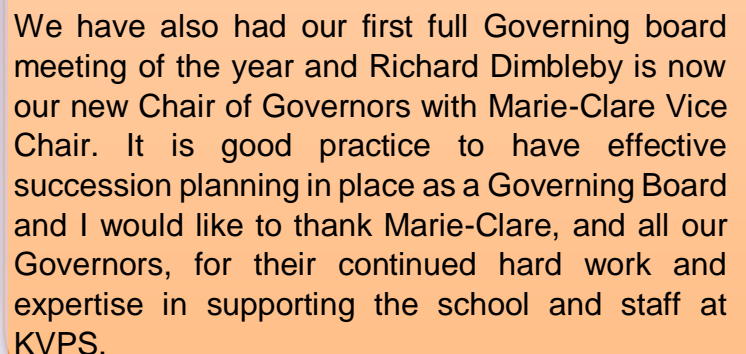
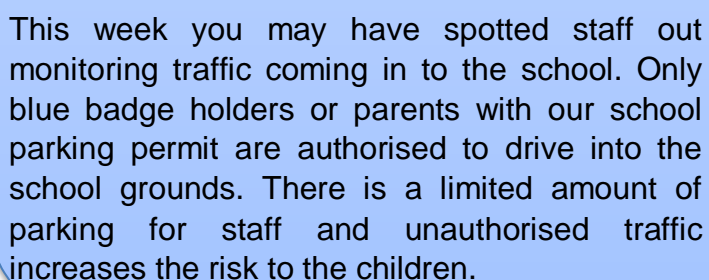


Friday 26th September 2025

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Big maths started again last week and it was great to see the children go off to their different maths groups and mix with other children to develop their arithmetic skills.



Please remember that the children from Years 2-6 should have access to Doodlemaths, a learning platform purchased by the school, which is accessible from home. We will be shortly adding logins for Year 1. If, as a parent, you have not seen Doodlemaths please take a look as it's a fun way to improve children's maths skills and is often a task set on the children's homework menu.

In Friday's celebration assembly we find out which class has been the most active in Doodlemaths. Congratulations to our Year 3 class who retain the 'Doodlemath Trophy' for the second week running, well done.

This week, as Headteacher, I have carried out some formal lesson observations. I am extremely pleased with the quality of the teaching seen and how well the children are learning across the school. As a whole school team, we are all passionate about providing the best education and experiences for the children. The children spoke confidently about their learning in the lessons observed.



Our first sports event for the year takes place next Wednesday, 1st October. This is a Year 5 girls Rugby Festival at Northampton Casuals. The event should be lots of fun and Miss Foster as PE Lead is looking forward to accompanying the girls.

All our sports clubs are up and running now – we still have places available especially in HOTSHOTs basketball on Monday mornings.



Finally, I would like to thank all our parents for their continued support for our school – there is such a positive atmosphere felt during the school run especially at the start of each day

Governing Body Message

It's my privilege to introduce myself as the Chair of the School Governing Body since this term, I have taken over from Marie-Clare Soan. I want to give a big thank you to Marie-Clare for her personal commitment to being Chair for the past four years. Because of increasing work commitments Marie-Clare decided that she could not continue as Chair but I am very pleased that she will become Vice-Chair.

I live in Kingsthorpe Village and have been a Governor here for seven years and enjoy being able to support the school. I taught in Further Education Colleges and became a college Principal so I have some understanding of education and the responsibilities of leading an educational organisation.

It seems to me that our local school is a key organisation in the community helping children to develop and to enjoy learning. It is partnerships between schools and families and communities that help children to build their self-confidence, to develop their talents, to understand relationships and to see ways they can earn a living and contribute to the communities where they live.

As well as enabling children to learn the core skills of English and Maths and knowledge of other essential subjects, we also value personal development and seek to meet the individual needs of each child. Our key drivers are physical and emotional wellbeing, initiative and the Arts.

As well as our regular meetings Governors come into the school at least once a term as part of Governor Fortnight. One of the most rewarding parts of being a Governor is talking to children about their learning, seeing their enthusiasm and observing their pride in their work. We also enjoy talking to teachers and all staff about how they are working to help all children learn and develop. We like to see a calm, purposeful atmosphere where children feel secure and happy.

Our role as Governors is to support the school and to offer advice and challenge to help the school continuously develop. We also seek to listen to parents and other stakeholders to make sure we are doing our best to support the individual needs of your children.

Richard Dimbleby

The School Eco Council are very excited to announce a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale starting on Friday 3rd October from 3:00pm until 4:00pm these will be located outside of the Main Entrance of the school.

We are kindly asking for monetary donations for the pre-loved uniform, and there will be a donation tin alongside the sale. Please place your donations in the tin, thank you.

The Eco Council Pre-Loved Uniform sales will happen every 1st Friday of each month in term time.

We hope that you like the pre-loved uniform sales and we look forward to seeing you next Friday, 3rd October from 3:00pm.

Many thanks - The Eco Council





Date	Event
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Harvest Festival food donations into school
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Parent's Evening – Further information to follow
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Prospective Parent Tours for Reception 26/27 at 9.30am and 2pm
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Pupil Individual School Photographs
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Parent's Evening – Further information to follow
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	End of Autumn Term 1
Friday 24 th October 2025	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School Open for Autumn Term 2
W/c Monday 3 rd November 2025	Governor Fortnight
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Prospective Parent Tours for Reception 26/27 at 9.30am and 2pm
W/c Monday 17 th November 2025	Art Project with Lewis Foundation Recp, Yr 1 & 2
Saturday 22 nd November 2025	Art Exhibition at Elgar Centre, Upton in conjunction with the Lewis Foundation
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Reception Nativity – 9.00am
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Yr 1 & 2 – Xmas Performance - 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Christingle at St John's Baptist Church – 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Christmas Lunch for the Pupils
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term – Break up for Christmas