

HERE'S THE NEWS

Our School vision is:

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More



Welcome back everyone after the New Year.

The children are well underway in their learning and new topics have been launched via our "Big Wows." Our Year 5 pupils are settling well into their routine of swimming lessons on Wednesday mornings. I am looking forward to teaching the Year 4 class on Wednesday afternoons up until February half-term. After half-term we are delighted to welcome back Mr Everett who will then teach Wednesday afternoons in Year 4 for the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately, due to the cold weather last week, we had some frozen pipes in our both mobiles. Thank you to everyone for their patience during the minimal disruption. All has been fixed and we are fully operational again.

Mrs Mackle will be recovering from a planned knee operation for the rest of this term so we have had a slight shuffle of our support staff around the school and we currently have an advertisement out for an additional Teaching Assistant / SEND specialist.

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School Friday 16th January 2026

This week we had another visit from our Early Years County Advisor who once again was impressed with the work and learning taking place in Reception.

Next Tuesday we are interviewing for Mrs Caters' maternity leave cover from Easter. We hope to find an equally experienced teacher to continue Mrs Caters' excellent work until she returns after the summer.



We have several sports competition / festivals coming up over the next few weeks and I look forward to celebrating our schools' successes at these fun events. Thank you to Miss Foster who is doing a great job organising these under her PE role.

We now have our large shed on the playground which is currently housing our bikes ready for Reception to use when the weather improves as part of our balanceability project. This is where children get to learn how to ride a bike. Congratulations to Miss Brennan who has successfully completed her training to deliver this.



We continue to work with the Road Reading Hub through funded coaching within 'Read Write Ink'. This allows us to develop consistency within our Phonics teaching and is having a positive impact on our children's reading. Mrs Cater is leading this as our English expert and is doing a great job.



Congratulations to Mrs Bushell who once again has passed and qualified to become a County Moderator for Writing this year. This means we can be even more accurate in our judgements of the children's writing abilities in terms of Assessment.

On the last day of term, we carried out a partial lockdown drill which worked well and all staff know our procedures to follow in an emergency.

This week, on Monday and Tuesday, "Life Education" visited and delivered key workshops across the school.



OFSTED have now left our school and we are one of the first schools in the county to receive a routine visit under the new OFSTED framework. I would like to thank all the parents who wished us well and sent in goodies to eat this week. We have all felt highly supported from our parent community and this was reflected in the Parent Survey results.

Thank you so much from all the team, at KVPS. I am also extremely proud of all our children especially those that got to speak about their school with the inspectors. The children's passion for their school and learning shone through and their behaviour, as always, was exemplary. The results (Parents Report Card) is not available for a couple of weeks so, unfortunately, I am unable to share anymore but once again thank you from all the staff at KVPS – we are all extremely pleased how the inspection has gone and your children were amazing.

Mr Brian Gwynne

The Lewis Foundation



Before our Christmas break, we were delighted to welcome back Lorraine Lewis from The Lewis Foundation to receive our wonderful artwork. She informed us that they would be put into the gift packs ready for distribution on Christmas Eve!



I just wanted to say thank you to the children, staff and parents for making this project happen. I'm sure we will be bringing a large dose of happiness to people in need of it this year.

Mrs Soldano



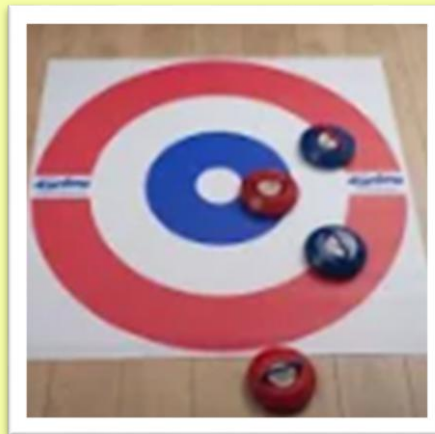
Mental Health Support Team

As a school, we are now part of the Northampton Central Mental Health Support Team. This means that we are working with the team to enhance our whole school approach to mental health with Mrs Tillman taking the lead. This process includes completing an audit to outline how the school currently provides support and how we could improve further. Staff and children will be completing questionnaires at school to gain their views and we would like to ask parents for their views in this area via an online form.

Please complete the following questionnaire by clicking this link. We would ask you to complete this form by Monday 26th January - [Kingsthorpe Village Primary School Parent Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)

As part of the project, we have access to mental health support with specialist practitioners to help provide early intervention for children and families. This will also involve parent focus groups that parents will be able to attend (more information will follow).

Mrs Tilman



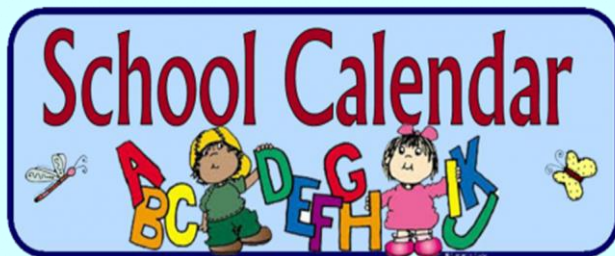
Boccia Competition

We are incredibly proud of our four KS2 pupils who took part in the recent Boccia competition. Competing against 22 teams, they showed fantastic resilience and determination throughout, never giving up and supporting one another in every game. Their hard work and positive attitude paid off as they achieved an excellent 3rd place.

Thank you to Mrs Sharpe who took the children and looked after them so well on the day.

Well done all!

Miss Foster



Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Year 4 Trip to Kingsthorpe Library
Thursday 5 th February 2026	Yr 5 Show & Tell Assembly 09.10am – 09.30am
Thursday 5 th February 2026	Yr 6 Trip to Holdenby House
Friday 13 th February 2026	End of Term 3
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Start of Term 4 – All Pupils back to school
Thursday 26 th February 2026	Yr 5 Trip to Holdenby House
Friday 27 th February 2026	Class Photos – Tempest Photography Visit
From 23 rd February – Friday 6 th March 2026	Governor Fortnight - Governors in School
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day – Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 4 Show & Tell Assembly from 9.10am – 9.30am
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Early Parents Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Later Parents Evening – Information to follow
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term 4 – Easter Holidays Begin
Monday 13 th April 2026	Term 5 - Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Term 5 Starts – All Pupils back to school
Monday 20 th April 2026	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

Please see Term Dates on our School Website, the News page for all School Holidays & Training Days