

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

Friday 14th November 2025

Our School vision is:

Together

Everyone

Achieves

More



The children have come back ready to learn after half-term and are now fully immersed within their curriculum topics.



Year 2 have visited the local library last week and we are promoting a love for reading with our own school library being accessed by all classes. Please continue to read with your children at home as this is the single most powerful impact parents can have on children accessing the curriculum across all subjects.

All teachers have completed recent training in the teaching of phonics. This week we were monitored and its impact seen in action by some visiting headteachers.

Senior School Leaders have received up-to-date training on the new OFSTED Framework which has a keen focus on providing the children with the best start for our youngest learners.



School inspections are due to re-commence from November 2025 and there are some significant changes in how final gradings are to be reported to parents. There has been a change from a "best fit "model and the new report cards for parents will see judgements made across a wider range of specific criteria.

Kingsthorpe Village Primary is now entering the OFSTED window although it is unlikely that we will receive any visits until well after the new year.



As a school we have now completed the visits for prospective new parents for our 2026 reception intake and there was a lot of interest. The year six pupils conducted our school tours for new parents and spoke passionately about their school and did a brilliant job. Well done year 6.



Our Eco school committee and school council are up and running with meetings taking place regularly giving the children an important voice. The children have requested new seating and a shelter on the playground and we are currently looking into this.

Our pre-loved school uniform is still available on the last Friday of every month (term time). Recently the children have been busy selling the poppies and organising our Children in Need day.

A huge thank you to all our parents who have supported the school with these. Also, a thank you to Mrs Blunt who put up our remembrance display.



I would like to welcome Miss Long as a new Teaching Assistant to the school who is currently working in Year 1. Miss Long is a qualified teacher and a great asset to the team.



As the weather is beginning to get colder please ensure your child/children have coats with them every day. Pupils' winter PE kit should include a warm jumper and tracksuit type bottoms.

We have lots more sporting events planned for the children this term and this week our Year 5 Class have taken part in a multi sports festival at Northampton School Girls. Our year fives have also all completed their young leader training and we have a rota in place for them to be able to support play activities at lunchtimes.

We are also in the process of purchasing a new shed for all our new bikes to be stored ready for our reception balancibility lessons next term.



We currently have the highest number of children taking a hot school meal and we pride ourselves on the quality of food that our kitchen produces. I am delighted to announce that the school kitchen achieved another 5 Star Hygiene rating following a recent visit from the Health Inspectors.

Well done Rachel and Sophie, our school cooks.

We have just completed our Governor Fortnight programme of visits where our School Governors come into school to observe learning, talk to the children and work with staff. This is a bespoke Governor Programme to KVPS and supports our Governing Board to know the school really well and to be able to provide effective support and challenge.

Thank you to all our Governors over the past couple of weeks.



Our new value for the term is "Caring" which our children tend to show in abundance. There will be another whole school treat once the jar has been filled. The children can also award pebbles for Caring to the adults at school and please feel free to promote this value at home too.

Mr Brian Gwynne

Year 5 History

Year 5 have been extremely busy in their History lessons! They first looked at rationing and how much food was given to each adult and child. Then they made plain cupcakes from the rationed ingredients and they turned out amazing!











Well done Year 5!

Miss Andrews

Year 2 Library Visit

Year 2 visited Kingsthorpe Library and enjoyed taking part in activities which helped them learn more about the library.

They explored the library to find out what activities were available in addition to reading and they found there are toys, computers, arts and crafts sessions and much more. They then worked in teams to complete a challenge where they had to search for different types of books in the library. The session finished with a story and the chance for the children to ask questions about the library.

We are looking forward to the other classes having the chance to visit the library soon.

Mrs Cater





Remembrance at Forest School

At Forest School this week we talked about the act of Remembrance and why we do it. The children completed various crafts for this including pebbles, stick poppy weaving and a natural art leaf poppy.







Mrs Hammond and Mrs Briggs

Year 5 Multi Sports Festival

Year 5 had a fantastic day yesterday, Thursday, at Northampton School for Girls doing a multi sports events. The children had a fun-filled morning and worked very hard as a team!







Well done Year 5, you were amazing!

Miss Andrews

Art Exhibition

Please do come join us at the Art with Heart exhibition next Saturday, 22nd November.



Information above and we really hope to see you there.

Mrs Soldano



Date	Event
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 – All Welcome
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