

# HERE'S THE NEWS

Our School vision is:  
**T**ogether  
**E**veryone  
**A**chieves  
**M**ore

The weeks seem to be flying by and before we know it will be half-term. By then we should, hopefully, have our draft OFSTED report and we then have 5 working days to wait for final approval. I am looking forward to sharing the full report with you all as we are extremely proud of how well we all did. Again, we thank you for all the support from parents and the community.

In the next couple of weeks, we have lots planned for the children including: SAMBA for our Year 6 class; a Schools Kurling Competition for KS2; a school trip to Holdenby House; Year 5 Show and Tell assembly; more young leaders training for our Year 5 class and a special whole school celebration reward for the end of term (to be announced).

Our playground project is due to begin during the half-term holidays. The removal of the trim trail and preparation of the groundworks will start next week. We have enough funds to begin the project and will be launching a sponsored event after half-term raising funds for this exciting project. The children requested greater seating areas and shade as well as a traversing/climbing activity wall.



## Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

We are also planning to run an Easter Hamper Raffle and a Silent Auction for two of the schools' signed Saints Shirts. The shirts are signed by the players and framed - further details to follow.

**DREAM BIG!**

Our assembly theme last week was "Dream Big" and we are encouraging the children to have high aspirations in life and develop a strong self- belief using everyday examples and talking about inspirational people.

The clubs run by Legacy Sport are popular with the children and are great fun. The Legacy coaches have excellent relationships with the children and are also supporting the school through our additional curriculum provision and preparation for sports events and competitions.

### Legacy Sport Before & After School Clubs September 2025

Monday	FUNDamentals	KS1 (Yr1-3)	End of School- 5:00pm	Hall
Tuesday	Dodgeball Legacy Sport	Year 3 to Year 6	End of School- 5:00pm	Hall
Thursday	Gymnastics	Year 1 to Year 6	8:00am- 8:45am	Hall
Thursday	School Funded Club	Year 1 to Year 6	End of School- 5:00pm	Hall/Field
Friday	Football	KS1&2 (Yr1 - Yr6)	End of School- 5:00pm	Hall/Field

#### Legacy Sport

[www.legacy-sport.co.uk](http://www.legacy-sport.co.uk)

Bookings via the Legacy App

[www.legacy-sport.co.uk](http://www.legacy-sport.co.uk)

Please see above the clubs Legacy run at KVPS and their contact details.

The Pacesetter Breakfast Club is also running really well and is well attended. This provides a valuable service for our families that may need to get to work earlier than the school run allows. A huge thank-you to all our parents for their support with the early morning starts.

You can contact Pacesetter as follows:

### **Pacesetters**

Tel: 01604 686367

For online bookings:

[www.pacesetteronline.co.uk/kingsthorpe](http://www.pacesetteronline.co.uk/kingsthorpe)

Over half-term our Year 3 classroom is due to be decorated along with the corridor, PPA and Rainbow rooms. Colours and feature walls have been chosen and this will be a great surprise for the children when they return in the new term. As a PFI school there is an ongoing lifecycle plan and full schedule of school works planned. The school intruder alarms and paving slabs are next on the plan.

I am glad to announce that we successfully interviewed for our Teaching maternity post in Year 2 and have appointed a highly qualified teacher, Miss Atkinson, who will join the team after Easter.



This week the children have been led by our Eco-School Committee to join the 'Big Bird Watch' in support of the RSPB (Royal Society Protection of Birds). As a school we have purchased a class set of binoculars and the children enjoyed spotting a range of different birds around the school grounds. We are very lucky to have such wealth of wildlife at KVPS and our results have been sent off to the charity. Well done Everyone who took part including the children that produced a fabulous bird display in the Kingsthorpe Library. We plan to do more bird watching over this year.



**Mr Brian Gwynne**

### **Multi-sports Festival**



On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, a group of KS2 children attended a Multi-sports Festival where they learned a range of new skills and took part in activities including archery, basketball and kurling. They worked hard to develop their abilities and supported one another throughout the day.





All of the children showed our school values brilliantly, and it was lovely to watch their confidence grow as the day went on.

**Miss Foster**



### **Big Schools Bird Watch**

The eco-committee and other children have taken part in the Big Schools Bird Watch this week. We gathered our check lists and identification sheets and stood at various places in the school grounds to look and listen for birds. The new school binoculars were a big hit and helped with identification. The most popular birds were crows and pigeons but we saw many others.

We hope to continue this interest in birds and will continue to observe and feed them across the year. If anyone has any unwanted or spare birdseed, donations would be greatly received, thank you.

### **Mrs Hammond and the Eco-Committee**



### **Year 6 - Kingsthorpe Library Visit**

Last week, Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the library. They found out everything Kingsthorpe Library has to offer (including the refreshments section!) and completed activities whilst exploring the books and facilities there.

### **Mrs Bushell**

# School Calendar



Date	Event
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Year 4 Trip to Kingsthorpe Library
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5 Show & Tell Assembly from 9.10am to 9.30am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 6 Trip to Holdenby House
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	End of Term 3
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Start of Term 4 - All Pupils back to school
From 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Governor Fortnight - Governors in School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5 Trip to Holdenby House
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Class Photos -Tempest Photography Visit
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Parents' Evening for Year 2 from 1pm to 4pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents' Evening for Years 2 & 6 from 4pm to 6pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day - Information to follow
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents' Evening for Year 6 from 1pm to 4pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 4 Show & Tell Assembly from 9.10am to 9.30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents Evening for Recp, Years 1, 3, 4 & 5 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents Evening for Recp, Years 1, 3, 4 & 5 4pm to 6.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last Day of Term 4 - Easter Holidays Begin
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Term 5 - Teacher Training Day School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Term 5 Starts - All Pupils back to school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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**