

26<sup>th</sup> Sept 25

# KEPS Courier



Success Through Teamwork

## Welcome to the Kingsbury Courier!

It's hard to believe we are already four weeks into the new school year. The time has flown by, and it's been wonderful to see everyone settle back into school life so quickly and confidently. The standard and quality of the children's work has been excellent, and I've been truly impressed by all those who have come to see me for a Headteacher's Award so far. My aim is for every child to receive an award by the end of the year, and I look forward to celebrating their achievements together.



A particular highlight this term was seeing our pupils take part in the Long Sutton Cross Country. Their enthusiasm, determination, and team spirit were fantastic to witness. I can't wait for more sporting opportunities as the year progresses. My own love of sport was nurtured by being given opportunities to take part in competitive sport at primary school, and, working alongside Mrs Cleasby, I am passionate about developing sport at KEPS so that every child has the chance to enjoy the same experiences.

You may have noticed that we've updated the certificates awarded to children. These are now aligned with our school values: Resilient, Respectful, Collaborative, Independent, Reflective, and Curious. We will be focusing on a different value through our assemblies and asking the children to reflect regularly on how they are following and upholding these values. As always, we are here to support and guide them on their KEPS journey. Over the past couple of weeks, we have focused on the value of being Resilient—encouraging the children to understand that sometimes things can be hard, but with a bit of resilience, teamwork, and a positive attitude, we can achieve anything. We are using these values to drive our overall aims: for our school to be a happy place for all.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Evenings on the 15th and 16th October, where you'll be able to see your child's fabulous work. We're also hosting two open sessions for new parents: the morning of Wednesday 8th October and the afternoon of Thursday 16th October. Please spread the word!

All the best,

*Mr T*

## School Photos

Don't forget to send children to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September, looking extra lovely - They will be having their school photos taken!

You will be sent links to order your photos shortly after.



# Good Attendance Matters!

Every day in school counts for your child's learning, friendships, and future.

Please help us by:

- Making sure your child attends every day and arrives on time
- Booking appointments outside school hours where possible
- Avoiding holidays during term time
- Letting us know promptly if your child is absent

**Need support?** - If your child is struggling to attend, contact us—we're here to help!

**Remember:** Term-time leave is only authorised in exceptional cases. Unauthorised absences may lead to a penalty notice.

**Questions or concerns?** Call us on 01460 240507.

**Thank you for supporting your child's education!**



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## Christmas Lunch

School Christmas lunches will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Order as normal on Wisepay.



## 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](#)



# Book Fair

Next week we have the exciting arrival of our **Scholastic Book Fair!**

Before and after school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**, you and your children have the opportunity to come into the hall and browse the interesting collection of children's books on offer to buy.

There is a range of books for all areas and price brackets. The great thing is, every book bought will mean free books for our school for all of the children to enjoy! All payments will be cashless using a QR code, so please make sure you bring your phone with you.

We look forward to seeing you there!



# Wear Yellow Day

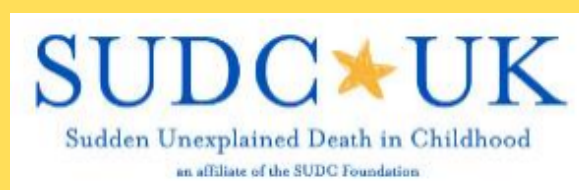
On the 10th October it's World Mental Health Day and the anniversary of the loss of Emilia England who would have been in Year 6 this year.

On this day, we will be wearing Yellow for **World Mental Health Day in memory of Emilia.**

Raising money for **Young Minds and SUDC**, both links are below.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/supportus/fundraising/helloyellow/>



<https://sudc.org.uk>

## School Tours

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

### KEPS - Open Morning & Afternoon

We're excited to welcome prospective parents and children to explore our wonderful school ahead of admissions for September 2026.

 Open Morning: Wednesday 8th October - 9:30am-11am

 Open Afternoon: Thursday 16th October - 1:30pm-2:30pm

Come and meet our dedicated staff, see our vibrant classrooms in action, and discover what makes Kingsbury Episcopi Primary such a special place to learn and grow.

Please call 01460 240507 or e-mail [office@keps.school](mailto:office@keps.school) to register interest.



## 'Tuning into Kids' Course

**Dates for the Tuning into Kids course  
run by Victoria Gould – PFSA**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
9.30-11.30 at Somerton Library

If you are interested in joining,  
please contact the school office  
and we will pass your details to the organisers



## Wraparound Provision

**The Willows Childcare** provides a wraparound provision. The hourly rate is £6.00 and available to all children either on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

For more information contact The Willows Childcare on:  
Nic 07557 952 753 / Jackie 07909 005 066

Facebook: The Willows Childcare  
Email: [Jackie:thewillowschildcare.co.uk](mailto:Jackie:thewillowschildcare.co.uk)

Breakfast Club from 07.30 until 09.00 Monday to Friday.  
Breakfast served until 08.10 (extra 50p charge).  
After School Club operates from 15.30 until 17.30 Monday to Thursday only.

## PE Days for 2025/26

Please send your child/children to school in their PE kits on PE Days. PE kits should be burgundy shorts/black leggings/tracksuit bottoms, white house coloured t shirt. A school jumper, cardigan or KEPS PE hoody (hoody is optional).

PE days for 2025/26 are:

**Monday – Beech and Willow**  
**Tuesday – Ash & Oak**

# Safeguarding

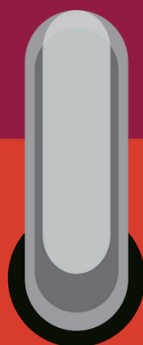
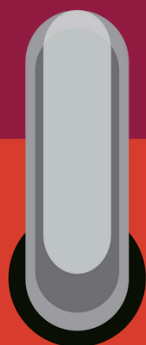
Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are **Mr Thompson** and **Mrs Carson**.  
Our safeguarding governor is **Mr Simon Faull**.

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](mailto: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.



## Dates for your Diary...



30th September - CLP Yr 5/6 Football  
8th October - Open Morning for 2026 starters  
14<sup>th</sup> October - CLP Netball  
15th & 16th October - Parents Evenings  
16th October - Open Afternoon for 2026 starters  
22nd October - CLP Y3 & 4 T1 Rugby  
23<sup>rd</sup> October - CLP Y5 & 6 T1 Rugby  
24th October - INSET DAY  
31st October - Closing date for Secondary School Applications  
3rd - 5th November - Year 5 Geography Field Trip - Leeson House  
13th November - PFSA Drop in session at KEPS  
16th December - School Christmas Lunch  
19th December - Last day of Autumn Term



# Online Safety

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

- 1 START SMALL AND EARLY**  
Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.
- 2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE**  
Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.
- 3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN**  
Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.
- 4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS**  
Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.
- 5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY**  
Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.
- 6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION**  
Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.
- 7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY**  
Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.
- 8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING**  
Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.
- 9 PREP TOGETHER**  
Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.
- 10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE**  
Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently: so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

## School Governor Vacancy

KEPS has a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor – could this be you?

The position is open to anyone with suitable qualities – you do not have to be a parent or staff member at the school.

If you are interested in applying, please email [sfaull@keps.school](mailto:sfaull@keps.school) or contact the school office.

# Autumn Term PTA Fundraising Events

Fri 3rd Oct – Colour Run on the school field

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - PTA School Disco

Fri 14th Nov – Ash Class cake sale

Fri 21st Nov – Christmas Bingo and Raffle at the Community Centre.

Fri 5th Dec – Secret Santa

Fri 5th Dec and Sat 6th Dec – Christmas Wreath Making Workshops at the Church Rooms. See [kepspta.co.uk/events](https://kepspta.co.uk/events) to book.

## KEPS and Pre-School PTA

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The PTA are looking for new parents to join our WhatsApp group for volunteers who can support us with events.

**Throughout the year, the PTA organise:**

Cake sales ~ Bingo evenings

School discos ~ Secret Santa

Wreath workshops ~ June Fair

Frozen Fridays ~ and more!

**We need your support for this fundraising to continue.**

**Please text or WhatsApp 07542 245496 to join the volunteer group. You will be able to choose what time you give.**

*An hour or two of your time would be hugely appreciated. Thank you!*



# PTA Sponsored Colour Run

Excitement is building for the **PTA Colour Run on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

For children who wish to take part, don't forget to fill in the waiver form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe54k5c0eDwFep4C1MUB3sMZUWdu56Y\\_GuoPJ\\_UOcl7zIPrKw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe54k5c0eDwFep4C1MUB3sMZUWdu56Y_GuoPJ_UOcl7zIPrKw/viewform)

A vibrant poster for a PTA Sponsored Colour Run. The background is dark purple with colorful paint splatters in shades of orange, yellow, blue, and pink. A black silhouette of a runner is positioned in the center. Overlaid on the runner is the text 'SPONSORED COLOUR RUN' in large, bold, white letters with a red and blue 3D effect. Below this, the date and time '3<sup>rd</sup> October - 3.30pm' and the location 'School Field' are written in white. To the right, a circular orange stamp contains the text 'RAISE A MINIMUM OF £10 TO PARTICIPATE'. At the bottom left, the text 'REGISTER OR DONATE HERE:' is displayed next to a QR code.

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# School Calendar for 2025/26



## KEPS School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year

| September 2025 |   |   |    |    |    | October 2025 |    |   |    |    |    | November 2025 |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |
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| December 2025  |   |   |    |    |    | January 2026 |    |   |    |    |    | February 2026 |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March 2026     |   |   |    |    |    | April 2026   |    |   |    |    |    | May 2026      |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |
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| June 2026      |   |   |    |    |    | July 2026    |    |   |    |    |    | August 2026   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |
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### 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)         | <b>TOTAL = 195</b> |

### 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 |

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.