

# HERE'S THE NEWS

## Kingsthorpe Village Primary School TEAM

Our School vision is:

Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More



Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a great half term holiday.

WELL DONE!

The last couple of weeks, as always, have been extremely busy. Our Year 6 completed their SATs and all managed to do their very best. We must now wait until July to get the results, and we are extremely proud of the children for their resilience and hard work. Our Year 6 children are now wearing their end of school leavers hoodies. A huge thank you to Mrs Spanswick for organising the hoodies for the pupils this year.



This week was National "Walk 2 School" Week, this was celebrated with a whole school assembly. Classes have their own packs including charts and stickers to promote this event. As a school the children and staff have supported this brilliantly with so many children doing an extra walk or cycle or scooter to school. Some staff even cycled to work - congratulations everyone for supporting this.

On Monday, the school met with an Attendance Officer from the County Council to review the strict legal processes schools must follow regarding poor school attendance and issuing fines.

Please remember that **all schools must follow these strict guidelines**, and holidays or visits to family in other countries **cannot** be authorized during term time.

Please keep the following thresholds in mind when considering a term-time absence:

**Persistent Absence:** Recorded when a child's attendance drops below **90%**.

**Unauthorized Holidays:** A third holiday taken during school hours over a three-year period results in an automatic **Court Hearing**.

**Irregular Attendance:** Frequent, unexplained absences will also be held accountable for **fines**.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn.



On Tuesday we interviewed for a full-time teacher to join the team in September as Miss Foster is travelling around the world next year. I am delighted to announce that we have appointed and Chloe Gillett who will be starting at KVPS in September.

Thank you to our School Council Representatives who interviewed each candidate on the day with questions they designed. Their input was a valuable part of the selection process and their questions were great.

Class allocations for teaching staff in 2026/27 has not yet been finalised.



Our Year 5 Sports Leaders and Year 2 children went to Overstone yesterday for a morning of activity and they all had a great time.



Our Young Leaders this year have been brilliant in their role of supporting at lunchtimes and they will be in action on Sports Day helping to set up and clearing the track for the races.

Please note, that again there will be no parent races on sports day for safety reasons. However, there will be cake, refreshments and even spider plants for this year too.



Also, this week we have had a further visit from our School Improvement Partner from the County Council who wanted to check in with the school post OFSTED and discuss our vision for learning next year. This is an exciting time for the school as we will be revisiting creative teaching and learning and working with the children to inspire and make their learning not only highly relevant but fun.



Our Eco-School Committee are running a 'Grow the Tallest and Largest Sunflower class competition, and the children have done a great job weeding the garden boxes ready to plant. Goodluck everyone!

Our current Value is Self-Belief and the children are doing well collecting the pebbles. Again, feel free to recognise examples of this Value at home too. Maybe the children could cook one of the recipes they have learnt during their cookery lessons for the whole family?

We have two more student teachers from the University of Northampton who started with us this week in Year 4 and Year 6.

We have a great reputation with the University in modelling effective teaching and learning to trainee teachers and it's also great for the children to have another adult in their classes to support and learn from.



We have brought in a new company who have worked on the Willow structure on the school field and have repaired the concrete benches on the playground. We are really pleased with their work which has improved the school grounds even further. There are also another two new benches in the playground.

We have so much to look forward to in our final term of the school year and the children and staff need to recharge over half term ready for Sports day, leavers performance, transition days, school reports, more Rugby coaching, Year 4 tables tests, phonics tests to name a few.

Have a super half term everyone and thank you for your continued support for your school.

**Mr Gwynne**



Congratulations to all of Year 6 for getting through SATs week. You absolutely smashed it and showed so much resilience and eagerness to be in school early (although I'm sure that was more for the breakfast!).

Thank you to Mrs Spanswick for organising the hoodies this year. They look fantastic and thank you to all the parents who have supported Year 6 in the run up to this week.



Mrs Bushell and Mrs Morgan

The Eco Schools Committee have potted up some spider plants taken from babies and these will be for sale on sports day.

Attached are some pics if you would like to purchase on the day. More information on prices to follow.



Mrs Hammond

# School Calendar



Date	Event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Last Day of Term 5 – May Half-Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	First Day of Term 6 – School Open to All
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Sports Day for Whole School
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Performance – 6pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Festival on the Playing Field from 3.30pm to 5pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Time TBC (pm)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	School Open to All - First Day of Term 1

***Please see Term Dates on our School Website, the News page for all***

***School Holidays & Training Days***