

14th May 26

KEPS Courier



Success Through Teamwork

A Message from Mr Thompson

Year 6 SATs – Well Done!

Well done and congratulations to our fabulous Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs tests this week. We could not be prouder of them. Their calmness, positivity and amazing attitude were evident throughout the week, and they should be incredibly proud of how they approached each challenge.



A huge thank you to Mrs Lane and Mrs Edwards for their hard work in preparing the children and supporting them to show what they can do in such a positive and confident way. We would also like to thank the rest of the school team for their respect and understanding throughout the week, which made a real difference.

Kingsbury May Festival

What a fantastic day we had on Bank Holiday Monday at the Kingsbury May Festival. It was wonderful to see our Maypole dancers taking centre stage and opening the festival, followed by a fantastic performance from our super-talented choir in the Methodist Church.

A huge thank you to Mrs Colton, Mrs Withers and Mrs Sowter for all their hard work in preparing the children for the event. It was lovely for the school to be part of such a vibrant community celebration and to see our pupils representing the school so confidently and respectfully. We have received some lovely comments from those who attended and could not be prouder of our children.

SENDCo Appointment

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Emily Churchill as the new SENDCo at Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School. Mrs Churchill brings a wealth of experience and will be joining the KEPS team after the half-term break.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Helen Berryman for her hard work and dedication in supporting the school since September. We are extremely grateful for her commitment and wish her every success with her forthcoming move to Cornwall.

To ensure continuity and a smooth transition, Mrs Berryman will continue to support the school and work alongside Mrs Churchill throughout June.



Supporting Respectful Language – Working Together

From time to time, children may use inappropriate language as a way of expressing strong feelings, copying others or seeking a reaction. At Kingsbury, our school values of respect, kindness and responsibility underpin everything we do, and we encourage children to use language that reflects these values.



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Remaining calm and talking with your child about word choices can be very effective. Primary-aged children are able to understand that some words may hurt or offend others. Supporting children to express frustration or anger in respectful ways, and reinforcing shared expectations at home and at school, helps them live out our school values every day.

Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder that PE kits should be worn on PE days. Please also note that trainers should only be worn for PE purposes.

Best wishes,

Mr T



Parent/Carer Questionnaire for 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are inviting you to take part in our KEPS Parent/Carer Questionnaire for 2026.

At Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School, we are committed to continually improving the experience we provide for our pupils and families. One of the most valuable ways we can do this is by listening to your feedback.

The questionnaire gives you the opportunity to share your views on what is working well and where we can continue to improve.

Please complete the questionnaire here:
<https://easy-feedback.de/s/2090599/9oH3zM8>

If you have more than one child at the school and would like to provide feedback for each child individually, please complete a separate survey for each one. You can do this by submitting your first response and then following the link again.

The survey will close on the 5th June.

Thank you very much for taking the time to support the school.

Kind regards,

Simon Faull

Chair of Governors, Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School

Attendance Update

– Important Information for Parents

At Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School, good attendance is essential to pupils' learning, wellbeing and safeguarding. We work closely with families to support attendance and address any concerns early.

Parents should be aware that Somerset Council's Education Engagement Team monitors pupil attendance. In line with national guidance, where the threshold for unauthorised absence is met, Somerset Council (not the school) is responsible for issuing and administering Penalty Notices.

Full details are set out in the accompanying guidance. If you are experiencing difficulties affecting your child's attendance, please contact school as early as possible so we can offer support.



Supporting Good School Attendance

Information about Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Absence from School



Following the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued for unauthorised absences recorded after 19 August 2024.

This information refers to penalty notices that are considered for both irregular attendance and unauthorised term-time leave.

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is a fixed penalty fine issued to parents as an alternative to prosecution in relation to unauthorised school absence.

Who can be a Penalty be Issued to?

Penalty Notices can be issued to each parent or carer of each child whose unauthorised absence meets the national threshold.

For example, in a family with two parents and three children taking unauthorised term-time leave, each parent could receive a penalty notice for each child resulting in six penalty notices being issued.

The National Threshold

Schools are required to consider whether a penalty notice is appropriate when a child reaches 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

Absences do not have to be consecutive and can be a combination of any unauthorised absence codes (G, O, N or U).

The rolling ten school week period can span terms, school years and schools.

The First Offence

The first time a parent is issued with a penalty notice in relation to a child's absence, they will be able to pay the reduced amount of £80 if they pay within 21 days.

After 21 days, the full amount of £160 is payable within 28 days.

The Second Offence

If a parent is issued with a second penalty notice within three years the amount payable will be £160 within 28 days.

The reduced amount will not be available.

Further Offences

A parent cannot be issued with more than two penalty notices in relation to each child within a three-year period. Where this threshold is met and further offences occur, the Local Authority will consider other measures to address attendance concerns.

This may include prosecution, which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and the parent having a criminal record. In rare cases, parents may receive a custodial sentence. If convicted, the offence will also show on any future DBS checks.

Appealing a Penalty Notice

There is no statutory right for parents to appeal penalty notices for unauthorised school absence.

If a parent believes a penalty notice has been issued in error, they should contact their child's school as quickly as possible. If an error has been made, the school may request a withdrawal.

Not Paying a Penalty Notice

If a penalty notice is not paid within the payment period, Somerset Council may prosecute the parent for failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

The Law

Penalty notices are issued in line with Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 when a parent has failed to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

Penalty notices can only be issued when:

- ✓ a child's absence meets the national threshold
- ✓ issuing a penalty notice is compliant with the Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct

Every local authority has a Penalty Notice Code of Conduct that outlines how, and when, it will issue penalty notices relating to unauthorised school absence.

Somerset's Code of Conduct is available online and describes the circumstances when issuing a penalty notice is appropriate.

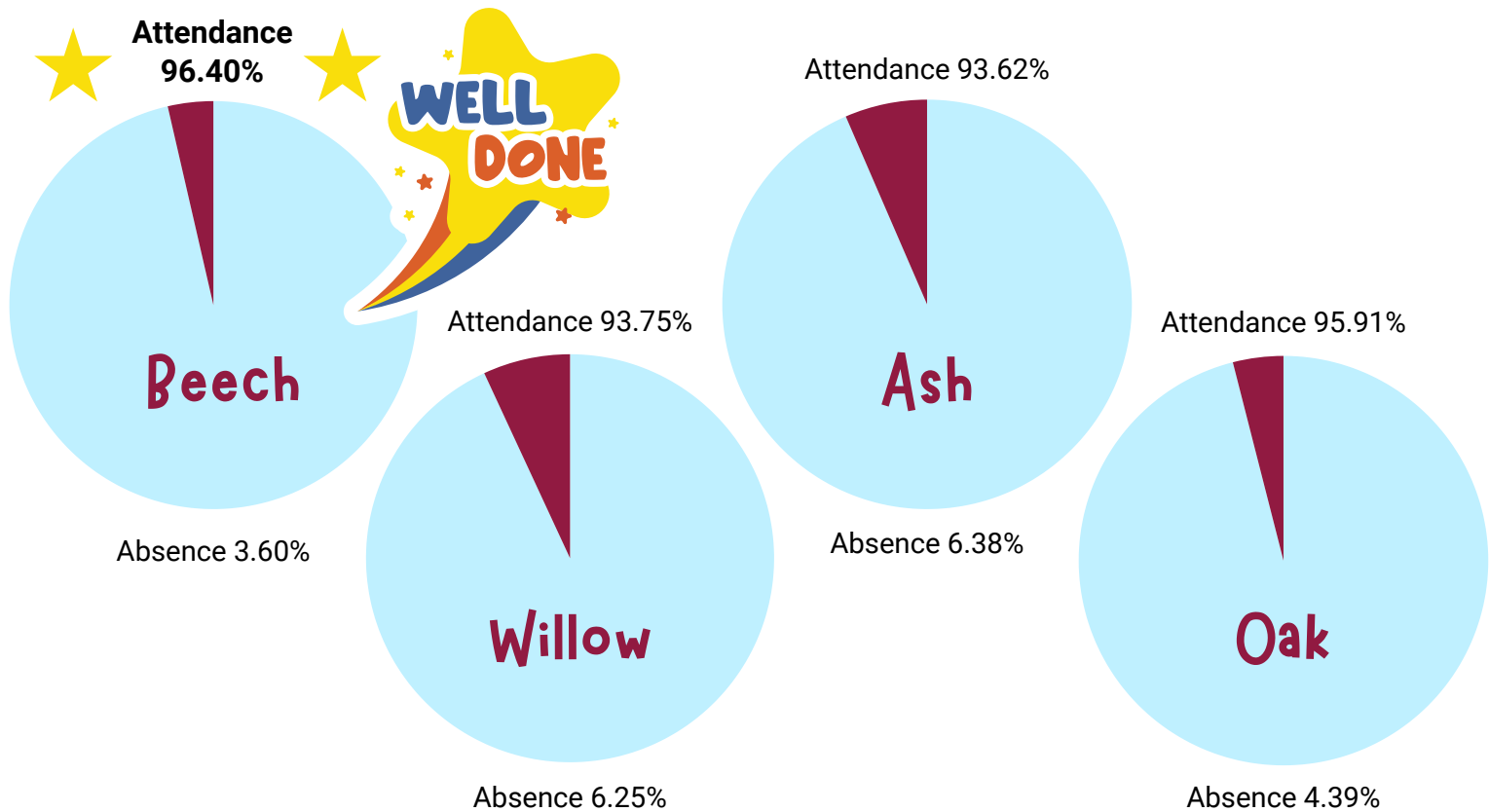
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Useful Links

- Working Together to Improve School Attendance
- Somerset Council Penalty Notice Code of Conduct
- The Education Act 1996



KEPS Class Attendance Figures so far This School Year



Kingsbury May Festival

We are always so proud of our pupils, but especially on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May.

Our maypole dancers were fabulous opening the **Kingsbury May Festival** and our Choir once again shone in their first performance of the Summer. If you were there we hope you had a great day.



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Dear Sir,

What a joy it was to hear your school choir singing in the Methodist Church on Festival Day. You must be very proud of them.

The staff who taught them are to be congratulated. It must have taken a great deal of patience to achieve that standard.

Kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

Sheila



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"Just to say a huge '**thank you**' to you, your helpers, and the children, for the splendid singing in the performance in our church on Monday last.

The **enthusiasm** of the children, and the obvious **enjoyment** they get from singing, is a **credit** to you and your 'helpers'. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying singing. Please thank all the children and your helpers for the **splendid performance**. It was enjoyed by everyone to whom I spoke."

KE Methodist Church

Swimming Pool Fun!

Our school swimming pool has been reopen since the Easter holidays and the children are enjoying their swimming sessions a great deal! Please refer to the timetable below for each class's swimming day.

The cost of swimming is £40.00 per child to cover 20th April until the end of the school year, payable via WisePay. If you haven't already done so, please do log on and make your payment(s).



	<u>9:15 – 10:15</u>	11:00 – 12:00	Lunch time	1:15 – 2:15	2.15 – 3:15
Monday					Beech Class
Tuesday					
Wednesday				Ash Class	
Thursday				Willow Class	
Friday				Oak class	



As you will see in 'Dates for your Diary', the KEPS Swimming Gala will be on Friday 10th July and we are all looking forward to it. More details will follow closer to the time.

CLP Sporting Dates for the Diary

16th June - Yr 5/6 Rounders Tournament - Huish Academy 4 - 6pm

29th June - Yr 3/4/5/6 CLP Athletics - Huish Academy 2 - 4pm



After School Clubs

The After School Clubs for Summer term 1 are on Wisepay and available to book. Please log in and book as normal.

Day	Club	Open to	Taken by	Location	Cost	Max Number
Monday	KS1 Sports Club	Yr R - 2	Mr Thompson	School Field	£12 / Half Term	20
Monday	Dodgeball	Yr 4 - 6	Mrs Cleasby	School Hall	£12 / Half Term	15
Tuesday	KS2 Sports Club	Yr 3 - 6	Mr Thompson	School Field	£12 / Half Term	25
We are expecting there to be a CLP Cricket Event during this half of the Summer term. Therefore, KS2 Sports Club will not run on this date. Once this has been confirmed, we will notify people. This has been reflected in the price						
Wednesday	Gardening Club	Yr R - 6	Mrs Colton & Mr Satterley	School Garden	£15 / Half Term	15
Thursday	Choir	Yr 2 - 6	Mrs Sowter & Mrs Colton	School Hall	£30 / Term	40

FIFA World Cup Football Themed Day

With the FIFA World Cup just around the corner, we are going to have our very own football themed day on **Friday 5th June**. The children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different activities linked to this international event.

Your child is welcome to come to school wearing a football kit, shirt/top, World Cup themed clothing/colours linked to participating countries, or their PE kit. A spare pair of shoes/trainers/daps is preferable incase of wet weather as we will be using the field.

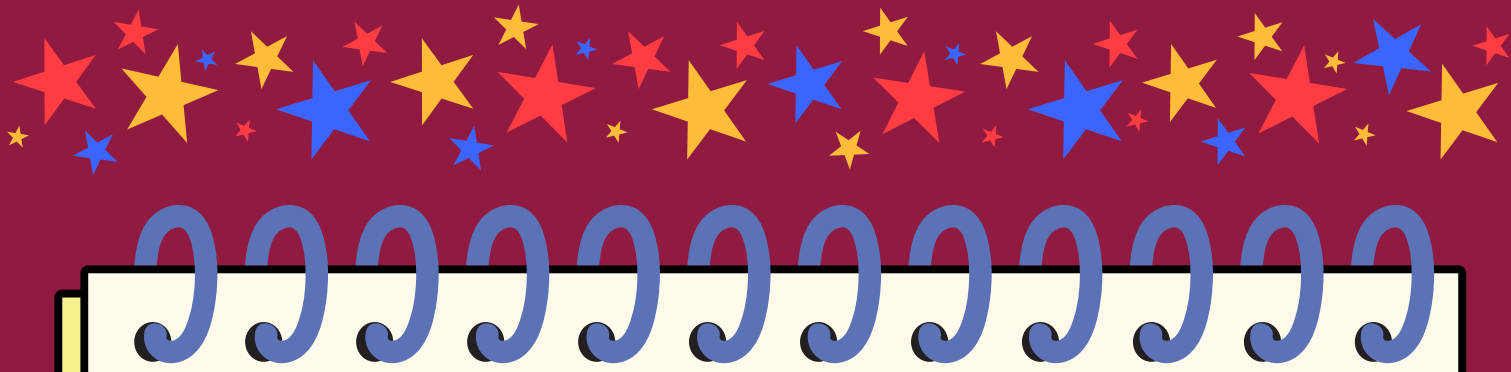


Schools Cricket Day

On 23rd April we took part in the ECB's Schools Cricket Day.

Thank you to Edgar Herridge from the ECB/ Somerset Cricket Foundation for providing each class with a brilliant Cricket session!





Dates for your Diary...

11th - 15th May - Year 6 SATs Week

25th May - 1st June - Spring Half Term Holiday (INSET on 1st June
- Returning to school Tuesday 2nd June)

5th June - FIFA World Cup Football Themed Day

8th June - KEPS Choir and Year 4 Ukuleles
at Mid-Somerset Spectacular

10th - 12th June - Year 6 Residential Trip to Barton Hall

11th June - Willow Class Trip to The Newt

17th & 18th June - Year 6 Bikeability - Group One

22nd & 23rd June - Year 6 Bikeability - Group Two

24th June - Reception Class NHS Vision Screening

25th June - Ash & Oak Class Walk with Kingsbury Wildlife Group
- Details to follow

3rd July - 3.30pm - Sports Day

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

10th July - Swimming Gala

14th July - Oak Class Performance at Warehouse Theatre - Details TBC

16th July - Oak Class Sailing Trip - Details to follow

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 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

It's been a lovely first few weeks back to preschool after the Easter holidays.

Outside we've had the sand kitchen, water play, gardening and building ramps for the cars. Riding the balance bikes and proudly using the pedals on the tractors and tandem.

We've been practising counting, blocks in towers, the children in the group, pieces of fruit at snack and songs, and steps and toys.

A tarantula was brought to preschool so we asked lots of questions and learned about how they live and shed their skin. Also looking at our reference book about spiders.





Online Safety



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.



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School Calendar for 2025/26



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KEPS School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year

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- School Holiday
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- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

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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
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