School News - Autumn 1 term - October 2026

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KINGSKERSWELL C Of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kingskerswell

Church of England Primary School

Stepping into a hopeful future for all, as we achieve, believe and create.

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,

What a wonderful first half of the autumn term we have enjoyed! It has been a real pleasure to see our children embracing so many different opportunities with enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence.

A particularly warm congratulations must go to our Reception children, who have had such a successful first half term. They have settled beautifully into school life, becoming increasingly confident and independent and embracing all the new experiences that starting school brings. Their beautiful Harvest celebration was a very special moment and we were incredibly proud of them.

History has also certainly come to life this term, with Year 3 travelling back to the Stone Age and Year 4 immersing themselves in the world of the Anglo-Saxons through their exciting workshops. Year 6 did a fantastic job sharing their learning about the Ancient Egyptians in their class assembly, demonstrating their knowledge and confidence so impressively.

Our school Harvest celebrations provided a wonderful opportunity to come together, give thanks for all that we have and think about how we can support others. We also marked World Mental Health Day through Hello Yellow, reminding everyone of the importance of looking after our own wellbeing and showing kindness and care to those around us. Beyond the classroom, it has been fantastic to see so many children taking part in our after-school clubs and activities, developing new skills, discovering new interests and enjoying time with friends.

There have been so many moments to celebrate already this year, and I am immensely proud of the positive way our children have approached this busy first half term. My sincere thanks go to our wonderful staff for all they do and to our parents, carers and wider school community for your continued support.

I hope all our children and families enjoy a happy, restful and well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term together.

Many thanks
Karen Strachan

Headteacher

Well Done!

ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Owen J - Man of the match trophy for Modbury Rovers Football Team
Man of the match trophy for Kingskerswell Colts Football Team
Phoebe B - Photography Trophy, Cheer dance certificate and trophy
Brandon L - RSL Level 1 Award in graded certificate in music performance - Grade 2 Drums
Sofia L - RSL Entry level Award in graded certificate in music performance - Entry 3 Drums
Grayson R-F - Swimming Certificate 5 Metres
Rosalie C - Torbay Gymnastics - Gold award and medal
Bear A - 10 metres swimming certificate and badge
Archie D - Go Kart party award (medal and certificate)
Archie S - Go Kart Party Medal
- Football Medal
Charlie H - Go Kart Party Medal
Henry W - Football Trophy - Under 7 coaches player
Finley B - BMX Trophy and Medal
Theo G - The Trevor Ward Rugby Festival Certificate
Amber P - Razzamataz star of the week
Isabel C - Medal for 7th place Under 9 Templer Ten Fun Run
Arthur J - Medal for Torbay Twilight 10K - Medal Torbay terrapins Triathlon
Sophia H - Zinc Medal - Southwest Beam Champion
- Southwest 2nd Overall award
Annabelle P - Medal for running 2 miles in Templer Ten
Samuel C - Medal For Templer Ten Run
Margot C - Medal for 1 mile Templer Ten Fun Run

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GOODRINGTON - 1,661,557

MEADFOOT - 1,351,632

BABBACOMBE - 1,246,225

HOLLICOMBE - 1,128,243

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BABBACOMBE - 781,643

HOLLICOMBE - 644,283

GOODRINGTON - 584,516

MEADFOOT - 549,592

NUMBOTS

BABBACOMBE - 1,740,347

HOLLICOMBE - 1,284,018

MEADFOOT - 985,449

GOODRINGTON - 538,334

GOVERNING BOARD NEWS

The Governors would like to extend a warm welcome to all new children, families and staff joining our school community.

We would also like to warmly welcome our new Foundation Governor, Erica Dunn, and our new Parent Governor, Amy Pierce. We look forward to working with them as part of the governing body.

We wish everyone a happy and relaxing half-term break and hope you enjoy Halloween and the many activities that autumn brings, while staying safe.

CHARITY EVENTS



Jeans for Genes Day 2026

On Friday 18th September 2026, all children and staff at Kingskerswell C of E Primary School celebrated and fundraised for the charity Jeans for Genes.

It was fantastic to see so many members of our school community donating to charity to wear their jeans or denim clothing to school.

The day as a whole was a huge success and we are delighted to announce that as a school we raised £326! Thank you for your kind donations and support for such a worthy cause.



Keep your eyes peeled for our children's participation in the Civic Award.

TORBAY&DEVONCIVIC AWARD

LATEST NEWS

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Stepping into a hopeful future for all, as we achieve, believe and create

During this term, we have been developing our vision strapline:
Stepping into a hopeful future for all, as we achieve, believe and create.

Inspired by Jeremiah 29:11, our vision is rooted in hope. Just as Jeremiah brought a message of hope to people facing uncertainty, we believe that every child and adult can look to the future with confidence. Through our pathways of achieve, believe and create, we equip everyone to flourish and step forward with hope.

We ACHIEVE by gaining the knowledge, skills and understanding to flourish,
We BELIEVE by growing in confidence, character, faith and values, and
We CREATE by wondering, exploring and using our gifts to make a positive difference in the world.

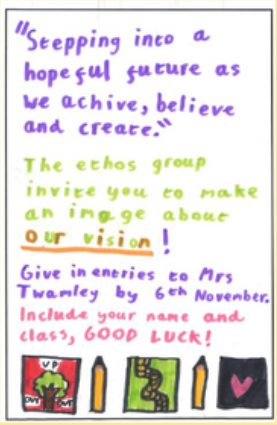
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future – Jeremiah 29:11

Here are some of our pupils' reflections
Achieve – To learn our lines for our class assembly, understanding making the mistake is part of the journey, developing skills in new things like art, achieving in P.E- winning games through skill and effort
Create – We had to create our parachutes in science, creating new friendships, creating a pathway for our futures.
Believe – We have to believe in ourselves even when we find things tricky, we believe we can get better at everything – a positive metal attitude, believe in yourself to be able to do challenging things.



ENTER THE COMPETITION

Competition



Create a colourful image or symbol to help everyone remember our vision: *Stepping into a hopeful future for all, as we achieve, believe and create.*

Entries can be sent online or handed to your teacher or Mrs Twamley.
Deadline is
Friday: 6th November 2026



VALUES IN ACTION

Our Values for
Autumn 1 term- Community & Service
~ How may I serve you?

Phillipines 2:2 - Make me truly happy by loving each other and working together with one heart and mind and purpose.



THANK YOU SO MUCH

Harvest Donations

Thank you to all our families for their generous Harvest donations. These will be given to our local food bank to support people in our community. Our new Ethos Leaders are proud to show some of the donated goods.

Open the Book

Heather and Sandra, our Open the Book Leaders, visited Year 5 this term to retell the stories of The Greedy Farmer and Feeding the Five Thousand. Through these engaging visits, pupils explored the importance of generosity and sharing, helping them reflect on our school value of community and how we can support and care for one another.

They also visited Year 1 at Harvest time to retell the Creation story. This helped pupils think about God's gift of creation, the importance of being thankful for the world around us, and the reasons we celebrate Harvest.







EYFS

Koala Class

Crocodile Class

Posting Letters Home

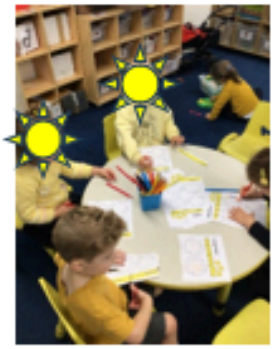
We have found out about what happens to a letter once you put it in the post box. We learned about our addresses and how every road has its own postcode, which makes sure the letter arrives at the right place. We all posted our own letters home.





Hello Yellow Day

We enjoyed wearing our yellow clothes to school. We learned about belonging and feeling welcomed. We had fun with lots of yellow activities





Stay and Play

We loved inviting our grown ups into school, so we could show them around our learning areas.



Community Visitor

We had a visit from a local midwife to tell us all about her very special job, helping deliver new babies into the community.



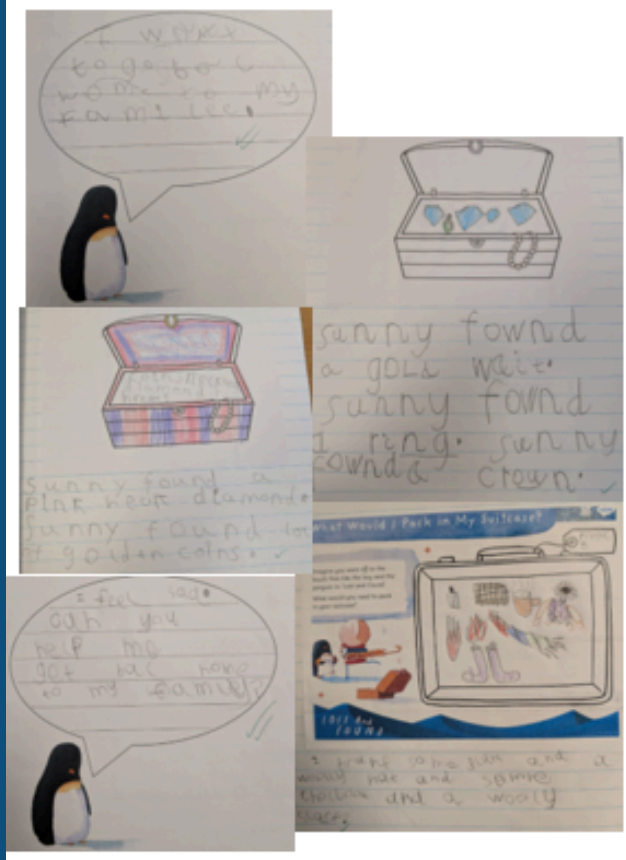


Platypus Class

YEAR 1



Snowy Owl Class



English:

This term Year 1 have enjoyed learning about lots of different stories. We have travelled all over the world with Sunny the meerkat, sailed across the ocean with a penguin and posted letters to Aunt Lucy with Paddington Bear. The children have loved sharing their ideas and developing their word and sentence writing.

History and Science:

We have been learning about Florence Nightingale!

The children have been fascinated by how hospitals used to be very messy, dirty and smelly. Soldiers were given horrible food and some even had to sleep or lay on the floor. Thanks to Florence, hospitals are now much cleaner, safer and provide beds and good food for patients.

We are really looking forward to learning about Mary Seacole after half term.







Toucan Class

YEAR 2

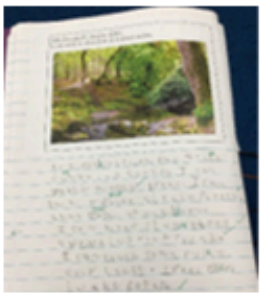


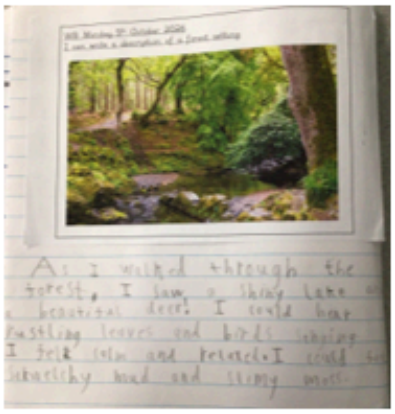
Polar Bear Class

Year 2 – A Fantastic Start to the Year!

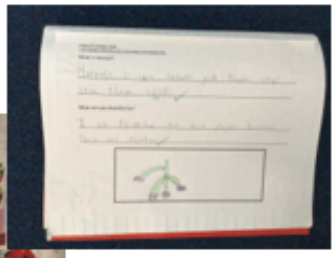
Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the year, and it has been wonderful to see the children embracing their learning with such enthusiasm and creativity!

This half-term, the children have produced some beautiful pieces of writing inspired by *The Tin Forest*, written by Helen Ward. The children have explored how to create vivid descriptions of a forest setting, using their senses. They have been developing their use of descriptive language to bring their writing to life, creating some wonderfully imaginative pieces.





Polar Bear Class have, of course, also been very busy practising for their time to shine at the KS1 Harvest celebration at St Mary's Church! They have really been thinking about what Harvest is all about and how it is important to be thankful to the amazing farmers who grow and collect the crops so that we have delicious food to eat. We have even made our own class prayer to show our gratitude. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork and cannot wait for them to share their wonderful performance, their lines and their songs. They really have been working hard to prepare for this special occasion.







In Geography, we have been learning about the continents and oceans of the world. Toucan Class have enjoyed practising their retrieval skills by labelling a world map and then checking to see if they were right! They also enjoyed using the iPads to play an interactive game to test their skills. Ask them to wow you!





We are incredibly proud of all the children's hard work, creativity and enthusiasm this half-term. They have made a wonderful start to Year 2, and we look forward to seeing their confidence and skills continue to grow!

YEAR 3

Puffin Class

Penguin Class

Year 3 - The Ages Stunning Start



We had a fantastic Stunning Start to our Stone Age to Iron Age topic, we made a human timeline to allow us to understand how long this era of history lasted (roughly 10,000 years!) We learned about cave art, and how these images are a direct window into lives of our ancient ancestors. We even had a go at producing our own cave art! We all went through bow and arrow, spear and sling training too – to test our survival skills! Using paper plates, sticks and material we also got to have a go at building our own stone age shelters! Finally, we learned the traditional game of 'Mangala' and got to handle historical artefacts from the period....

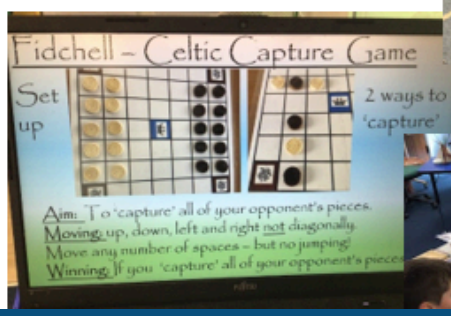












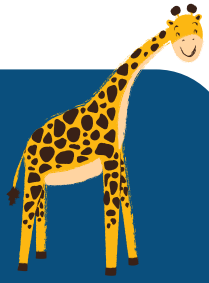






Red Panda Class

YEAR 4



Giraffe Class

ANGLO SAXON AND VIKING EXPERIENCE DAY
AUTUMN 2026

On Friday, 25th September, Year 4 had an Anglo Saxon and Viking Experience Day. We learned how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came to be in Britain, how they settled here and lived day to day. We had a go at making brooches, played a game of 'Meyer' using cups and dice and learned about some of their Gods, including Thor! We listened to the story of Jormungand, the Midgard serpent, and had a go at drawing what we think it looked like. We learned about warriors and what weapons they used before training like a Saxon and having a go at archery. We finished the day playing a board game called 'Hnefatafl'.



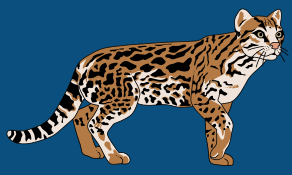








Tiger Class



Ocelot Class



Rhinoceros Class

YEAR 5 & 6

Discovering Ancient Egypt in years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have been having an exciting journey back in time embarking on our new topic, Ancient Egypt!

Over the last few weeks, we have been investigating how historians and archaeologists discovered information about the lives of the Ancient Egyptian people who lived over 5,000 years ago. To launch our topic in style, the children enjoyed a stunning start by creating their own clay cartouches, carefully writing their names or initials in hieroglyphs. We were amazed by their creativity and enthusiasm, and we are looking forward to uncovering yet more mysteries of Ancient Egypt together.



SPANISH LANGUAGE LEADERS

Meet Our 2026-2027 Spanish Language Leaders!

The school's Spanish Language Leaders are ready for another exciting year. As ambassadors for languages, they will help promote Spanish across the school, contribute to our Escuelas Twin blog, and encourage pupils to explore new cultures and ways of communicating. Keep an eye out for their creativity, enthusiasm, and brilliant ideas throughout the year!



FOREST SCHOOL – AUTUMN ADVENTURES

Our children have enjoyed a fantastic start to Forest School, exploring nature, developing new skills and working together in the woodland.





Foundation: Crocodile and Koala classes helped woodland bears, Oakley and Hazel, rescue their clothes after they blew off the washing line. They then dressed the bears appropriately for outdoor adventures while learning Forest School rules and building confidence in the woods.

Year 1: Children became bug hunters, searching for and identifying minibeasts. They practised careful observation and learned how to treat wildlife with respect.



Year 2: The children were visited by the mythical Forest Friends, who gifted them personalised wooden name cookies. After discovering that Sneeze the dragon had damaged the Forest Friends' village, they worked together to rebuild their homes.





Years 3 & 4: Children used bow saws and hand drills safely to create and decorate wooden poppy discs as part of our Remembrance project.

Years 5 & 6: Our oldest pupils have been using bow saws, hand drills and hammers to create beautiful poppy nail art for the Remembrance project.
It has been wonderful to see such creativity, teamwork and respect for nature across all year groups.

SPORTS & CLUBS

Bikeability

Twenty-five Year 5s completed their course in the last two weeks of the summer term. They were really great; both instructors commented on how well they progressed and they enjoy coming to this school each year.

















Step Up & Dance

Year 3 had a fantastic time taking part in a Stone Age dance workshop led by Mrs Whenman. The children used expressive movements to bring their history learning to life and thoroughly enjoyed performing their dance.



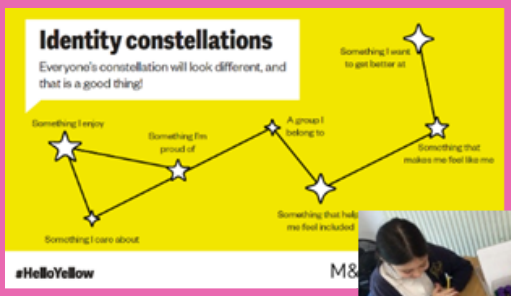
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

YOUNGMINDS
Fighting for young people's mental health

Hello Yellow Day

This term everyone has been very busy settling into their new classrooms and routines. We celebrated World Mental Health Day by joining in with Hello Yellow Day to fundraise for the children's mental health charity, Young Minds. We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part or donated to support this brilliant and much needed charity. They provide a wealth of free support for children, young people and their families. We have raised a fantastic £152 so far, don't worry if you haven't donated yet and would like to the fundraising page is still open. Please use the link below:

YOUNGMINDS - LYNDSEY CAHILL







Feelings acting...Can you guess the feeling?

Young Minds resources and services can be found and accessed here: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

THANK YOU



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this term.

It was an amazing success!

We hit the benchmark in sales to earn 50% back in rewards for our school, which means we have

over £400

to spend on books for use in classes and to help restock our library!



ATTENDANCE 7.09.26 -21.10.26

Attendance percentage	
Reception	98.2%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	96.4%
National	95.9%
Local Authority	96.1%



PIANO LESSONS





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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