



Kingskerswell

Church of England Primary School

Achieve, Believe and Create Together

Jeremiah 29:11.

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS STRACHAN

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy and successful Summer half term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate all that our children have achieved.

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and energy across the school, particularly in physical activity and sport. Our children have represented the school brilliantly in a range of sporting events, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and excellent sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the positive way they have supported one another.

A particular highlight of the term was our Sports Day, which was a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see such determination, team spirit and encouragement from all pupils, along with the fantastic support from families. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such a special event.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs with maturity, resilience and a very positive attitude. They have worked extremely hard and showed great determination throughout the week. They should feel very proud of their efforts and the progress they have made.

Learning beyond the classroom has also been a key feature this half term, with a range of trips and enrichment opportunities enhancing the curriculum. These experiences allow children to apply their learning in real-life contexts, build confidence and create lasting memories.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to work in such a strong and supportive school community, and we look forward to another exciting half term ahead.

Kind Regards
Karen Strachan

Headteacher

ACHIEVEMENTS



We love celebrating the children's achievements, both in and out of school.

DOUBLE MILLIONAIRE

Coen M

MILLIONAIRES

Sullivan P

Iona P

Rupert B

Olivia V

Darcey E

Isla R

Jake W

Evelyn V

Brandon L

Martha D

Ellyre W – 2 x football medals for Teignmouth AFC and a certificate
Luna S – 20 metres swimming certificate

The Big Question of the Week



Alyssia (Penguin Class) drew a poster to show how to look after our planet.

FOREST SCHOOL Gardening



Over Gardening Fortnight, our garden has been transformed into a vibrant, colourful space, and it's all thanks to the wonderful support of our school community. A huge thank you to all the families who generously donated plants – your contributions have helped create a beautiful outdoor area that everyone can enjoy.

We also want to celebrate the children for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm. They have been busy planting, weeding, watering, and taking such pride in helping the garden grow. Their hard work has made a real difference, and the results are already shining through.

Thank you again to everyone involved. What a wonderful garden we are creating together.



HOUSE POINTS

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HOLLICOMBE - 1,839,351
MEADFOOT - 1,702,432
GOODRINGTON - 1,298,559
BABBACOMBE - 1,079,874

TTROCKSTAR



HOLLICOMBE - 585,109
BABBACOMBE - 510,601
MEADFOOT - 438,092
GOODRINGTON - 419,837

NUMBOTS



HOLLICOMBE - 101,412
BABBACOMBE - 95,890
MEADFOOT - 87,121
GOODRINGTON - 53,383





Psalm 31:24

Be strong and let your heart take courage.

The photograph shows a classroom setting where a group of young children are seated on the floor, facing a stage area. On the stage, a man in a dark suit and a woman in a light-colored dress are standing. The woman is holding a green folder or book. Behind them is a large projection screen displaying a presentation slide. The slide has a title "How together we talk" and lists several bullet points under the heading "The importance of listening". To the right of the screen, there is a banner with the words "ce", "AN", "orgiven", and "rust" visible. The children in the foreground are looking towards the stage with interest.

The Ethos leaders led our collective worship to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's birthday. They introduced the Question of the Week: *What's one small thing we can each do this week to help look after our planet?* The children offered SO many ideas, including

- Pick up litter from our school, the beach and from our local area
 - Walk or cycle to school
 - Plant a tree in your garden.
- What's happening in the news this week?  Picture News



Spirituality is a difficult thing to explain. It is invisible and is more of a feeling. It can be described as a 'golden thread' that weaves through everything we do and connects us as we grow, care and wonder.

We LOOK IN as we grow as people,
We LOOK OUT as we care for others and the natural
world, and

We LOOK UP as we ask big questions about things bigger than ourselves, God and transcendence.

Look out for our Spiritual Tree around school.



Heather and Sandra, our Open the Book leaders, visited Year 4 this term to retell the story of The Wise King – The wisdom of Solomon (1 Kings 16–17). There were great discussions about the difference between wisdom and knowledge, and how justice can come in many forms.



Rockstars and Robots

Rockstars and Robots Day was a brilliant celebration of all things number, enjoyed by children across the whole school. Everyone dressed up as rockstars or robots - even the teachers joined in - creating a fun and exciting atmosphere throughout the day. In Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, children took their learning outside to take part in engaging timestable orienteering activities, combining maths with movement and teamwork. There were also lively TT Rockstars battles between Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6, which the children approached with great enthusiasm and determination. Across Year 3, pupils enjoyed a range of exciting maths lessons that helped build confidence, fluency and a love of learning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the day by helping with costumes - it really helped to make the day extra special.





Koala Class

EYFS



Crocodile Class

A visit to Torquay Museum

As part of our topic on 'Toys from the past', we visited Torquay Museum. We had a workshop on toys from the past where we got to handle old toys. We then made some of our own toys (thaumatrope, peg doll and a ball and cup toy).



Caterpillars

We have been observing our caterpillars in class and learning about lifecycles. The caterpillars have grown a lot, and some have even gone in to their chrysalis.



Stick insects

We have also handled our stick insects and learned about their lifecycle.



Numbots and Rockstars!

We dressed up for Numbots and TTRockstars day, then had chance to practise in class.





Platypus Class

YEAR 1



Snowy Owl Class

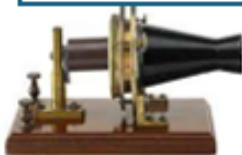
Dance!

This term Year 1 have enjoyed Dance lessons with a visiting Dance Coach! We have been dancing our way onto a safari bus, through the jungle and meeting lots of different animals. It has been wonderful seeing so many children embrace dance and give amazing efforts to follow along!



Plants and trees:

In Science, we have been learning about the parts of different types of plants and trees. We noticed that lots of plants and trees share the same parts even if they look different. We loved walking around the school grounds to see what kinds of trees we could spot.



The Victorians!

We know that Queen Victoria ruled for 63 years and have begun learning about some of the things that Victorians experienced. We have looked at Victorian inventions – the cars and telephones look very different to the ones we use now!



Toucan Class

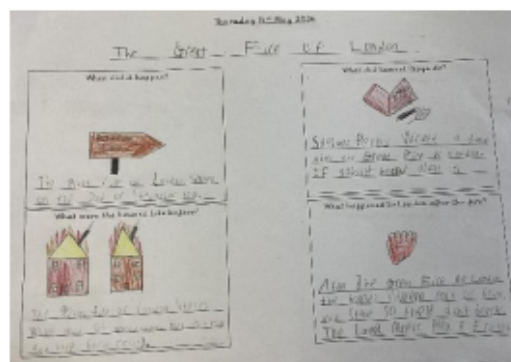
YEAR 2



Polar Bear Class

History - The Great Fire of London

As part of finishing our history unit on The Great Fire of London, the pupils completed a double page spread on everything that they had learnt. Ranging from when/where the fire took place, what Samuel Pepys did and what happened as a result of the fire.



English - Fantastic Mr Fox

Year 2 began their new book - Fantastic Mr Fox by creating Fox Fact files. The pupils were able to plan, research and write about a fox's appearance, diet, habitat and other interesting facts.

Numbots and Rockstars!

We dressed up as either robots or rockstars to celebrate Numbots and TTRockstars day. Pupils were set a challenge to complete on numbots too!





YEAR 3

Puffin Class

Stunning start - Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Year 3 launched their new topic on volcanoes and earthquakes with an unforgettable and action-packed Stunning Start! The children were instantly immersed in their learning as they created eye-catching 3D volcano models and explored vital safety advice about what to do during an earthquake. The excitement continued after playtime when pupils returned to their classrooms to discover a dramatic 'earthquake' scene - furniture overturned and resources scattered everywhere! Working brilliantly as a search and rescue team, the children carefully searched for survivors and collaborated to restore the classroom to order. To round off the experience, they designed informative posters to help educate others on how to stay safe during natural disasters. It was a thrilling start that truly captured imaginations and set the tone for an engaging topic ahead.



Alice was mascot at Wembley on Sunday for Wealdstone FC. Her cousin was playing and she walked out with him.



Penguin Class





Red Panda Class

YEAR 4



Giraffe Class

Year 4 have been linking their learning to our new Spiritual Tree.

Here are some of their reflections.



Religion & Worldviews

This term we have been learning about Hindus in Modern Britain Here are some of the children's reflections on the idea of dharma.

- How is Brahman in every animal? Jesse E
- Why is Brahman so special to Hindus? Molly H
- How can Brahman be one god and all gods at the same time? Zak B

- We learn about what is important to other people and to be respectful of diversity- Jesse E
- Being kind to other people even if they are of another religion -Asa M
- We have an idea of how some Hindus might live their lives as they follow their religion -Eva E

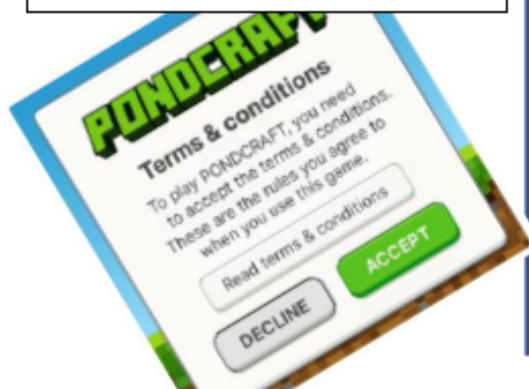


Science Habitats

- We could 'rewild' our own gardens by planting native trees.
- Be more aware of littering and looking after the environment- Eadie V
- What we do impacts on everyone, even if they are on the other side of the world.

Internet Safety Week

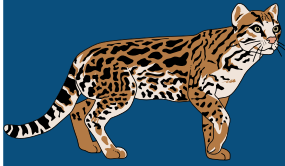
The children learnt about personal data and how to identify if it has been shared deliberately or by accident, some ways to protect personal data while using the internet, and how to recognise that things they do online leave a digital footprint which can be used to target them.



- I learnt not to use my own name so I could keep my personal details safe - Zak B
- People may be able to track you more easily if you use your real name and other personal information - Myla P.
- Cookies allow companies to track personal habits so I now know that I can reject cookies and ask a trusted grown up if I'm not sure - Evelyn K.
- I have learnt that devices can share information - Hunter H



Tiger Class



Ocelot Class

YEAR 5 & 6



Rhinoceros Class



BOTTLES OF BLOOD!!

Years 5 and 6 made their own models of blood, in order to understand how our blood is made up of different components – each with a crucial role in keeping us alive and healthy.

It was part of their study of 'The Circulatory System.' A system in our bodies made up of three parts: the heart, the blood vessels and the blood.

They discovered that blood is made up of plasma, red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets.

Plasma carries nutrients and transports the other cells around the body. Red blood cells carry oxygen. White blood cells help fight infection and platelets help blood to clot.

The bottles of blood represent what blood looks like when it is put under the microscope.

Can you work out what ingredients they might have used to represent each part of the blood?

SPORTS & CLUBS

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL



The Year 5 and 6 children from Netball Club played two friendly matches against Chudleigh Knighton in April. Team A faced a strong opposition side whose accurate shooting made for a challenging game, with very few missed goals. Despite determined defending and several excellent interception attempts, Team A were unfortunately defeated in their match. Team B enjoyed greater success, demonstrating excellent teamwork and moving the ball confidently down the court to their shooters, securing an impressive 8-2 victory against Chudleigh Knighton. Millie Wills displayed exemplary play throughout, excelling in both shooting and defending while consistently supporting and encouraging her teammates. Well done to all the children for their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.



SPORTS DAY

Our annual Sports Day was a great success and enjoyed by all. This year, the KS2 events took place in the morning. Although the damp grass caused a few early slips and falls, the children showed excellent resilience by getting back up and continuing with determination and enthusiasm. The Year 6 children particularly enjoyed their obstacle course and, in keeping with school tradition, were thoroughly soaked with water as they made their way around the course!

The KS1 events were held in the afternoon, with the sunshine making a welcome appearance. The children were fantastic, enthusiastically taking part in the races they had chosen and demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

Once all the points had been totalled, Babbacombe secured first place, followed by Hollicombe in second, Meadfoot in third, and Goodrington in fourth place. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success.



Thursday 30th April 2026

Year 3 and 4 Knock-Out Cup Final – Runners-up



The Year 3 and 4 football team competed in the cup final against Blackpool Primary School, after progressing through the last rounds against Gatehouse, Decoy and Kingsteignton Primary schools.

This was the first time the school had progressed beyond the first round and just making it to finals' day was a huge achievement. The boys played some outstanding football, with a maturity and control well beyond their years. Some fantastic attacking play gave us many chances to open the scoring, but a combination of an inspired goalkeeping performance and the frame of the goal meant that we somehow went in 0-0 at half time.

Blackpool created some chances of their own as the game became more like a basketball contest with end-to-end play, and although we continued to create chance after chance, Blackpool managed to take a 2-goal lead. The boys did not let their heads drop and showed fantastic resilience to keep playing the right way, eventually pulling a goal back. Unfortunately, we ran out of time to find the equaliser, eventually losing out 2-1.

Player of the Match could have gone to any of the team, but the opposition, rightly, chose Archie. His all-action performance was outstanding, and his defensive solidity gave us the platform to attack throughout the game.

As coaches we were incredibly proud of how the boys played and how they conducted themselves on and off the pitch. Getting to the finals' day is reward for many nights training through the cold, wet and dark autumn and winter evenings. I am certain that this group of players will go on to make many more finals before their time at Kingskerswell is up. We, and the many supporters who came along to watch, are incredibly proud of you – well done!



Tuesday 5th May 2026

Year 3 and 4 Exeter 'Play in the Park Tournament'

Winners!!!



The Year 3 and 4 football team were lucky enough to take part in the Exeter City 'Play in the Park Tournament', hosted at St James's Park – the home of Exeter City. They got to play on the first team pitch in the stadium – what an experience!

15 teams took part, with some familiar local teams, but mostly schools from the Exeter area. Tournament football was a different proposition with 7-minute games designed to encourage attacking football. We won all 3 group games, scoring 10 goals and conceding only 1. We came through a tricky quarter-final, winning 1-0 against Ottery St. Mary, before coming up against familiar rivals, Chudleigh, in the semi-final. Some wonderful passing football enabled us to win the game 3-1. In the final, the boys put the disappointment of last week's cup final behind them to run out comfortable 4-1 winners. Whilst there were some fantastic players on show at the tournament, our boys played as a team throughout. Their ability to pass and move the ball in tight spaces enabled them to score freely despite the short game format. They demonstrated the school values that run through all we do and made us all proud with their teamwork.



Team: Sidney (GK), Archie, Blake, Percy, George, Ollie (C), Ellis and Ralphie

Monday 18th May 2026

TUFC Schools football tournament (Year 5 and 6)

Year 5 and 6 had their last competitive football tournament of the year by competing in the Schools Cup tournament, hosted by Torquay United Community Sports Trust. 8 pupils had the exciting opportunity to play on the pitch at Plainmoor Stadium, the home of Torquay United Football Club along with 11 other local primary schools to win some more silverware.

The team worked extremely hard and remained undefeated in the group stages, only conceding two goals in five games, winning three and drawing two. The boys played fantastically well and topped their group; this therefore booked us a deserved automatic place in the semi-finals.

Despite playing some fantastic football in the semi-final and creating the most chances in a tightly fought game, we unfortunately lost on penalties to Bradley Barton to not progress to the final. The players proudly displayed great teamwork and effort and were a credit to our school.

We are immensely proud of how well this team have held themselves this year in both victory and defeat.



National League Trust Tournament Squad - (back row left): James, Jackson, Tommy, Max, Noah
(front row left): Charlie, Freddie, Jack (captain)



Click [HERE](#) to visit the school website for other sporting events



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



The week beginning Monday 11th May has been a week of additional stress and anxiety for children in Year 6 and their families, SATs can be a particularly challenging time for maintaining good mental health.

It is also 'Mental Health Awareness Week'.

As a school, we have unveiled a new initiative that we are taking part in called 'The Elephant in the Room'.

We are taking part in a pilot scheme, here in the UK to get children talking freely about mental health... rather than it being 'The Elephant in the Room' that no one talks about. As part of this we are now the proud owners of a 4ft elephant that the Year 6 children are going to help decide how to decorate and the rest of the children will help add to the design, using their words about mental health. At the moment, our elephant looks like this:



But it will change.
Watch out for future elephant updates!

Remember if you need support with the Mental Health and Wellbeing of your young person you can find links on our school website. If you would like support for your child's mental health and wellbeing in school, please speak to your class teacher or email me through admin@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk
Lyndsey Cahill, Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead

Heatree – 2026 – Year 6



The Year 6 children had a fantastic time at Heatree Activity Centre. They took part in a wide range of exciting activities, including exploring Hound Tor, stream-scrambling, kayaking, raft building, and climbing high ropes and trees.

Most importantly, they approached every challenge with confidence and resilience. Throughout the trip, they worked brilliantly as a team, supported one another, and created lasting memories with their classmates.



CHARITY EVENT

The Year 6 children working towards their Civic Award will be holding a charity event next term to raise funds and awareness for their chosen cause or charity.

WHEN: Friday 12TH June, after school

WHERE: KS1 playground

Please support our young people.

[CLICK here to see what else they have been up to!](#)



Summer Term 2 Afterschool Clubs

Please find a list of after-school clubs on offer after the May half term. Use the link below the club name to sign up.

Year 2 Football Club- Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

[Year 2 Football Club – Fill out form](#)

Year 1 & 2 Board Games Club-Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm

[Year 1 and 2 Board Games Club – Fill out form](#)

KS2 Cricket Club- Mondays 3:30-4:30pm

[KS2 Cricket Club – Fill out form](#)

Year 1-4 Lego Club-Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm

<http://www.kidswithbricks.com/>

Recurring Clubs

KS2 Drama Club-Mondays 3:30pm-4:30p

SIDNEY'S PLYMOUTH ARGYLE CONTRACT SIGNING DAY





Your School PTFA:

PTFA stands for Parents, Teachers and Friends Association. Our primary purpose is to raise funds for extras - items which fall outside the educational budget but are necessary or desirable for the children's development and the general wellbeing of the school. In addition, the events that we run help to create lasting memories and opportunities that not all children get to experience, outside of primary education.

Recent Successes:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events! From buying an ice lolly on Frozen Pop Friday or sending your child to the disco with some spending money - every donation helps. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised over £300 on Sports Day, sales from our pre-loved uniform have now reached over £100 and Frozen Pop Friday has so far raised over £200, not forgetting the £1400 raised at the disco. We've had a busy few weeks!

We have spent some of these donations on the following items, which have directly benefited children:

- * Purchased new science equipment
- * Year 6 Leavers Hoodies, a gift for each child in Year 6
- * Purchased new reading books for classrooms
- * RWI packs for all new Starters in September.

Upcoming Events - Please save the dates!

Friday 26th June: *Half Marathon final mile - please don't forget to collect your sponsorship money for this*

Friday 3rd July: *Summer Fayre*

Each Friday (weather pending) *Frozen Pop Friday in the KS1 playground at school pick-up time*

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July: *We will be running the bar at the Summer Production*

Wednesday 22nd July: *School Disco and Leavers BBQ for Year 6*

Please support us where possible, all help is much appreciated.

Best wishes
The PTFA Team



ATTENDANCE

3.09.25 – 18.05.26

Attendance percentage

Reception	97.0%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	96.4%
National	94.9%
Local Authority	94.9%

**WELL
DONE**

GOVERNING BOARD NEWS

Dear Families and Children,

Thank you for your continued support this term—we are proud of all the children's hard work and achievements.

We hope you enjoy a happy and restful half-term break with your families and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final part of the summer term.

With best wishes,
KKPS Governing Board

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

Please do not send your child(ren) to school with snacks that contain nuts. As a school promoting the health and wellbeing of all children, we would please ask that children bring in healthy snack choices, such as chopped up fruit or vegetables. Thank you for your support with this.



SAFEGUARDING

Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01392 388428, 01803 208100 (if the child lives in Torbay) or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk, contact the police on 999.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



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St.Mary's
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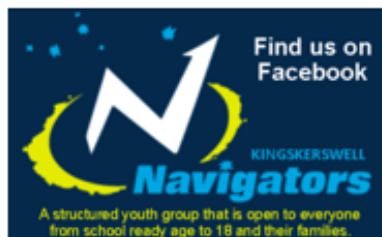
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St Mary's Kingskerswell

Click here for
information about
services at St.Mary's,
Kingskerswell.



Kingskerswell Navigators is a registered youth charity and alternative scouting group based in Kingskerswell.

Originally launched in 2014 as the first UK chapter of Navigators USA, it serves as an inclusive, community-focused alternative to traditional scouting.

Key Details and Activities:

Navigators features a structured program inspired by 100 years of scouting, but with a modernised, fresh approach that is secular and completely open to all children.

Target Audience:

We work with children and young people ranging from primary to secondary school ages.

Age Groups:

Weekly sessions are divided into two age-specific cohorts: 5–8-year olds and a group for children aged 8 years and over.

Core Purpose:

The charity focuses on building self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of personal worth by encouraging kids to try new activities and develop practical skills outside the classroom.

Typical Activities:

Meetings involve a wide range of tasks, including campfires, kayaking, board game nights, creative arts and community projects, as well as planned outdoor adventures and trips using their dedicated minibus. This year the Navigators also have their own allotment, where they are growing flowers, fruits and vegetables.

The first session is free, why not come along and see what it is all about? Please contact us on our dedicated Facebook Page - Kingskerswell Navigators or email: kingskerswellnavigators@gmail.com

