 5th of November - please stay safe around fireworks by always following these important rules:





- **Only adults should light fireworks**, at arm's length, with a long taper and standing well back
- Keep naked **flames away from all fireworks**
- **Never return** to a firework once it has been lit
- **Always hold sparklers with gloved hands,** and under adult supervision
- **Never** put fireworks in pockets, **never** throw them!
- Stay a **safe distance away** from bonfires

A FEW REMINDERS...

Children should be bringing a named, full water bottle (water only please) into school each day. This should be a refillable type bottle, that can be filled as needed, during the school day.



Also, please ensure that any uniform or items brought in to school are clearly labelled with your child's name, so that they can be easily identified and returned to them if found around school. Uniform and other items can be very expensive to replace!



A huge thank you to all who attended our latest **Buttercups Go Wild** session last week, which was full of Halloween fun, laughter and spooky adventures for the children (and their adults too!). It is always great to see the local community connecting with other families, making new friendships and creating a welcoming space for everyone. Look out for more sessions coming soon - adults with children aged 2 or 3 years are welcome to come along and help our new Buttercups family grow!





ROAD SAFETY

During the winter months, shorter days and reduced daylight can make it more difficult for drivers and other road users to see pedestrians. This is particularly important during busy school and nursery drop-off and pick-up times, when traffic levels are higher and visibility is often poorer.



To help keep your child safe, it is essential that they are clearly visible when walking near roads, especially in low-light conditions. Wearing bright or fluorescent clothing during the day can significantly improve visibility. This could be as simple as a fluorescent strip on a coat, a high-visibility vest, or a bright patch attached to a school bag.

These small measures can make a big difference in helping drivers spot children sooner and reducing the risk of accidents.

Further road safety information can be found at Road Safety For Children | Child Accident Prevention Trust

BE SMART ONLINE





SMART Rules - How To Stay Safe Online!

- **S**afe**:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and passwords.
- **M**eet**:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.
- **A**ccepting**:** Accepting emails, messages, or opening fi les, images or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems — they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- **R**eliable**:** Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the intemet may not be true. Always check information by
- **T**ell**:** Tell a parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: BE-IN-TO-WIN

HERE ARE OUR TOTAL CLASS ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2026

EY & PHASE 1

Tiger	**94.5%**
Elmer	**91.9%**
Gruffalo	**92.8%**
Hedgehog	**91.3%**
Badger	**93.7%**

PHASE 2

Fox	**88.9%**
Otter	**96.5%**
Deer	**89.8%**
Owl	**96.9%**
Mercury	**93.9%**
Venus	**92.0%**

PHASE 3

Mars	**91.4%**
Jupiter	**93.3%**
Neptune	**93.2%**
Saturn	**92.3%**
Galaxy	**95.1%**

THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE SO FAR IS...

OWL



OUR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS:



96%



WILL <u>YOU</u> BE AN ATTENDANCE H.E.R.O AND 'BE-IN-TO-WIN' AGAIN NEXT HALF TERM?

LET'S AIM TO REACH OUR TARGET AND BEAT OUR PREVIOUS FIGURES!

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