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KEPS Courier



Success Through Teamwork

A Message from Mr Thompson – Welcome Back!

It's been a joy to welcome everyone back after the summer break. The energy and enthusiasm across the school have been truly uplifting, and it's wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into their routines. There's a real buzz for learning in every classroom - what a fantastic start to the term!

A special mention goes to our new starters, who have embraced life at KEPS with confidence and curiosity. You've made a brilliant start, and we're so proud of you! Huge thanks to Mr Bell and Mrs Colton for their incredible support and hard work in helping our youngest pupils feel safe, happy, and ready to thrive.



Well done to our Year 6 pupils who bravely put themselves forward for house captain roles this week. We were treated to 14 inspiring speeches, each one showing leadership, passion, and pride. The rest of the school now faces a very tricky decision!

We're quickly settling into school routines and looking forward to the exciting term ahead. Next week brings our first sporting event of the year - the Long Sutton cross country - and I can't wait to cheer on our pupils as they represent KEPS with determination and team spirit.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff. We're here to support you and your children every step of the way.

Here's to a term filled with learning, laughter, and growth. We're so glad to have you all back!

Mr T

Welcome to our new SEND Consultant



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Berryman to KEPS as our new SEND Consultant. With extensive experience in supporting pupils with special educational needs and disabilities, Mrs Berryman will help develop and embed a whole school approach to SEND provision. Her work will ensure inclusive practices are strengthened across the school.

If you have any SEND concerns or queries regarding your child, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance. We look forward to the positive impact Mrs Berryman will bring to our school community.

Music Lessons Available

Our wonderful music teachers have availability for this term and beyond.

**Alison Sowter - Violin, Viola,
Piano and Singing**

E: asowter@keps.school

Phone: 07800 520761

Stuart - Guitar

E: stuartclarkeguitartuition@gmail.com

Book them up while you can!



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School Clubs – Autumn Term 1

The clubs for this half term will start w/c 15th September and will be as below. Please book your places on Wisepay.

Day	Club Name	Leader	Class/Year Group	Location
Monday	Coding	Mrs Lane	KS2	Oak Class
Monday	Football	Mr Thompson	KS2	School Field
Tuesday	Football	Mr Bell	Yr 1 & 2	School Field
Wednesday	Gardening Club	Mrs Colton & Mr Satterley	Yr R – Yr 6	Allotment
Thursday	Choir	Mrs Sowter & Mrs Colton	Yr 2 to 6	Hall

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](#)



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 to register interest.



'Tuning into Kids' Course

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

Tuesday 4th November - Tuesday 9th 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

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 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.

Swimming Pool

Our school swimming pool is now closed for the Autumn and Winter.



Dates for your Diary...

19th September - Oak Class PTA after school cake sale

8th October - Open Morning for 2026 starters

15th & 16th October - Parents Evenings

16th October - Open Afternoon for 2026 starters

24th October - INSET DAY

31st October - Closing date for Secondary School Applications

4th - 6th November - Year 5 Geography Field Trip

13th November - PFSA Drop in session at KEPS

19th December - Last day of Autumn Term

Online Safety

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'autoplay' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm to children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Educators

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by 'preschool' (4 and under), 'younger' (ages 5 to 8) and 'older' (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you'd like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

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 or contact the school office.

PTA News

KEPS PTA

In the school year September 2024 - July 2025,
we have donated money to our school
to pay for:

Early Years
playground
refurbishment

Playtime
toys and
games

Craft and
stationery
items

Colourful
picnic
benches

Year 6
theatre visit

New troughs
and plants

Pre-school
toys

Swimming
pool
maintenance

Sports
and PE
equipment

The PTA AGM will be held in October 2025. If you are
interested in joining our small committee or finding out
more, please look out for updates in the KEPS Courier.

KEPS PTA

In the school year September 2024 - July 2025,
we have raised money for our school
by organising and running these events:

Class
cake sales

Secret Santa,
Christmas
bingo and
raffle

Car boot
sales

Textiles
recycling
bank in
car park

Easter
bingo and
raffle

Swimming
pool hire

School
discos

Frozen
Fridays

Summer
Fair

*Thank you to everyone who has supported these events
by attending or donating! All money raised goes towards
benefitting your children and the community of KEPS.*



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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							
M		1	8	15	22	29	Mo		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	
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	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30	
December 2025						January 2026						February 2026							
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	
W		3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22		
March 2026						April 2026						May 2026							
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	
Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	
Th		5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		F	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
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June 2026						July 2026						August 2026							
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W		3	10	17	24		W	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		F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
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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

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.