Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

Friday 2nd October 2026

Our School vision is:

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

The weeks are flying past, and this week we have had our Harvest Festival Assemblies. A huge thank you to everyone for donating food items. There is a Church service on Sunday, 4th October, and then the food will go to those in need within the community. Thank you to Reverend Angie for leading on this.

We have been extremely lucky with the weather, the children have been enjoying playing out on the school field at lunchtimes and collecting the conkers from the tree.

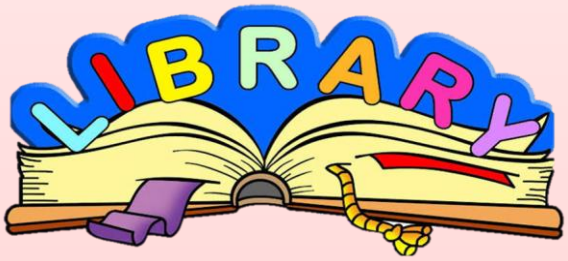
There is a cooler air inbound and as the weather changes please ensure your child brings a coat to school and warm clothing for when PE is outside.

We will be interviewing shortly for the Class Teacher maternity post and have a good field so are hopeful to find the best possible person for the children in Year 5

Our Big Maths on a Friday is well underway, and the children are working hard at improving their arithmetic scores. We have discovered that in general the children's memory of the number bonds and times tables (further up the school) isn't always secure. We will obviously work at school on these areas but if you could also support with this at home, if required, this would really help some of our learners to catch up.

We have had a further visit from Roade Reading Hub who is guiding us on our Phonics and Read Write Inc Development. The Hub were impressed with the consistency and quality of delivery of our Phonics sessions which is helping our children with their reading, especially our children who have English as an additional language. Well done everyone!

Please continue to read with your children at least three times a week and record this in the school diary, teachers do check this weekly.



Year 6 had their class visit to Kingsthorpe Library last week, thank you to Lizzie the Librarian who delivered a session in categorising between fiction and non-fiction as well as reading “The Day the Crayons Returned” to the class. Lots of our Year 6 pupils also got to take out books from the library. All of our classes will get to visit the local library over the course of the school year.

Our windows are nearly completed with the heat reflecting shields. This has been a successful project and improved the school environment.

We had a recent Fire Evacuation Practice, and all the children were safely out from the building and accounted for in 3:03 minutes. Our new Reception class coped with this especially well this year.

Our Values pebble jar is filling up nicely and our newly elected school council will be discussing what the school might like to celebrate once full. Our Value for this term is Responsibility.

Congratulations to all our School Councilors that were elected this year. It was great to announce the successful candidates in assembly and award them their School Council Badges.

Our new School Council have had their first meeting and are busy organising events and activities for Halloween, Children in Need etc.

On Monday, Sovereign our Playground Contractor, will be adding some more hand and foot grips to our climbing wall to make it easier for the smaller children to use and our year five class will begin their young leaders training on Tuesday.

Finally, I would just like to thank you all for your continued support for your school.

Mr Brian Gwynne

School Council

We have formed our new School Council!

Children have applied and been voted in by their classes, and we have some very enthusiastic members this year. Last week, we allocated roles and now we are looking ahead to organise events...keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon.

NAB (Northamptonshire Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired) are a local charity who enable visually impaired adults, children and families in Northamptonshire by providing advice, support, services and equipment that can help reduce the impact of sight loss. In April, I will be running the London Marathon in support of this charity. If you would like to support the work done by them, please feel free to donate via my page. Every donation, big or small, helps make a difference.

https://2027tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/nikki-bushell

Year 6 Library Visit

Last week, we went to visit Kingsthorpe Library where we explored the books and identified the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts before Lizzi shared a story with us. It was great to hear how so many of our pupils use the local library!

Mrs Bushell

News from Forest School - Year 3

Year 3 completed their three sessions of Forest School for the year this week and lots of new skills were learnt and old ones revisited.

Shelter Building

The children have become a lot more independent this year and their shelter building skills with tarps have moved on a lot. They are now understanding the need for it to be secure and how to achieve this using bungie toggles, pegs and clips.

Crafts

The children used pinecones to create woodland animals. They needed to think of what animal to make and then how they could do this using various joining skills. The challenging part was creating a knot for the hanging loop. I was pleased with the number of children who showed perseverance to achieve this with limited support.

The children also tried roller painting with conkers and creating pictures using leaves and other natural materials.

Forest School cont…Curriculum Links

During our full day session, the children made catapults, constructed and tested aqueducts and created roman roads to link with their Romans topic. Excellent teamwork was shown by all, and we had lots of fun.

Fire

One of the children's favourite activities was the fire. We toasted marshmallows to create smores. These were described as:

'tasty, delicious, yummy, scrumptious, messy, squidgy, sticky, gooey and foamy'

Pupil Voice

"I love whittling because it goes from rough to smooth."
"I know the materials used in a Roman road."
"I can now climb inside the tyre swing"
"I loved making my woodland animal, lots of natural things can be used for its body parts."

Mrs Hammond and Mrs Briggs

House Logos

Last academic year, the Year 6 House Captains were part of a project to create logos for our 4 house colours. They decided to run a competition for the children to enter their own designs and ideas. The House Captains looked at the entries and combined some of the ideas, resulting in our final designs.

We would like to share our thanks to Devon (Year 5) for her designs of the mythical creatures, and to Cecily and Heidi (Year 6) for the background designs.

At the end of this half term, the total house points will be calculated. The house with the most points for the half-term will receive a reward. The children will be attending House Assemblies to discuss what their rewards might be and to suggest any further ideas.

Mrs Tillman

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 8th October 2026	Show & Tell - Year 5 from 9.00am to 9.20am
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Parent's Evening – 5.00pm to 8.00pm
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Parent's Evening – 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Individual School Photos
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Year 4 Library Visit
Friday 23rd October 2026	Last Day of Term 1 - Break-up for Half-term
Monday 2nd November 2026	First Day of Term 2 – All Pupils back to School
Tuesday 13th November 2026	Children in Need Event at School – Details to Follow
Thursday 19th November 2026	Show & Tell – Year 4 at 9.10am to 9.30am
Wednesday 9th December 2026	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm to 2.30pm & 6.00pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Details to Follow
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christingle at St John the Baptist Church – 6pm
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Christmas Lunch for Whole School
Thursday 17th December 2026	Reception Nativity – 9.30am to 10.00am
Friday 18th December 2026	Last Day of Term 2 – Break-up for Christmas
Monday 4th January 2027	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	First Day of Term 3 – All Pupils back to School