



# 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 approach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements and memorable moments we've shared as a school community.

This year has been filled with growth, learning, and resilience. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of the progress they have made—academically, socially, and emotionally. From classroom successes to sports days, school trips, performances, and community events, it has been a joy to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of our students and staff alike.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you—our parents and carers—for your continued support. Your involvement in school life, whether through attending events, supporting learning at home, or simply encouraging your children each day, plays a vital role in their success and well-being.

To our Year 6 leavers, we bid you a fond farewell. We are confident that you will carry the values and skills you've developed here into the next exciting chapter of your journey. We wish you every success and happiness in the future.

To those returning in September, we look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning and discovery. Until then, I hope you all enjoy a safe, restful, and joyful summer break.

With warmest wishes,

Karen Strachan  
Acting Headteacher

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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



### OUR MILLIONAIRE CLUB

Iona P – 3 million

Jake W – 2 million, Coen M – 2 million

Cameron D – 2 million, Archer B – 2 million

Olivia V – 1 million, Evelyn V – 1 million

Poppy S – 1 million, Rupert B – 1 million

Riley F – 1 million



Sophia B – Medals and rosette for swimming gala

Percy E – KKFC U8's participation award

Zak B – KKFC U8's participation award

Amelie B – Grade 7 KYU in Shotokan karate

Nellie J – 200 metres swim certificate

Leo H – Green stripe belt in Kickboxing

Myla P – Grade 9 KYU in Shotokan karate

Percy E – Dawlish Utd FC Medal and framed team picture

Amelie B – Geology Day at TGGS and NAC Festival of sport

Oliver M – U7's football trophy, U7's Defensive player trophy

Austin D – Kingskerswell U6's Medal, Moors FC tournament trophy

Leo H – Go Ape medal

Riley R – Watcombe Wanderers most improved player trophy

Lily-Ana K – Hurdlestone Challenge Badge and Hurdlestone number 2 (team 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Freddie BK – The Helen Foundation Award for the Best Endeavour in the Arts

Macy Z spend the weekend at the Devonport Summer Sizzler swimming gala.

She came away with 4 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal and swam some fantastic personal best times. A great end to the 24/25 season.

The Torbay & Devon Civic Award:

Elsie D, Ellie C, Lily-Ana K, Fearne K, Sienna W  
Lily-Marie, Betty C, Lucas C, William Y, Elsie-Violet H  
Sophie W, Macy Z, Izzy A, Archer B, Finley N

## TEACHING STAFF FOR NEXT YEAR

We have now allocated teachers to all classes for the 2025–26 academic year. Children have had transition days with their new teachers.

Reception – Dale Sanders and Lyndsey Cahill  
Year 1 – Lisa Alexander, Katy Rushton (nee Mackintosh) and Amy Voaden  
Year 2 – Anna Bennet, Jenni West and Michael Johnson  
Year 3 – Jo Perrott and Jo Borthwick  
Year 4 – Becky Hutchens and Laura Twamley  
Year 5 – Wendy Williams  
Year 5/6 – Dan Yiend and Jen Ariss



## THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK, MRS MILLER

Last week, we had the pleasure of meeting with Rachel Miller to say a heartfelt goodbye and present her with some special gifts from the team.

Rachel's leadership, warmth, and unwavering dedication have left a lasting mark on our school community. It was a lovely moment to reflect on her many contributions and to wish her all the very best for the exciting journey ahead.

Karen Strachan



**GOOD  
LUCK!**

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS

WOW! What a tear-jerking event the Year 6 leavers service was!

It was an absolute pleasure to watch these confident, hardworking and dedicated pupils put on one final finale before they leave for the next stage of their educational journey.

We are so proud to have taught them here at Kingskerswell C of E Primary School. They are a credit to the school and you, their parents and carers. We are really going to miss them. Well done, Year 6!

Karen Strachan, Dan Yiend, Patricia Kent & Joe Crook

## HOUSE POINTS



BABBACOMBE – 1,884,505  
GOODRINGTON – 1,831,143  
HOLLICOMBE – 1,562,183  
MEADFOOT – 1,029,561



HOLLICOMBE – 204,022  
GOODRINGTON – 96,232  
MEADFOOT – 83,898  
BABBACOMBE – 74,361



# VALUES IN ACTION

Our Values for Summer 2 term

Respect & Stewardship

Theme: We are all God's Gardeners!

1 Peter 2.16: Show respect for everyone.



Reverend Wilkie leading collective worship outdoors in the shade. What a perfect place to be reflecting on Creation and looking after our world.

We were lucky enough to receive a £200 grant to spend on Christian books.

Thank you to Speaking Volumes and the Andrews Charitable Trust for their generosity.

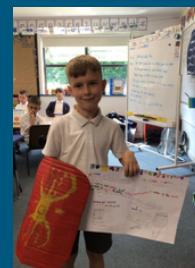


## THE ROMANS HAVE LANDED

### CELEBRATING GREAT HOMEWORK AND AN EXHIBITION OF WORK



On Monday 30th June 2025, the Romans landed in KKPS. Luckily, there were no fatalities. The army practised their shield formations in the playground and paraded around in their armour.



**SPOTLIGHT  
ON**



## **End-of-Year Production: Dare to Dream**

What an incredible way to end the school year! Our talented pupils took to the stage in this year's production of Dare to Dream, delivering a truly inspiring and heartwarming performance. With powerful storytelling, vibrant characters, and unforgettable musical numbers, the show celebrated ambition, resilience, and the courage to follow your dreams. From the confident leads to the enthusiastic ensemble, every child shone brightly—bringing energy, emotion, and joy to the stage. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork were evident in every scene, and we couldn't be prouder of what they achieved.

A huge thank you to all the staff, families, and volunteers who supported the production, and most of all, congratulations to our amazing performers. You dared to dream—and you delivered a show to remember!

A huge congratulations goes to Freddy BK who was awarded The Helen Foundation Award for the Best Endeavour to the Arts - a real star in the making!



### **A MESSAGE FROM ROGER KIRK FOUNDER OF THE HELEN FOUNDATION**

*What a show! It was wonderful to see so many young people on the stage and performing with such energy, enthusiasm and skill! It was truly remarkable how many of the cast were prepared to step up and sing to a big audience with confidence and liveliness. So impressive! Mounting such shows is a huge collective effort on behalf of pupils and adults alike. Please send my warmest congratulations to everyone involved. Taking part in Dare to Dream is one memory those involved will always remember about their time at Kingskerswell. And who knows what some of those really talented young stars will go on to do in future...*

*I hope you all enjoy a thoroughly well-deserved relaxing break over the summer. We look forward to working with Kingskerswell again next year.*

*With best wishes  
Roger*



## YEAR 5 – ART EXHIBITION

Year 5's wire art work, where the four children of our Kingskerswell crown logo were adorned with symbols to represent our school's values and designs depicting our own interests and passions, was displayed at Highweek Primary School along with artistic creations from other local primary schools.

Additional schools, who also took part in wire workshops had their pieces on display too. Other schools took part in a felting workshop and had their pieces hung on the walls to be admired by the visitors. Each school's project was subsidised by the kind contributions of The Helen Foundation. The exhibition was a chance for the schools to celebrate the work that had been created by the children in each school under the guide of the professional artists.



## YEAR 5 'ROMAN EXETER' TRIP

Our local history topic this term, took year 5 to the city of Exeter 'Isca Dumnoniorum' to discover the legacy the Romans had left on our very doorstep!

The Exeter Red Coat Guides led us on a trail following Exeter's great Roman wall, educating us about where the original parts were- easily identified due to the use of lava rock used to construct it - to the areas of the wall that had needed to be rebuilt over time due to the different invasions Exeter had withstood through its history.

Ultimately, we came to understand what an important role this Roman wall had played in Exeter's defence. We also discovered how Roman baths had been discovered under the land in front of the cathedral as well as a Roman mosaic and a collection of coins known as the Seaton Down Hoard, which we were able to see later on at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum.



## YEAR 3 & 4 – VISIT TO RAMM

Earlier this term, Year 3 & 4 enjoyed an action-packed day at the Exeter Royal Albert Memorial Museum. They took part in a range of activities and also toured the museum. The children's engagement was fabulous and they were really able to put their learning into action.





Foundation Stage have been enjoying their second fire at Forest School. They have been using toasting sticks to toast their bread over the fire.

Year 1&2 have been busy practising how to tie double knots. They have worked in teams to build shelters in the woodland.

Year 3 have lit and managed 3 fires in order to make fruity toast in small groups.

Year 4 have used Kelly Kettles for the first time to boil water to make hot chocolate.

Year 5&6 have chosen their own Forest School activities. They have cooked lots of food, built lots of shelters and used tools to make bears, fairy houses and other creations.



## PHOEBE'S A HERO!

At a Navigator's session, a child from Year 1 fell into the water whilst they were crabbing. Phoebe B, a Year 4 pupil, took the initiative to quickly grab his arms and hold onto them so he wouldn't slip back under the water.

Phoebe said she saw the child fall, he went completely under the water - it happened so quickly. The water is very deep there - thankfully it all worked out OK and the child wasn't injured or upset.

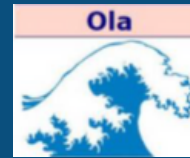
Well done on such quick thinking, Phoebe! Your quick actions may have saved the young boy's life,

This summer, be safe and have fun!





# ESPAÑOL



¡Hola a todos!

We can't believe how quickly this year has gone...

From "hola" in class to "ola" at the beach!

This year in Spanish, we enjoyed writing to our pen pals at Jesús María San Agustín in Orihuela and sharing our projects on the escuelas twin blog. We learned about Spanish traditions, made new friends, and shared what we do at our school, including our values and activities.

Also, last week received the last letters from Spain where our friends told us about their summer plans, and our letters are now on their way so we can share ours with them too.

Thank you to our friends in Spain and thank you very much to our language leaders for all their help and support: Sophie, Oliver, Macy, Lily-Marie, Freddie, Elsie-Violet, Lola and Sienna.

¡Feliz verano!

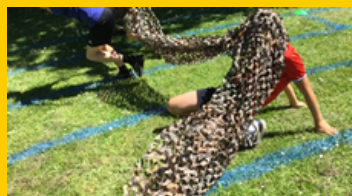


## SPORTS SECTION

### SPORTS DAY 2025

Our annual Sports Day was held on Thursday 22nd May this year and it was a gloriously sunny day.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 completed their races in the morning and KS2 had theirs in the afternoon. All children performed brilliantly in their own races and worked amazingly well in their team races. The House team with the most points was Hollicombe House! Well done everyone!



### YEAR 5 - BIKEABILITY



The Year 5 children were put through their paces learning how to stay safe on their bikes.

## TALENTED ELLYRE



Ellyre is 9 years old. She loves sewing and spends lots of time making things with her granny. She has made many things such as pyjama trowsers, make up bags, bum bags, teddies and quilts.

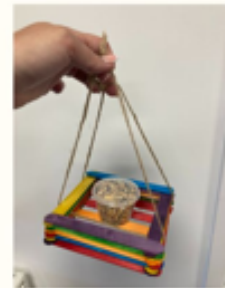
Ellyre made this wonderful quilt for Mrs Perrott before she leaves to go to Year 5. She used Mrs Perrott's favourite colour (purple) and also included some puffins.

What a talented girl she is!

## Wrap-Around and Holiday Provision



We have been busy as always in wrap-around: making bird feeders, let loose with masking tape, bowling, story and picture competitions and much more!



Wrap-Around  
After School 3.20-5.50 £8.50  
Breakfast 7.30-8.30 £3.50  
Holiday £30 (8-5.30 6 weeks)

Summer is almost here.. we will see lot's of you in Holiday Provision! There are still some places available, but we are mostly fully booked!

For all extended services bookings, please email Amy Vine: [wraparoundcare@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk](mailto:wraparoundcare@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk)



## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING TRANSITION

The end of the school year can be an unsettling time for children and young people. There may be feelings of uncertainty about what the new school year will be like and for Year 6 pupils September holds many changes. The best thing you can do as a parent is to be open about how change and uncertainty can make us feel and let your child or young person know that you are available for them to talk to about any feelings, worries or questions they may have. Just talking about it and making a plan to find out answers together can help to reduce uncertainty, which is a big step to reducing anxiety about the future.

If you are looking for some support around managing transition here are some good places to start.

Self-Help Resources:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/transitions-and-times-of-change/>

<https://www.annafreud.org/resources/schools-and-colleges/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and/>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers>



OSCAR AND MISS WILLIAMS NEED OUR SUPPORT!

**unicef**  **for every child**

After watching soccer aid, Oscar (age 9) was affected by seeing the suffering of the children in Gaza, and wanted to help. Oscar and friends are organising and taking part in a 12-hour football match to raise money.

**KKPS DOES SOCCER AID! Saturday 6th Sept 2025**



**Sponsored 12-hour football match 8am—8pm**

- 1** If you would like to take part, or are signing up on behalf of your child, please fill in the sign up form.
- 2** To cover the 12 hours, you can sign up to more than one non-consecutive slot!
- 3** If you can help / coach or referee on the day please let us know—we need your help to make this happen
- 4** Fundraise!! Please use the page: [Justgiving.org/ KKPSdoesocceraid](https://www.justgiving.org/justgiving/kkpsdoesocceraid) And help raise money and support these amazing kids, and this worthy cause.

*"I want to do this because I watched Soccer Aid, and saw all the children that were in the war, I feel so sad for them. They have lost their friends, their family, their homes, sometimes their arms or legs. I really want to help them. I love football and that's how I want to raise money for them so they can smile again."*  
Oscar Kam-Radcliffe.

**CANCER RESEARCH UK Race for Life**

**Wendy Williams**  
319997

Exeter  
19 July 2025  
Status: Finished  
Pace: 5:43 min/km

Having successfully raised over £300 for Cancer Research at the weekend by completing my 10K Race for Life, I am asking for your support in my next challenge – completing the Torbay Half Marathon in aid of Rowcroft Hospice.

**Gun Time 00:57:14**  
OVERALL 35/187

**rowcroft hospice** 

Please scan me!



**TORBAY**  
HALF MARATHON & 10K

**RUN THE ENGLISH RIVIERA**  
JOIN US FOR THE TORBAY HALF & 10K

**Wendy Williams**  
is raising money for Rowcroft Hospice  
by taking part in Torbay Half Marathon 2025 in memory of all of those Rowcroft has cared for, is caring for and will care for in the future.

**Use the link to book slots:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1toiaarvIPTNPMx\\_6aOZSdHy3BGacD3RgsWWD8UyszBk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1toiaarvIPTNPMx_6aOZSdHy3BGacD3RgsWWD8UyszBk/edit?usp=sharing)

**JustGiving page**





## GOVERNING BOARD NEWS



The members of the Governing Board would like to thank all the parents and carers for their support this year, and the staff for their hard work.

May you all have a relaxing, peaceful summer holiday.

KKPS Governing Board

## LEGO CLUB



Dylan & Finley's tower at the airport



Lottie's Big Ben



Fionn's tower



### Kingskerswell Primary School PTFA

Have you considered offering to help our school PTFA? We are always looking for new committee members and volunteers.

The PTFA is a registered charity – it is a group of volunteers comprising of parents, teachers and friends of the school. We raise money for extra items and facilities to support children's development and enhance their learning.

To achieve our funding aims, we organise a variety of events throughout the year, such as Discos, Seasonal Fayres, Frozen Pop Friday - as well as many others.

The PTFA works closely with the school to understand fundraising priorities and agree a main aim, as well as supporting ad-hoc purchases throughout the year. We have supported a variety of different requests over the years, including:

\* Playground equipment \* Lighting and sound equipment \* School trips \* Year 6 leavers' hoodies \* Forest School equipment \* Visits and gifts from Father Christmas \* New Starters packs \*

All funds raised directly benefit children at school, so even if it's buying an ice-lolly on Frozen Pop Friday or donating items for the seasonal fayres – every little helps.

You may be reading this and think you can't commit to joining the committee, but still want to help when you can? Then PTFA Lite is for you!

We have a dedicated WhatsApp group, where any small jobs that need completing will be added. If you can help that's great, if not - next time! No pressure, just help when you can. If this is of interest to you, please email your name and mobile phone number to: [PTFA@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@kingskerswell.devon.sch.uk)

Please keep a look out for our newsletter, which is circulated at the end of each half-term and check our Facebook page for updates.



## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### 04.09.24 – 18.07.25

#### Attendance percentage

Reception	96.6%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	96.4%
National	94.8%
Local Authority	95.0%

**WELL  
DONE**



## PTFA

A huge thank you goes to all the members of the PTFA for making so much possible, from the Summer fayre to the school disco, and everything in between! We appreciate all the time you put in behind the scenes to make things happen for our children!



## 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](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk) and give as much information as you can.

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

### Contact Information

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# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



## St Mary's Kingskerswell

Kingskerswell Parish Church-  
St.Mary's  
Part of The Three Wells Mission  
Community  
VICAR: Michael Wilkie

Three Wells Churches Office, Church  
End Road, Kingskerswell, TQ12 5LD  
Vicarage: 01803 875248  
Office: 01803 873006

admin@w3church.co.uk  
Website: [www.ackchurch.org.uk/](http://www.ackchurch.org.uk/)

Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/The-Three-Wells-Mission-Community-106678921001432/>



[Click here to find out how!](#)



Preloved school uniform will be available for a second year at Kingskerswell Library during the Summer Holidays on behalf of the PTFA. Donations will be shared between PTFA and the library. So why not pop in and have a browse?



The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge has started!  
[Click on the link to find our more or visit your local library.](#)



Kingskerswell Library