

# Kingsthorpe Village Primary School The Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Our School vision is: Together Everyone Achieves More



Another end of school year is upon us and I know the children and staff deserve a well-earned summer break. The end of the year celebrations have gone really well and it has been great to see so many parents support these from the Year 6 performance, Reception and Nurture room celebrations to the after school 'Fun on the Field' yesterday.



Our year six performance of "Gladis Baker Gladiator" last week was a really special evening and we are so proud of all the Year 6 children who were amazing in their acting singing and dancing. So talented and entertaining.

Well done everyone!



Congratulations to the children that got awarded our Governor "Good Eggs" this year and thank you to Mr Dimbleby for presenting the awards – thoroughly well-deserved and I hope the children enjoy spending their book vouchers and showing off their certificates.



Speaking of reading, the Kingsthorpe Library's summer reading challenge will run this holiday and we are hoping that as many of our children will take part in reading six books as we are in a competition with the surrounding local schools.



Congratulations to all the children for their hard work this year as reflected in their school reports that went out to parents last Friday. Thank you for the feedback we have received in regards to your children's end of year school report. Our SATs results this year were really pleasing and we are really proud of the classes achievements especially our greater depth in reading. We are above or at national average in all three subjects as shown below:

# KS2 Test Data – May 2025

(All 30 Pupils completed the tests)

	Reading	Maths	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	Writing Teacher Assessment
Working towards (between 85 -99)	23%	27%	23%	37%
Working at expected (100 & above)	77%	73%	77%	63%
Greater depth (111 & above)	37%	10%	23%	6%



It is a final goodbye and best wishes to Mr Everett and Mrs Barber who both retire from the teaching profession. I would just like to thank both for their many years of service at the school.

It is during these final few days of the year that as a school we have so many jobs to complete in closing the year and then preparing for September 2025. The children have all met their new teachers for next year and should be looking forward to their learning. The teachers are ahead of their planning for next year's topics, Big Wows and new inspiring classroom environments.



A huge thank you to all our teachers, support staff and Governors for their hard work and support for our school over this past academic year – the school is a great place to be at and this is often commented by our numerous visitors we have to KVPS.

Our end of year attendance for the school stood at 95% just above national average and I would like to thank all our parents in ensuring their children attend school when they are well enough and for avoiding holidays within term time. Congratulations to all the children that have received their 100% attendance certificates. Attendance will remain a focus for the school next year too.

Finally, I would just like to wish all our families a wonderful summer and enjoy your time together. We finish on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 and reopen to the children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

Thanks to all our parents for their continued support for the school, it is very much appreciated.

# Mr Brian Gywnne Headteacher

#### **Forest School**

A great final day of the Forest School year with Year 4. We had a Forest school enterprise day where the children designed and made nature games and then had time to play these and help the Year 2 children have a go too. We had some super ideas which included wooden darts, flower and stone tic tac toe and a willow whip hoopla game among many others. We finished the day by cooking popcorn over the open fire. It was so satisfying to hear the kernels 'POP'.





#### **Mrs Oakley**

# CADE ENGLISH HUB

We are delighted to announce that we have been chosen to be a Roade English Hub partner school from September.

This is a wonderful opportunity that will enable us to access more funding, training and specialist support so we can further develop our strong early reading provision.

We are very proud of our Year 1 children who took the Phonics Screening Check this year. Our results were very strong and it appears we will be above the National Average.

# Mrs Cater

# AMAZING ART!

Our new art curriculum is well underway and the children seem to be thriving!

The staff have taken on this challenge brilliantly and have been sharing their new printmaking making skills with their classes. We've had screen printing in Year 6, mono-printing in Year 2 and relief printing in Year 3. Our children are fast becoming experts and could soon teach us a thing or two!

In Year 1 there have been some amazing Picasso replicas with children using their knowledge of colour and painting technique and down in Reception, we have had fun filling the classroom with the 3D bugs we've made!

Next academic year we look forward to working in collaboration with The Lewis Foundation, a wonderful charity who provide happiness for people in need. We'll be creating amazing art to put a smile on the faces of some of the patients at Northampton General Hospital and will also invite Lorraine and Lee Lewis to host some assemblies for us.

#### Have a lovely summer and an arty one too!

#### **Mrs Soldano**





# Year 3 & 4 In-School Trip

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time rock climbing and archery on Tuesday. They showed great enthusiasm, built confidence and enjoyed learning new skills in both activities.



# Year 6 Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and a huge thank you to everyone who made so many delicious home baked treats! There was very little left at the end and although the final total needs to be counted up, Year 6 had raised over £210 for the Alzheimer's Society. Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 Bake Sale for their RHE unit. You were all so generous and it is greatly appreciated. I'd also like to thank the Year 6 students who came and helped sell too.

#### Mrs Bushell and Year 6





#### Summer Reading Challenge 2025

The Summer Reading Challenge returns with the theme of Story Garden. The challenge is free to join at the local library or online at <u>Summer</u> <u>Reading Challenge</u> Children can discover new stories, collect fun rewards and take part in free creative activities over the summer holidays.

#### The Great Fire of Northampton 1675

To commemorate the anniversary of the Great Fire of London, Northampton Town Council have created an interactive trail to follow the path of the fire. You can download the 'Explore Northampton' app and choosing the 'Great Fire Trail'. This will guide you through the trail with narrated instructions by virtual characters.

Northampton Town Council Great Fire Trail Link

#### **RWC – Women's England 25**

What a pleasure it was to take Year 5 and Year 6 girls to a rugby festival celebrating the Women's World Cup coming to Northampton! They played so many games throughout the festival and not one moaned at the cooler weather or rain! As always, they were a credit to the school and they played with honesty and enthusiasm! Thank you to Mr Foster and Mrs Foster for joining us on this trip.

**Mrs Bushell** 



Date	Event	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 1:30pm in the Hall, children can leave school after the assembly with parents.	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Last Day of Summer Term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Training Day	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Training Day	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Start of New Academic Year – School Opens to Pupils Year 1 to Year 6	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Reception Class AM and PM groups start school (separate timetable)	