



Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic first half-term we have had at Kingshurst - my first as your headteacher! I have absolutely loved my time with the pupils and staff so far – I am incredibly proud to be here.

Our pupils have shown fantastic Resilience this half-term, with some impressive attendance figures – well done all!

Our Reception pupils completed their baseline assessment and our Year 6 pupils completed their baselines too, giving us a snapshot of how they are getting on.

Aspiration has been on display for so many of our pupils. Whether it is the football team achieving victories, our author visits opening eyes to new pathways or our weekly rewards assemblies recognising superstars, it has been fabulous!

I am blown away by the Respect and kindness shown by our pupils each and every day. They are learning what it means to be a good friend, pupil and person – it is so heart-warming to see.

This half-term has also seen the launch of our Flourishing Futures programme. When Oakley visited us in September, I had no idea what was to come. Now, we are in full flow with our first block, with such an incredible array of sessions for our pupils to enjoy. The goal is to broaden horizons and learn new skills – there is so much going on, as well as so much positivity.

Finally, I want to thank all parents for their support; it has been lovely to meet so many of you. I want to thank our wonderful pupils for making me feel at home here. I want to thank our brilliant staff team for tirelessly working to support our children. Finally, I want to thank my leadership team for their phenomenal support and for making me feel welcome.

Have a great break!



Dates For Your Diary

<i>School finishes for Autumn break</i>	<i>Friday 24th October</i>
<i>School re-opens to pupils</i>	<i>Monday 3rd November</i>
<i>School closes for Christmas break</i>	<i>Friday 19th December</i>
<i>School re-opens for Spring Term</i>	<i>Monday 5th January '26</i>



Nursery Place Applications - 2025/26



Don't forget to apply online for Nursery places for your little ones, ready for the 2025/6 intake. We can accept children from the term after their 3rd birthday and we are now taking applications for the January, April and September 2026 intake.

Also, you can still book your current Nursery child in for the afternoon sessions which will also help with their transition into Reception class next September. Please click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4z6r9hxf> for details on the **30 hours extended Nursery entitlement**, and also on the link below to apply for a place: <https://tinyurl.com/4ywpipuf>

Keeping Children Safe Online



Just a reminder that it is always very important to understand how to keep children safe whilst they are online, especially during the school holidays when staying in touch with their friends. Please remind your child that the internet is not a private space and to be careful what information they share. For more details about staying safe online, please click on the following link:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

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

Only adults should light fireworks, and at **arm's length**, with a long taper and then **stand well back**.
Keep **naked flames away** from all fireworks.
Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
Never put fireworks in pockets and **never** throw them.





Although it may seem a while away, you can now apply for your child's place to start in our Reception class in September 2026. This is for all children born between September 2021 and August 2022.

You can apply via Solihull Council on the link below.

(Please note You will need to register for an account if you haven't already got one)

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

We look forward to lots of our Nursery children continuing their school journey with us and welcoming some new children. If you have any issues applying, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

A BIG NURSERY 'THANK YOU'!

We would like to say a HUGE WELL DONE to all our Nursery children who have settled in well and also a big thank you to their parents for being very supportive with their child's start in school life. We receive great communication from parents/carers via dojo and also when greeting them at the classroom door each day. This is together with brilliant contributions to the children's learning by completing a home "colour monster project". It was also lovely to see the children bringing in colourful autumn leaves for us to explore and sending in family photos for group discussions. The great response in weekly shared reading with parents making comments in the reading records and showing great support with their child's communication, language and understanding development at home is fantastic, so once again, a BIG THANK YOU from the Nursery team to everyone for your support, it really is very much appreciated.



Kingshurst Parish Council will be hosting an event on **Thursday 13th November** at the Seeds of Hope Centre, Kingshurst, where the plans for the new Kingshurst Village Development project will be on display. The event will be from 1pm – 7:00pm with images of the project, which will include a community centre, dentist, health centre and more. Everyone is welcome to come along and take a look. Local Councillors will also be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

Solihull Family Hubs
Local support and activities for children, young people, parents, and carers

Evergreen (Kingshurst)
42 Kingshurst Way, B37 6DX
evergreen@solihull.gov.uk
0121 779 1724

Elmwood (Smith's Wood)
37 Burtons Way, B36 0UG
elmwood@solihull.gov.uk
0121 779 1700

Riverside (Chelmsley Wood)
289 Bosworth Drive, B37 5DP
riverside@solihull.gov.uk
0121 779 1750

Hatchford Brook (Eldon)
Old Lodge Lane, B92 8JE
hatchfordbrook@solihull.gov.uk
0121 704 6943

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www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs
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Scan the QR code

HAPPY DIWALI

We hope that everyone who celebrated Diwali this week, enjoyed all of the bright and colourful festivities surrounding this beautiful celebration, and that you had chance to share it with family and friends.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS...

As Christmas is creeping up on us so fast, preparations are now under way for this year's Christmas Fair to be held on:

Wednesday 3rd December at 3.00pm

(Please note - School will close early at 2pm on this day to give us time to set up all the exciting stalls).

We will be asking for various donations to sell and we will be holding non-uniform days to help with this. These dates will be sent out to parents/carers over soon, so please keep a look out on your child's class dojo for more information.





WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS HALF-TERM?

School Trips/Visits

The **Year 3 & 4** residential trip to Dearne Valley was a great success and was very much enjoyed by children and staff alike, joining in with the many exciting outdoor activities on offer. Mrs Salt, Miss Hall and Miss Brown said the children were a pleasure to take on the trip and were all very well behaved – so well done to them all.



Fundraising Events

The Book Fair visited school again last week  and was again very successful, raising lots of commission to spend on new books for our school library. We also held a Coffee Morning selling refreshments and yummy cakes (both homemade and shop bought) and raised £82.56 for the Macmillan Cancer charity. Your food donations for Harvest were gratefully received and have been distributed to local charities for those in need. Also, school looked very bright recently as we wore something yellow for 'Hello Yellow' day on Thursday 9th October, raising £225 in donations towards MIND mental health charity. A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported all of these events, your generosity is always very much appreciated.



Sporting Superstars

A huge congratulations to our Boys football team on their win last week against Coleshill Heath. The boys showed great teamwork, encouragement and respect throughout the match, finishing 7-0 winners! Well played boys – Keep it up!



Parents/Carers Consultations

It was lovely to meet Parents and Carers at the Consultation Day on 15th October and we hope that you found the meeting with your child's class teacher very informative. However, if you still have any questions regarding the appointment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher who can hopefully help with or discuss any queries and issues with you.

Flourishing Futures



The children have been very excited to begin our all new **Flourishing Futures Programme** and are ready to show off their skills each Friday afternoon in school. These include activities such as Bake to the Future, Hair Haven, Style Studio, BSL Warriors, Fighting Fit, Music Mayhem, News Makers, Soap Stars, Emergency Services to the Rescue and many more. It's amazing to see the children's enthusiasm when engaging in these extra-curricular activities each week.



Congratulations are on the Menu!

Great news...we are proud yet again to share that our school Kitchen team have achieved a much deserved **5 Star Food Hygiene rating** in their recent inspection. We have fabulous kitchen staff who all work hard to prepare nutritious and delicious food for the children and staff each day. Well done to Helen and all of her team.



And now for some scarily funny Halloween jokes....

- Q) What musical instrument does a skeleton like to play?
- Q) Why do witches wear name tags?
- Q) How do you make a witch itch?



- A) A Trom-Bone
- A) So we know which witch is which!
- A) Take away the 'w'

