

# HERE'S THE NEWS

Our School vision is:

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Welcome back everyone!

It has been great to get back into the swing of school life again after the summer holidays. I know that lots of the children have been lucky enough to watch some of the women's rugby world cup being played at Franklin Gardens, it's fantastic to have this on our doorstep.

It has been great to hear about all the different experiences the children have had over the summer. I am happy to say that everyone has settled back into school really well.

Our new topics are underway for the term and this week our Legacy Sports Clubs re-started. Our new After School Club, delivered by Pacesetters, is also up and running and there are places available in both our Sports Clubs and After School Club and our Breakfast Club.

Our new children in reception have been coming into school part-time and the teachers are enjoying getting to know our youngest learners.

Welcome to all our new parents at KVPS.

## Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Our value for this term (voted by the children) is **TRUST** and we will be collecting our pebbles to go towards the new whole school reward.

Our School Council representatives will shortly be nominated to support the school and give the children a voice.



A huge thank you to Mr Wilkinson and Mr Niclas for building many of the new bikes we have bought for our Reception children to use when it is time for Balanceability. The school now has our own resource's for Balanceability which was very successful last year.



This year each class will invite their parents to attend a short "Show and Tell" style assembly. After the assembly the children will share their books and learning with their adults. This has come about from a recent survey which identified that parents would like further opportunities to know how their children are doing at school rather than just parents evening appointments. By the end of the school year all parents will have been invited in.



Our learning lines that we use in the classrooms are being relaunched this term. Our first few assemblies this term have focussed on what learning is and how the children can talk about their learning at school. Our school definition of learning is “a change to long term memory”. Please continue to ask your child(ren) regularly what they have learnt at school, especially over the next few weeks.



Congratulations to all the children that completed the ‘Summer Reading Challenge’ linked to Kingsthorpe Library. I know that lots of our families are accessing the library and each class this year will get to visit as we are developing some excellent links with this local resource.

Please remember that the children are expected to be heard read at least three times each week and get their reading records signed which the teachers check weekly.



During last summer term, the children planted pumpkins in their class beds and over the summer they have grown amazingly. Thank you to Hong and her team for watering these over the holiday. The children will continue to nurture their pumpkins leading up to harvest.

Finally, we have a busy term planned for the children and are looking forward to this term's learning. Please remember that communication with your class teacher can be through the reading diary, contacting the school office, speaking to the teachers after school or simply speaking with senior leaders that are outside during school drop offs and pick up.

**Mr Brian Gwynne**  
**Headteacher**

### **Great Start!**

What a start to the year Year 6 have had. They have thrown themselves into their writing and up-levering sentences before enjoying their WOW day to launch our new topic ‘The Americas’. We started by learning some Spanish phrases before trying some Samba and Salsa dancing. We ended the day doing abstract art inspired by Helen Frankenthaler. A lot of thought went into these and some great ideas for titles for their pieces came up too.

**Mrs Bushell**  
**Year 6**

### **Reading Ambassadors**

We have chosen a group of Reading Ambassadors to help us to continue to support and drive reading at our school. Thank you to everyone who applied for this role and well done to Ghalia, Mia, Charlie, Heidi, Melody, Nymm, Cecily, Arty, Finlay, Luna, Rosa and Juniper who were chosen to be Reading Ambassadors.

We have had our first meeting this week and have already started planning to spend time organising the library and updating the library displays.

**Mrs Cater**  
**Year 2**



### **Exciting Art News!**

This year will see KVPS embark on a really special art project. We are partnering with a local charity called 'The Lewis Foundation'. They do a fantastic job in raising money to provide free gift packs to patients in cancer wards locally and beyond. The charity founders, Lorraine and Lee Lewis, will be kickstarting our partnership with a special assembly in October and we can't wait to welcome them in!

Here at KVPS, we are always keen to show our kindness and creativity, so we will be using our art skills to decorate postcards which will be included in each gift pack they donate. The artwork will evoke bravery, hope, calm and more, hopefully giving each patient a reason to feel strong and smile.

We love to share what we do with our school community so we will be holding local exhibitions during the course of the year at The Elgar Centre in Upton where The Lewis Foundation have a café and have kindly donated some viewing space. We hope that you can join us in looking at the work. More details for this will follow and special invites will be sent out nearer the time.

Please help us to support our wonderful children and a really great cause.

<https://www.thelewisfoundation.co.uk/>



### **Harvest Festival**

We are holding our Harvest celebrations during the week of Monday 29th September 2025. The children will be attending a special assembly with Mr Gwynne at school with Harvest songs and readings by each class.

As part of the week, we would like to ask you to donate food that the Year 6 children will deliver to St John the Baptist church. This needs to be a non-perishable item such as tins of vegetables or soup; packets of rice or pasta; jars of sauce etc. These items will be donated to local food banks to help those in need as part of the church Harvest service.

***Please bring your food donations into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October only as we do have room to store them.***



Thank you for your support in advance.

### **The Great Fire of London**

Year 1 has had an amazing first week back!

We have been super busy with our new topic 'The Great Fire of London'. We were introduced to the topic with a WOW day where we made bread rolls, completed some art work and spoke about fire safety. We spoke about what ingredients we need to make bread rolls and even took them home for a taste test! For our artwork we used oil pastels to make a fire background and added the houses.

We have had a great week settling in.





**Miss Quartermain**  
**Year 1**

### **Wellbeing Hub – Sensory Garden**

We have been busy finishing the flower beds in the Sensory Garden. We hope to create a calm and relaxing part of the school where children and adults can relax with sensory plants.



This has been possible with kind donations from:

**Hassett Fencing** donated the wood for the beds;

**Hassett Plant Centre** donated the plants and some soil;

**The Adelaide Pub** donated the wooden rocking chairs;

The Foster family made a financial donation on behalf of the late **Irene**, including the stone ornaments.

It really has been a team effort but special thanks go to **Mrs Hammond** for the hard, physical work with moving soil and planting.



Mrs Tillman & Mrs Hammond



Date	Event
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Harvest Festival food donations into school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Parent's Evening – Further information to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Prospective Parent Tours for Reception 26/27 at 9.30am and 2pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Pupil Individual School Photographs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Parent's Evening – Further information to follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	End of Autumn Term 1
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	School Open for Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Prospective Parent Tours for Reception 26/27 at 9.30am and 2pm