



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 our first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a really positive and energetic start to the school year.

It's been wonderful to see the children settle back into school life so confidently. Whether they're new to our community or returning for another year, they've embraced new routines, made new friendships, and shown a real enthusiasm for learning. The classrooms have been full of curiosity, creativity, and laughter—and it's been a joy to watch them grow already in such a short space of time.

We've packed a lot into these first few weeks! From exciting lessons and outdoor adventures to assemblies, clubs, and special events, there's been a real buzz around the school. I'm incredibly proud of how our staff and pupils have worked together to make this term such a success.

Now, as autumn settles in—with its crisp mornings, golden leaves, and shorter days—it feels like the perfect time to pause and appreciate how far we've come. This season always brings a sense of reflection and calm, and it's lovely to see that mirrored in the way our school community continues to support and care for one another.

I'd also like to say a heartfelt thank you to you—our parents and carers—for your ongoing support. Whether it's helping with homework, attending meetings, or simply encouraging your child each day, your involvement makes a huge difference and helps us create the warm, welcoming environment we're so proud of.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon, refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

Warmest wishes,

Karen Strachan
Headteacher

ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Arlo R – Swimming certificate – Level 3

Isabelle S – Piano certificate – Primer A –

Promoted to Primer B

Sophia H – Southwest Gymnastics

Championships – 3rd Beam and 2nd Floor

Peaches OJ – Piano certificate – Primer A –

Promoted to Primer B

Ryan M – Swimming certificate – 100m

Ellie D – Swimming certificate – Green level 4

Maria C – Gymnastics certificate – Backbend kickover

Max B – Walk of Hope medal

Freddie H – Football medal

Miss Williams – Torbay Half Marathon medal

Poppy OJ – Swimming medal

Oliver R – 10 metres swimming certificate

Alfie P – Duckling 3 swimming certificate

Myla P – 15 Metres swimming certificate

Sophia B – Swimming certificate – Level 4 Green, Libraries Unlimited Book Quest certificate

Kingskerswell Horticulture Show: 1st Fruit and Veg animal, 1st Garden on a plate, 1st Paper Plate Flower, 2nd nature rubbing





FOUNDATION STAGE
YEAR 1&2
YEAR 3&4
YEAR 5&6

FOREST SCHOOL

Foundation Stage have been kitting out Oakley and Hazel bear with appropriate clothing to wear in the woods. They have also been exploring the woods.

Year 1&2 have been working together to cook pasta and sauce over the fire.

Year 3&4 have been busy practising how to safely light and manage a fire in order to make apple and blackberry crumble.

Year 5&6 have been busy improving their woodworking skills by making woodland notebooks using knives, mallets and hand drill.



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Foundation Stage discovered that Bitsy wanted to help her friend Bear who was cold and trying to hibernate in the woods.

Year 1&2 have been using loppers and hand drills to make autumnal leafy caterpillars.

Year 3&4 have been preparing and lighting a fire in order to toast their crumpets.

Year 5&6 have been splitting and carving willow sticks in order to toast bread and marshmallows over a fire.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY



On Friday 19th September 2025, all children and staff fundraised for the charity Jeans for Genes. We are delighted to announce that we raised £321! Thank you for your kind donations and support for such a worthy cause.



HOUSE POINTS



HOLLICOMBE - 1,698,860
 GOODRINGTON - 1,642,933
 BABBACOMBE - 1,443,841
 MEADFOOT - 1,293,389



MEADFOOT - 137,215
 GOODRINGTON - 110,375
 BABBACOMBE - 106,577
 HOLLICOMBE - 102,484



VALUES IN ACTION



Our Values for Autumn 1 term –
Community, Thankfulness & Generosity

Theme: Thank you!

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



Open the Book visited the Year 1 children where they retold the story of Creation.



Our Ethos Council leaders this year are:
Kole, Eva, Milie, Isla, Ellyre, Freddie, Bethany, Poppy and Zak. Keep an eye open for all the time activities they will be arranging for you all!

**HAPPY
Diwali**



West End in Schools came in to teach pupils the Ramayana through dance. The pupils loved the experience!



GENEROSITY AT HARVEST TIME

Thank you for your generosity this Harvest season which will go a long way to support those in need.





Koala Class

EYFS



Crocodile Class

OUR FIRST WEEKS

Koala and Crocodile classes have had a brilliant start to life at Kingskerswell Primary School. Despite coming from many different nursery feeders, the children have quickly settled and made friends. Our topic for this term has been, 'All About Me'. We have focused on making friends and getting used to school routines.



We have learned about where we live, including a walk to the post box to send a picture home. We have also made some fantastic self-portraits.



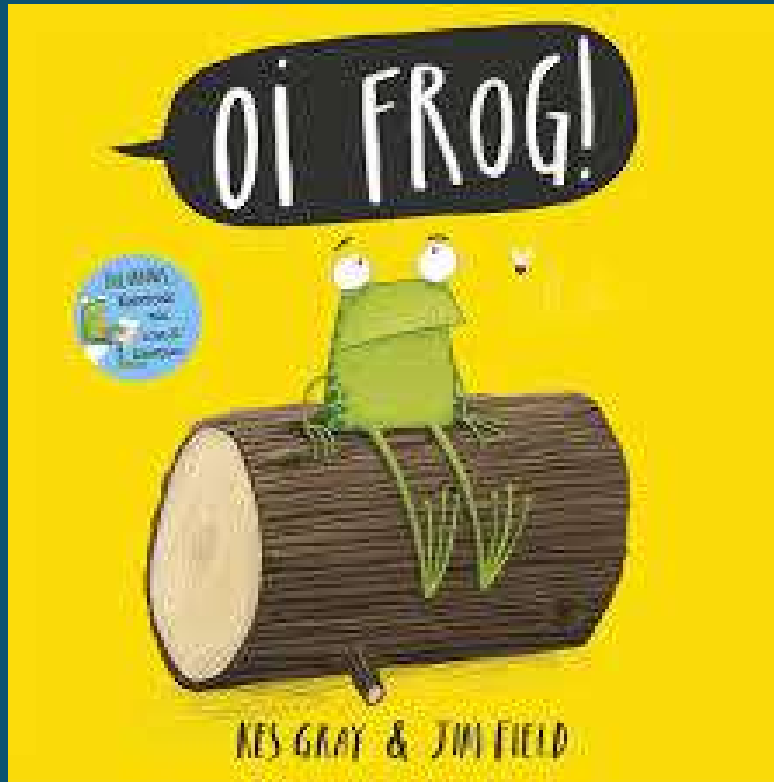
Platypus Class

YEAR 1



Snowy Owl Class

English learning - Oi Frog!



This half term, Year 1 have been reading *Oi Frog!* By Kes Gray and Jim Field. We have talked about how important it can be to follow the rules and what might happen if the rules are broken. We had a go at playing snakes and ladders together – making sure we followed the rules! Then, we discussed what could happen and how we felt when the rules were broken. We have explored the feelings of the main characters Frog and Cat and written a letter of complaint representing the views of one of the animals in the story. We have also been learning about rhyming words and have had a go at finding and matching rhyming words as well as making up nonsense rhyming words! We are loving our English learning all about *Oi Frog!*



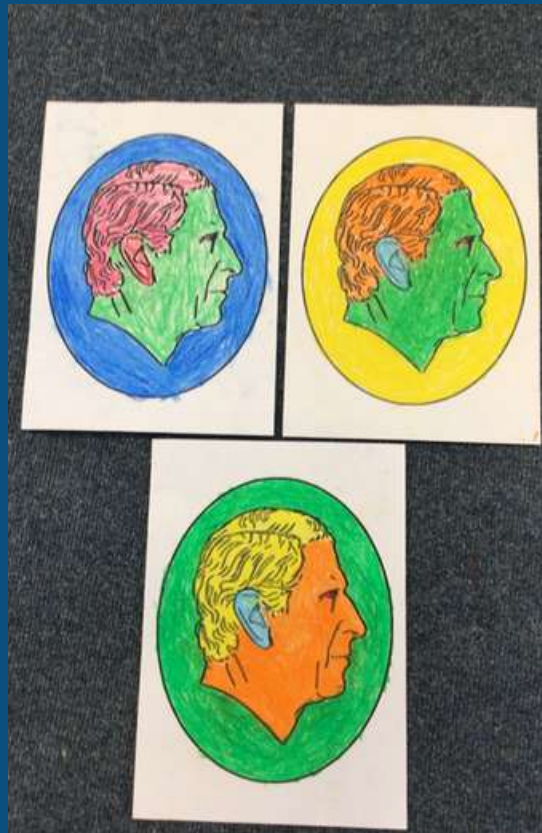
Toucan Class

YEAR 2



Polar Bear Class

Art (Andy Warhol) - Pop Art



This term in Year 2 our artist focus has been Andy Warhol. The children have been learning about his signature style of 'Pop Art' – whereby he took everyday items and used bright colours to make them 'pop' out from the page. The children took inspiration from this and used oil pastels to colour in outline templates of King Charles III.



Puffin Class

YEAR 3



Penguin Class

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 & VIKINGS STUNNING START

On Wednesday 24th 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 two board games called 'Hnefatafl' and 'Nitavl'.





Tiger Class

YEAR 5 & 6



Rhinoceros Class



Ocelot Class

WORLD WAR TWO EXPERIENCE DAY

To kick off their history unit, Years 5 and 6 took part in an immersive day of workshops and hands-on activities focused on World War Two. Pupils explored key topics such as the causes of the war, the Blitz, and the crucial role civilians played on the home front. They also learned about the Air Raid Precaution (ARP) Service and had the chance to practise ARP first aid themselves. The workshops provided opportunities to handle replica ration books and imagine what life was like for children who were evacuated during the war.



A particular highlight was examining a fascinating collection of World War Two artefacts, including helmets, uniforms, medals, and wartime newspaper articles. It was a highly engaging and informative day, and pupils are now eager to build on their knowledge as they delve deeper into the topic in the weeks ahead.

SPORTS

After-School Clubs



After school clubs have started this half term! We have a fantastic amount of footballers attending our Year 5 and 6 football club with Mr Johnson as well as Year 3s and 4s in Mr Sanders football club. Every Wednesday, Exeter City are supporting some of our KS2 footballers and netballers in short practical sessions to build upon their skills ready for future matches and tournaments.

Netball club has been fun and the children are learning and having a go at playing all positions in the rules of 5 Bee Netball.

Dance

We have had Katie from Step Up and Dance lead dance sessions with some of our classes this half term. The children have loved learning dance sequences linked to their topic learning. Katie will return to us in the summer term to work with more children.



WRAP-AROUND



Well done to Rocco in Year 2 for this fantastic self-portrait. The time and detail that went into this was amazing!

We are introducing additional items on different days to breakfast club, such as mushrooms, tomatoes, yoghurts, peppers, etc.

It gives children more healthy options and the opportunity to try new things 😊

We are also having pancake free days, randomly selected.

We have introduced a Scrap Book to wrap-around provision. This is for KS2 to take ownership, where they take it in turn to add a page to the book with whatever they choose. This could be something they want to draw or write, or a photo of an activity or something they enjoyed in wrap-around.



One of our fun and popular games to play in after-school club is Sharks & Lifeguards!



Did you know that KS1 (and sometimes KS2 who join) have a 10-minute story after we register in the library at 3:20pm? This is something the children have asked us to do and they thoroughly enjoy listening!



Mrs Vine and the Wrap-Around Team 😊

ESPAÑOL

Meet our 2025 Language Leaders!

Our school's Language Leaders are ready for another brilliant year, helping everyone enjoy Spanish with fun activities, quizzes, and cultural discoveries.



Say hello to this year's team—watch out for their ideas and energy!
Iona P, Amelie B, Bethany S, Darcey T, Maisie H and Seb G.



INSPIRATIONAL ISLA GETS THE CHOP



This summer Isla W had her hair cut to donate to The Little Princess Trust. She donated 12 inches for them to turn into a wig to give to a child who has lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment. She has also raised **£305** to donate to the same charity, though she hopes to raise more.



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Click on the QR code or the link to Isla's Just Give page.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



The start and the end of the school year can be an unsettling time for children and young people, and there may be feelings of uncertainty about what to expect.

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.

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>



GOVERNING BOARD NEWS



The members of the Governing Board would like to welcome pupils, parents and carers back to school, and to thank all the staff for a fabulous start to the new school year.

May you all have a relaxing October half-term.

KKPS Governing Board

LEGO CLUB

The topic this term has been the Ancient World and here are children's models of the Parthenon.



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

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

3.09.25 – 21.10.25

Reception	98.3%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	96.9%
National	95.8%
Local Authority	95.9%

WELL DONE



Is there anything you would like included in our newsletter?

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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Kingskerswell Halloween Pumpkin Trail

Can you solve the clues and find all
the pumpkins around the village?

24th October – 1st November

Pick up a trail sheet from
Personal Asset Management
(12 Torquay Road)

