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KEPS Courier



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Summer Term Update

The summer term is now in full swing, and there is a real sense of energy across the school as we head into the final few weeks of the academic year. There is so much going on, and it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to take part in the wide range of opportunities on offer. Our recent World Cup event was testament to this. Thank you to Mrs Cleasby for organising such a super day and getting us all into World Cup Fever. Fingers crossed, its coming home!



It's been a busy couple of weeks as all of our pupils have sat their end of year quizzes. I have been incredibly proud of all our pupils. They continue to engage so positively in school life and show real pride in everything they do, whether in their learning, their behaviour, or the way they represent our school in the wider community. The choir and Year 4 ukulele band were fabulous at the recent Mid Somerset Spectacular, with many of our pupils experiencing performing on a theatre stage for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Governors' Parent Survey. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many parents recognising the caring and supportive nature of the school and the positive direction we are working towards. Its great to here that our pupils are happy, feel safe and enjoy learning here, which is exactly what we strive for every day. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will help to shape our priorities and next steps as we plan for the next academic year.

As you'll be aware this week I made the decision to close the school due to the red weather warning for extreme heat. This is never a decision we take lightly; however, the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff must always come first. We are grateful for your understanding and support in what is an exceptional situation.

Moving forward, we need to be prepared for more weather events like this. As we enter the final few weeks of the school year can we ask that all families take steps to help keep children safe in the sun:

- Ensure children come to school with a named water bottle
- Apply sun cream before school and, where appropriate, provide a labelled bottle for reapplication
- Provide a sun hat for outdoor learning and playtimes
- Encourage children to stay hydrated and seek shade where possible



We hope everyone is able to stay safe and keep cool during this period of hot weather and we look forward to seeing back in school on Friday ready for the PTA June Fayre.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school.



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Best wishes

Mr T



Mid Somerset Spectacular

A huge well done to our brilliant choir and our wonderful Year 4 ukulele band for their performances at the Somerset Music Mid Somerset Spectacular at Strode Theatre on Monday 8th June. What a fantastic evening.



Willow Class visit a Roman Villa!

As part of their History work, on 11th June Willow class went back in time to visit the Roman Villa and museum at the Newt Somerset.

They explored what life would've been like for the family that lived in the villa and used their archaeology skills to discover more about life in Roman Britain.



Feedback from Governor Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent Parent Survey.

We were delighted to receive such a positive response and are incredibly grateful for the thoughtful feedback shared. It was wonderful to hear how highly many of you value the caring and supportive environment at Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School, the dedication of our staff, and the positive experiences your children have each day.

We were particularly pleased to see that many parents feel their children are happy, safe, making good progress, and enjoy being part of our school community.

We also appreciate the suggestions and feedback provided. Your comments help us to reflect on what is working well and identify opportunities for further improvement. The responses will be reviewed by school leaders and governors and will help inform future planning and development across the school.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the school. We are proud to be part of such a supportive and engaged school community.

Kind regards,

KEPS Governors

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you from Kingsbury May Festival

We wanted to share this lovely letter we have received from the Kingsbury May Festival Committee.



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Dear teachers and pupils of Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School,

We wanted to send a special letter of thanks to you all for everything you did to contribute to the 2026 Kingsbury May Festival.

We had so many comments about how wonderful the maypole dancers were! Your efforts in your after school lessons with Mrs Colton, really shone through in your fantastic performance. We hope you enjoyed it as much all your spectators did.

Also, thank you for helping us make so many amazing willow fish with Maurice, Steve and Angel. They were very impressed with how quickly you mastered the willow making.

And the creative work did with your class teachers, was really impressive! Your skills in art, writing and coding were inspiring and your displays really brightened up the Church. You should be really proud of what you created, and we hope you enjoyed learning all about the River Parrett and its wildlife which was brought to life by our story.

Fin and Margo's Parrett Tales is very special to us. We found ourselves sat round a kitchen table in December and just starting writing. Before we knew it, the story was complete and we hope you enjoyed hearing the first few chapters read by some of our favourite characters in your assembly. We were delighted to see so many of our favourite characters from the book including Flick the Kingfisher, Vivienne & Veronica the twin Water Voles and Mr Oscar the Otter, in the first episode of Sir David Attenborough's, Secret Garden Television series.

As you may know, it was Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday on the 8th May and we thought he would enjoy reading and sharing Fin and Margo's story with his family. So we sent him 2 copies of the book as a birthday gift from the May festival committee and all of you at KEPS.

If you've missed Fin, Margo and all the cheeky characters in the story, the book is for sale at the Kingsbury Shop.

Once again, thank you for all your hard work, and we look forward to more May Festival fun next year.

Best Wishes,

Angie Clay, Maurice Fawcett, Laura Hartley and Angel Thornton
on behalf of the Kingsbury May Festival Committee

Facebook & Instagram: @kingsburymayfestival

Website: <https://kingsburymayfestival.co.uk>

An exciting Year 6 Residential!

Our Year 6's had a super time on their residential.

Day 1 of fun!: Rifle shooting, climbing wall, games and much more!

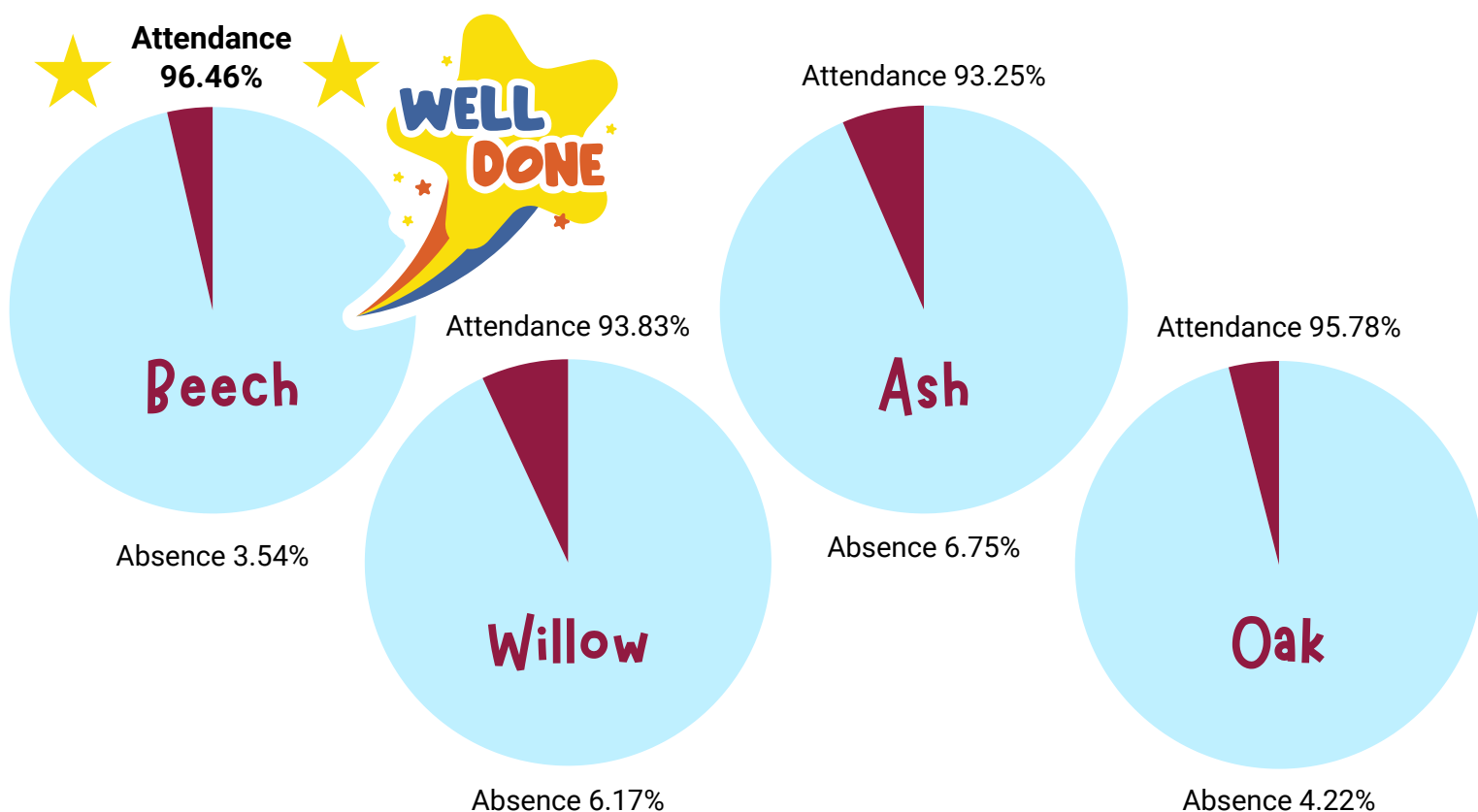
Day 2: Birthday celebrations, archery, Aeroball, raft building and getting soaked! Finished off with a silent disco!

Final day: A non-stop day on a giant swing and survivor.
What an amazing week!

GOOD TIMES



KEPS Class Attendance Figures so far This School Year



Football Fever at KEPS

With the 2026 Men's Football World Cup having already kicked off, our pupils enjoyed a fantastic football-themed day off timetable on Friday 5th June!

Dressed in a colourful array of football kits, children from Reception through to Year 6 came together to work across year groups in a series of exciting, interactive sessions. From art and history to computing and PE, the day was packed with opportunities to learn, collaborate and celebrate the beautiful game.

It was wonderful to see such strong teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm on display throughout the school.



Welcome to Miss Roberts

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Chloe Roberts will be joining the Kingsbury family as our new Beech Class teacher.

Miss Roberts is relocating to us from Wolverhampton, and we are very much looking forward to her joining our team. She will bring enthusiasm and a commitment to ensuring the very best outcomes for the children in her care.

Your child will have the opportunity to meet Miss Roberts during our transition day on Wednesday 1st July. In addition, she will be in school for the final three days of the summer term, which will help support a smooth and positive transition into September.

We are excited to welcome Miss Roberts to our school community and are confident that she will be a valued addition to our team.



WELCOME



Dates for your Diary...

26th June - June Fair - Year 6 children to run stalls
(parents to collect from class to take to the June Fair)

29th June - Oak Class Swimming (day change)

30th June - CLP Athletics - you would have been notified
if your child is taking part

30th June - Beech Class Trip to Lyme Regis

1st July - KEPS transition day/Secondary school transition
day (check with your child's new school for details)

2nd July - Year 6 Bikeability (rearranged date for the second group)

3rd July - 1.30pm - Sports Day - wear PE kit (House colour t-shirt)

4th July - KEPS Choir singing at Party by the Parrett

9th July - Oak Class Swimming (day change)

10th July - KEPS Swimming Gala

14th July - Oak Class All day at Warehouse Theatre,
Ilminster 9am - 3pm. Return children for 5:45pm Performance 6pm
(email to follow with details, nearer the time)

16th July - Oak Class Sailing trip - wear light clothes and shoes,
bring a change of clothes and shoes. No wellies.

22nd July - Year 6 leavers church service 9am at the
church - then take your child to KEPS after the service

22nd July - Year 6 celebration picnic and walk (details to follow nearer
the time with food choices to bring)

22nd July - Last Day of Term

Class Updates

The below links are for each class, these will take you to the KEPS website for their updates.

Preschool [Pre School Updates | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Beech Class [Reception/Year 1 - Beech Mr Bell | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Willow Class [Year 1/2 - Willow Mrs Carson | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Ash Class [Year 4/5 Ash - Mrs Cleasby | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Oak Class [Year 5/6 Oak - Mrs Lane | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)



Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are **Mr Thompson** and **Mrs Carson**.
Our safeguarding governor is **Mr Simon Faull**.

If you have a concern relating to the safety or wellbeing of a pupil, please report this by emailing safeguarding@keps.school

If you have concerns about your child at home or school, contact the office to book an appointment. Alternatively, if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police.

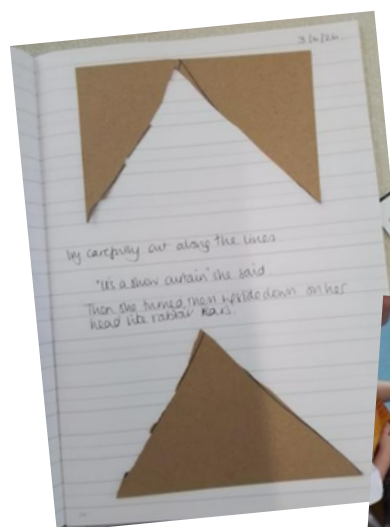
You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999. If you would like to speak to a social worker outside office hours, please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 2327.

KEPS Preschool Update

We have been making 'All about me' books with the children due to go to school in September. They did self portraits, drawing around their hands and feet, measuring them by counting how many cubes fit in the shapes. These can then be shared with the reception class teacher. We have begun visiting reception class on Thursday afternoons which will support the transition to school.

The group have enjoyed exploring, meeting the adults at school and the other children whilst with the preschool practitioners.

Alongside song time, when several children did solo performances, we've enjoyed rhyming stories and information books this week. Our focus on development of fine motor skills continues with threading, using chalks, placing beads and play dough.



Making gloop was also a popular activity, it's relaxing, a fun sensory activity with mixing and pouring and getting messy!





Online Safety



Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.





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School Calendar for 2025/26



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KEPS School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year

September 2025						October 2025						November 2025								
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W		3	10	17	24		We		1	8	15	22	29	W			5	12	19	26
Th		4	11	18	25		Th		2	9	16	23	30	Th			6	13	20	27
F		5	12	19	26		Fr		3	10	17	24	31	Fr			7	14	21	28
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		4	11	18	25		Sa		1	8	15	22	29
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

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