

HERE'S THE NEWS

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WELCOME BACK!

A warm welcome back to KVPS as we approach our third week of the new school year. The children still look so smart in their new uniforms and have settled well with their new class teachers.

We have had lots of Club taster sessions during the start of the term and clubs are now up and running. I believe you can still book places, and our Hotshots Basketball club is now on Wednesday mornings rather than Mondays.

This year we have a new club booked called "Magic Maths" run by Professor Poopenshtinken which promises to be great fun. Pupils would have brought home a flyer with all the information.



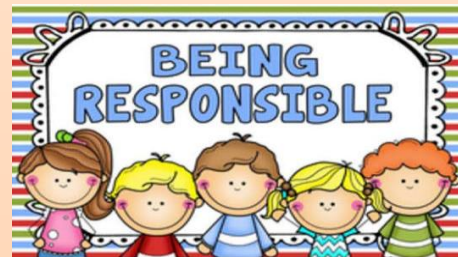
The Pacesetter breakfast club is well attended. There are places available each morning from 7.45am. We have brand new heaters in the Wellbeing Hub this year so should be toasty warm when the cooler weather arrives.

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School TEAM

Friday 18th September 2026



Our new Reception children start full time on Monday and have settled fantastically well. The teachers have been impressed by their independence and kindness. Well done everyone, we look forward to welcoming the whole class in so that pupils can be all together.



Our Value for the term is Responsibility, and the children will collect pebbles to go towards a whole school reward around half-term. As always, please feel free to utilise this value with the children at home by possibly giving your child / children extra responsibilities to build confidence and independence.



Our Harvest celebration this year will take place at the church for a special assembly and Rev Angie will lead this for the school. This will take place on 2nd October 2026 so you have plenty of time to search for a food item or two (non-perishable) that the children could bring with them. The food will be distributed to local food banks after the main church service on Sunday.



You may have noticed that most of our school windows have had a protective covering added to them, this is designed to reflect heat from the sun to keep the building cooler in extreme summer heat. Thank you to those parents who offered to buy / bring in fans to school for the last term – this was much appreciated. Hopefully our new windows should keep us all more comfortable during the spring and summer terms.



The government's funding of Sports Premium has changed, and our Forest School provision has been altered slightly. This year, the focus will be more whole class centered. Forest school is such an important part of the school experience for our children, and we will continue to be creative in its delivery even if funding has been reduced.



We already have a couple of school trips being organised to complement the curriculum. These do rely heavily on parent voluntary contributions and for this your support is much appreciated. Cookery lessons with Mrs Traxler, our school chef, have also begun and, again, thank you for your voluntary contributions towards the ingredients.

I'm sure you may have spotted myself walking with a stick at times - this is because I am waiting for a hip replacement and have an operation booked early November. Recovery time is expected to be six weeks in which time Mrs Tillman will deputise to be acting as headteacher in my absence. I plan to relaunch Chess club after my return in the new year.



Many congratulations to Mrs Lloyd and family who had her baby during the summer holidays, both mum and baby are doing well. Also, Miss Andrews is expecting her first baby in the New Year and Mrs Cater is due to return from her maternity leave in the New Year. We are currently working on plans to minimise any possible disruption to classes.

We are in the process of appointing a new lunchtime supervisor to join the team in a couple of weeks. Mr Foster and I have been covering in the meantime and the children's behaviour at lunchtimes in general has been brilliant.



Finally, Congratulations to all the children that completed the Summer Reading Challenge and have achieved their certificates and medals. I know we had over 40 children sign up and many have stood up in assembly to share their awards. Keep up the super reading at home everyone!

Gentle Reminder

Can I please remind all parents that our school grounds are a **No Smoking Area at all times – this includes vaping**. Many thanks for your support.

Mr Brian Gwynne



Govenors' News

As Chair of Governors, I am pleased to write to you as we begin the new school year. I hope that you feel that your children are settling well into the new school term.

Before the start of term, I joined in the staff training days when there were several themes being explored such as Maths throughout the school. English and Maths are core subjects essential for learning and essential for life. Developing confidence in these is a priority for all. The school also seeks to develop individual talents and interests in arts, building relationships, creative activities, sports, Forest School and in 'subjects' like Science, History, Geography, IT, and so on.

There was also a focus on 'Inclusion' where learning is designed as far as possible to meet the diverse needs of each child. It's a daily challenge for each class teacher, with support from our team of learning assistants, to plan daily learning activities to engage the interest of each child in the class.

As a parent and grandparent, I have often asked, 'What did you do at school today?'. Frequently the reply was, "I can't remember" or "Nothing much". I now think that perhaps I should have asked, "What do you know tonight that you didn't know this morning?" Or "What can you do tonight that you couldn't do this morning?".

As part of this there was a session on 'Assessment for Learning'. Teachers use a variety of assessment methods to identify what children already know and to record their development in learning.

As Governors we receive regular reports of how well children are achieving and the different activities that are happening. We also monitor attendance and we know that classes are recognised for high attendance.

The Ofsted inspectors in January this year reported that 'Pupils enjoy attending this happy, vibrant school. All staff have high expectations of pupils to behave well. Pupils live up to these 'expectations.

At our first Governors' meeting of the year last week, Mr Gwynne presented his annual review of last year reporting on what went well and the priorities for maintaining progress and developing further this year. We also reviewed and agreed the annual School Improvement Plan, setting out in detail the key developments for this year in all areas of the school.

We are looking forward to another successful year working in partnership with you and with the communities we serve.

Mr Richard Dimbleby



Harvest Festival

We are holding our Harvest celebrations on Friday 2nd October 2026 during the school day for the pupils only. The children will be attending a special service at St John the Baptist Church with Reverend Angie and Harvest songs.

We would like to ask you to donate food that the 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 to school on Friday 2nd October** only as we do not have room to store them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Tillman

Saying "Thank You" at Harvest!!

Hi, I'm Rev Angie and I'm so looking forward to seeing you all at the village church on Friday 2nd October for your harvest festival. I know you have been practicing your singing and also drawing things you are thankful for, ready to show me on the day. The harvest celebrations don't stop there; we also have a Sunday harvest service on 4th October at 10:00 which you are all welcome to join.

Rev Angie



Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a busy but great start to the year! They have already danced, created abstract art and learnt some Spanish greetings to launch our new topic. We have also had homework already being completed, chosen our House Captains for the year and many other roles are in the process of being selected too.

We can't wait to see what else they are capable of achieving this year!

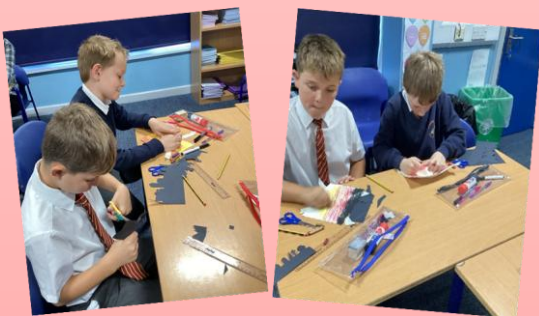
Mrs Bushell

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a great start back to school!

We have been able to start our WW2 topic by creating a piece of artwork using oil pastels and chalk - the creations are outside the Year 5 classroom and look fabulous.

Lincoln has been very busy completing part of his homework already! He has created a fantastic board game based around WW2 which the children have enjoyed playing!



Miss Andrews

Reception

Reception Class have had a fantastic start to school! They have been so busy getting to know each other and the way things work at KVPS.

There has been lots of big building, playing playground games, drawing families, making faces with loose parts and creating the most colourful lions with paint too!

We are so proud of how they've settled and how enthusiastic they are to learn!

Well done Reception! We can't wait to have you with us full time from next week!

The Reception Team



Reception Class

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 24 th September 2026	Year 6 Library Visit
Friday 2 nd October 2026	Harvest Celebrations at St John the Baptist Church during the School Day for Pupils Only
Thursday 8 th October 2026	Show & Tell - Year 5 from 9.10am to 9.30am
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Parent's Evening – 5pm to 8pm
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Parent's Evening – 4pm to 6pm
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Individual School Photos
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Year 4 Library Visit
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Last Day of Term 1 - Break-up for Half-term
Monday 2 nd November 2026	First Day of Term 2 – All Pupils back to School
Tuesday 13 th November 2026	Children in Need Event at School – Details to Follow
Thursday 19 th November 2026	Show & Tell – Year 4 at 9.10am to 9.30am
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm to 2.30pm & 6pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Details to Follow
Tuesday 15 th December 2026	Christingle at St John the Baptist Church – 6pm
Wednesday 16 th December 2026	Christmas Lunch for Whole School
Thursday 17 th December 2026	Reception Nativity – 9.30am to 10am
Friday 18 th November 2026	Last Day of Term 2 – Break-up for Christmas
Monday 4 th January 2027	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	First Day of Term 3 – All Pupils back to School