



Headteacher's Update

Wow! What an extraordinary term! My first term as your Headteacher feels like it has flown by – I cannot express how much I have enjoyed every part of working at Kingshurst. I have been blown away by how wonderful so many of our pupils are – their enthusiasm, resilience, respect and curiosity has been amazing to see. To our brilliant staff team – their commitment to your children and their education has been thrilling – the skill level of our teaching and support staff is incredible.

Finally, to the parents and carers of our children. Thank you all for your support – I have been so impressed at how collaborative you have been; this is a place where we want to work together to support everyone – I hope we can continue to build this strong relationship as the year goes on. So much has happened this term, it would be impossible to cover it all, but going back through my weekly Newsletters, I wanted to pick out some highlights. Our rewards assemblies continue to be a real treat each week – it was lovely to give out selection boxes to attendance superstars and each class's Dojo leader this week. We launched the fantastic Flourishing Futures programme, offering transformative opportunities. We had so much sporting content this term too – football, swimming, rowing, gymnastics and more! We've had so many special days – Harvest, Hello Yellow, author visits, Forest School, Greener School Awards, Children in Need and more!

There have been some amazing trips – from our residential at the start of the year, to the Space Centre for Year 5 on the last day of term! We had our spectacular Christmas Fair, which raised well over a thousand pounds for our school, and all the terrific festivities at the end of term.

It remains for me to simply say – thank you. Thank you for all of your support; I am so grateful. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – see you bright and early on 5th January.



Reception Applications For 2026



As we are heading into the busy Christmas season, the closing date for Reception applications for the September 2026 intake is fast approaching.

The closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**. Any applications received after this date will be processed later than the applications that were received on time. Please note that applying late can affect the offer that parents can expect to get.

So, please ensure to apply in plenty of time! This is very simple to do and parents can access the reception application portal using the following link: [Starting primary or secondary school | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/starting-primary-or-secondary-school)

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

JUST A REMINDER:

Our **FREE OF CHARGE** breakfast club will continue each morning from January in the hall but will start **AT THE NEW TIME OF 8.00am**. The club is open to children in Nursery to Year 6. There is no need to book your place - Children can simply turn up to the hall for a nutritious filling breakfast to kickstart their day!



A LITTLE NOTE FROM NURSERY

We would like to share with you what a wonderful and successful start the children have had to their nursery life. They are all on a very exciting learning journey which we, as teachers, are excited to facilitate and be on board for the exciting ride. Just a reminder for January that Nursery has now split into 2 classes: **Bluebells with Miss Thompson** and **Snowdrops with Mrs O'Brien**. Also, can we remind you that all children should come to Nursery with a school bag every day (containing spare clothes – labelled, together with a full water bottle (named) and to always check on DOJO for weekly reminders/key events/dates. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary



<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>
<i>School closes for half term break</i>	<i>Friday 13th February</i>
<i>INSET DAY – School closed</i>	<i>Monday 23rd February</i>
<i>School re-opens to pupils</i>	<i>Tuesday 24th February</i>





KINGSHURST SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

This half term has been packed with sporting action and plenty of achievements to celebrate!

Rowing Success -



Our Year 5 and 6 girls, boys and mixed teams represented the school brilliantly at the North Solihull Sports School Games. They powered through the heats to reach the finals, showing determination and resilience against tough competition.

Infant Agility Event - Year 2 pupils enthusiastically took part in the Infant Agility Festival, first at school and then at The Coleshill School, competing alongside other Solihull schools. Their running, jumping, and throwing skills improved with every attempt. A special thank you to Year 6, who did a superb job helping to run the event.



Football Fixtures - Our football teams have been busy too! The girls and boys 4-a-side squads impressed across two evenings at North Solihull Sports Centre, while the boys 7-a-side team competed in both the North Solihull League and the Borough Cup, with some fantastic results. They showed excellent team effort and sportsmanship on the field. We would also like to share that we are also still unbeaten in the league!



12 DAYS OF FITMAS

Every class joined in the annual North Solihull Sports Fitmas, enjoying daily festive activities designed to keep pupils moving for 60 minutes each day. "Santa Says" and the bobsleigh challenge proved to be firm favourites — ask the children to demonstrate at home!

New Daily Mile Track - We are delighted to announce the addition of two new playground tracks, funded by the Daily Mile Foundation and London Marathon Events—one for wet weather and one for dry. Pupils are already making great use of them, and we look forward to many more exciting marathon-inspired activities throughout the year.



Keeping Children Safe Online at Christmas

As some children will be receiving electronic gifts this Christmas, such as I-pads, laptops, laptops, games consoles etc, it is always very important to understand how to keep them safe whilst they are online, especially during the school holidays when they like to stay in contact with their friends. There are lots of interesting things for children to enjoy online but **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, please click on the following link:

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



TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STARS (and angels and shepherds..)

A BIG WELL DONE to all our budding actors and singers as they sparkled and shone on stage in their Nativity Plays and Singing Concerts. We know Christmas is near when we hear festive songs being practiced in the hall and see



little angels, stars, shepherds (and not forgetting Mary and Joseph) walking around school. They were amazing and we are sure you are as proud of them as we are.

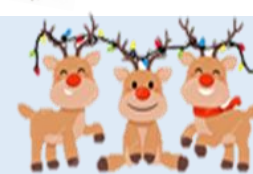


...And now for a little festive fun:

Where do snowmen do their Christmas shopping?
What is the name of Father Christmas's dog?
What do Santa's elves learn in school?
What did Santa say to his snowman friend?



On the Winter-net
Santa Paws
The elf-abet
You're so cool!



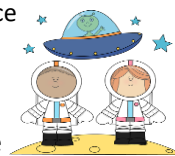


WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS HALF-TERM?

School Trips/Visits

The **Year 6** trip to the **West Midlands Police Museum** was enjoyed by all. They got to meet members of the West Midlands Police and were given the opportunity to see what happens within a real police station. They even got the chance to take a look at the police cells. We are glad to say, the visit went smoothly, with no arrests made!

Year 5 are visiting the **Space Centre today**. We are sure they will have a brilliant trip that is 'out of this world' and will have lots of space facts to tell you on their return. Last week, a number of children visited a local care home and spread some Christmas joy by playing games, singing and chatting to the residents. This was an enjoyable experience for the children, staff and residents at the Ann Marie Howes Care Home in Sheldon. Thank you to them for accommodating us for the afternoon.



Fundraising Events

The **Christmas Fair** was again a great success, with many stalls, tasty food and festive fun, raising over **£1,250** for our school fund. A big thank you to all the staff and stall holders displaying and selling their fantastic array of gifts and crafts and also to everyone who donated items for our stalls. It was lovely to see many of you coming back to the fair after school to spend their well-earned cash. We hope you managed to grab a bargain or two, win a prize from a tombola stall or even visit Santa! Hopefully you all had as much fun as we did. We also raised a fantastic **£240** on our Children in Need non-uniform day. Thank you for your kind donations.



Flourishing Futures



The children have now completed their **Flourishing Futures Programme**. Their skills shone through each Friday afternoon in school with activities such as baking, hairstyling, fashion, fitness, learning sign language, music, emergency services and many more. It was brilliant to see the children's enthusiasm when showing off their talents and putting them to the test in school. We are sure there will be a budding Vidal Sassoon, Ed Sheeran or Jamie Oliver among our pupils at Kingshurst in the future.

Christmas is on the Menu

Christmas Jumper Day – 11th December. It was great to see all the different colours, styles and patterns of the Christmas jumpers around school. This day is always a hit with both children and staff alike. On Wednesday, our school cook and kitchen staff prepared a delicious **Christmas Lunch** for us. The children enjoyed their Christmas lunch with their classmates and friends. An enjoyable day was had by all.

