

HERE'S THE NEWS

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Another well-earned half-term break is upon us and both children and staff are looking forward to enjoying a week with family and friends. At present our OFSTED report has not come through for validation. As a school, we are excited about sharing this with all our parents when we can.

Our Governing Board now has a full complement of twelve members. Governors will be visiting the school on our return to school during 'Governor Fortnight'. This is where Governors come into school to see the children and support key areas of our School Improvement plan.

On Tuesday the children enjoyed "Glow in the Dark" dodgeball for all their 'Responsibility' pebbles they collected this past term.



The children had a wonderful time!

Kingsthorpe Village
Primary School 
Friday 13th February 2026



Our Year 6 class was complimented last week on their impeccable behaviour whilst on their visit to Holdenby House. The school trip was part of their 'Tudor Topic' and teachers from another school made a point of saying how well behaved and what great questions the children asked.

Thank you to Mrs Bushell, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Mabbutt who arranged and supervised the visit and well done Year 6.

Year 5 will be visiting Holdenby House after half-term for their 'Victorians Topic'.

Last Wednesday was my last afternoon teaching Year 4 as Mr Everett returns after the break. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Volleyball and RE to this class who have been such a pleasure to spend time with, thank you Year! The skill level seen in PE has been impressive and all the children have been great fun.



Also, after half-term we welcome two additional Teaching Assistants to the school. Mrs Bazeley will be joining the Nurture Room and Mrs Spanswick our Reception team.

Mr Burns will also be back in school on Tuesdays supporting the school in the run up to SATs in May.

Last week some children took part in a schools Kurling Competition and got through to the finals after finishing a highly respectable fourth place. Thank you to Mrs Ireland who took the children and congratulations to all the children.



This week we have been preparing the Year 3 Classroom and corridors for decoration which will take place during half-term. Our Rainbow and PPA rooms are also being decorated and should be a great surprise when the children return. Also, we are having work completed on the steps outside Year 4 and further work on our exciting playground project.

We are planning a final push to raise funds after half-term for the playground project and are holding a raffle of the Saints RFC framed signed shirts, Easter hampers raffle and a sponsored multi-sports day on Monday 16th March - more information to follow after half-term on this event.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Next term is a short one - 5 weeks so please check the dates at the end of the newsletter for all school events such as parents' evenings and school class photographs.

Finally, I would just like to wish all our families a great half-term.

Mr Gwynne



Governor Profiles

My name is Susan Hassett and I have been a Governor at Kingsthorpe Village Primary School since March 2015. This is my third continuous appointment and this ends in 2027. I am a co-opted governor, this means I was appointed by West Northants County Council.

My working background is finance. Working at Barclays Bank until I had my family. I then worked as a Bursar for 23 years at a town centre primary school.

When I retired in 2010, I felt my knowledge of 'school life' could still be useful. I became a member of the School Appeals panel and applied to the then, Northamptonshire County Council to be a Governor.

I was offered Kingsthorpe Village Primary School. I felt this was ideal for me because it was literally on my doorstep, having lived in Kingsthorpe Village for over 40 years and my son was a pupil there in the 1980's.

With my finance background I am member of the Finance Committee. I am also Safeguarding Governor, I try to attend as many school activities as possible and particularly enjoy Forest School.

Susan Hassett School Governor

Hello! My name is Sue Shurville, and I'm delighted to have been part of the School Governing Body for over ten years now, four of them as Chairperson. Throughout this time, I've taken a special interest in teaching and learning, especially in English and Physical Education (PE). My career started as a PE teacher, so it's a subject close to my heart! Later, I moved into teaching English, which means I can offer support and friendly advice to the school, particularly in these areas.

Although I'm a co-opted member from another part of town, I truly consider myself a Kingsthorpe girl through and through. Both sets of my grandparents made their homes here as far back as the early 1900s, on Welford Road and Harborough Road. I grew up in the village until I left home, and my brother attended this school too! Thanks to these strong family ties, I know the area well and genuinely understand the community your children are growing up in.

Every time I visit the school, I'm always so impressed by what I see. As Governors, we work closely with Mr Gwynne and his fantastic team to make sure every pupil gets the very best education. We're committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and inspiring place where all children are encouraged to shine and do their best.

With Governor Fortnight coming up soon, I'm really looking forward to visiting again. I can't wait to see how well your children are doing and chat with the English and PE leads about how they help every child reach their full potential. I'll also take the chance to walk around the school, noticing how the children are behaving and interacting with one another.

Having spent my whole working life teaching, it's truly heart-warming to see such a happy, vibrant school. I feel so lucky and proud to be part of it!

Sue Shurville
School Governor



Year 6 Visit to Holdenby House

Last week, Year 6 went on a trip to Holdenby House as part of our Tudor topic. We were able to learn about the importance of Heraldry and created our own versions, made roses out of salt dough whilst learning about the importance that sugar had when decorating the tables during banquets and then took a tour around the grounds to learn about the history of Holdenby House.

All the children behaved impeccably as always.

Well done to all our Year 6 children who have sat another round of Mock SATs papers. They have shown a lot of resilience and progress. Mrs Morgan and I are really proud of all the work they have done so far this year!

Mrs Bushell



World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March**, we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character on that day if they would like to and they can also bring in their favourite book to share with their friends at school.

During the day, the children will have the opportunity to take part in exciting reading related activities. We will also be sending home a World Book Day book token soon which you can use to purchase one of the selected World Book Day texts.



Kurling Competition

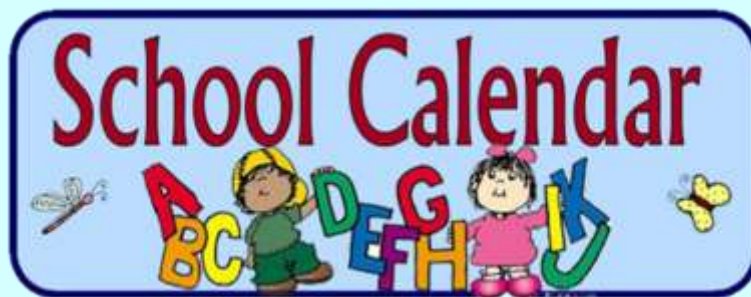
We are incredibly proud of the four KS2 pupils who represented the school in a kurling competition with outstanding effort, resilience and determination. Competing against strong opposition, they demonstrated excellent teamwork, focus and perseverance throughout the event, achieving a fantastic 4th place out of 11 schools. Their positive attitude and sportsmanship were a real credit to themselves and to our school community — they truly made us proud!

Miss Foster



A BIG thank you to the Grandparents of a pupil in school who very kindly donated lots of lovely toys. These were gratefully received. THANK YOU!





Date	Event
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Start of Term 4 - All Pupils back to school
From 23 rd February – Friday 6 th March 2026	Governor Fortnight - Governors in School
Thursday 26 th February 2026	Year 5 Trip to Holdenby House
Friday 27 th February 2026	Class Photos -Tempest Photography Visit
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Parents' Evening for Year 2 from 1pm to 4pm
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Parents' Evening for Years 2 & 6 from 4pm to 6pm
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March 2026	Parents' Evening for Year 6 from 1pm to 4pm
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 4 Show & Tell Assembly from 9.10am to 9.30am
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Parents Evening for Recp, Years 1, 3, 4 & 5 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Parents Evening for Recp, Years 1, 3, 4 & 5 4pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Saints RFC Signed Shirts Draw
Friday 27 th March 2026	Easter Hamper Draw
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