

Play Leaders

A huge well done to the play leaders who have provided tug of war, rugby, parachute games and fun for all the children at play and lunch time this week. The older children encouraging younger children to play respectfully, kindly and enjoy different company of each other. Some of the girls have been perfecting their gymnastic skills and the track has been well used as the field is sadly still too wet. The football timetable will get started soon when it is dry.



**Thank you to our wonderful PTA and wider community supporters-
and to the following companies**

**Thorney Lakes
Loxton's Groundcare
Rusty Axe
Kingsbury Wildlife Group**

We are delighted that more wonderful equipment and resources will soon be arriving for the children to use and learn with, this is a huge amount of effort, time and money adding up to a whopping £10,000!

Every person and effort is appreciated by the staff and children and it means so much in these difficult financial times. If you speak to or see any of our dear friends and supporters of KEPS please thank them for us! We are so very grateful.

Swimming Helpers week beginning 21.4.25

After Easter we will be starting swimming lessons on Tuesday 22nd April. We will need volunteers for each class. If you are able to help, please let the school office know which day/s, we ask that you can commit to the whole term as we are unable to run the sessions without the correct ratios. Thank you so much in advance, it is such a special time of year for the children who can do this in our school.

Thank you in advance!



Red Nose Day Friday 21st March

We will be raising money for Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March. Please join us by dressing up in red and spots. We will be taking £1 CASH on the school gates from each child for the occasion, and we will be raising money in school by telling jokes, teachers will be dressing up and there will be several activities throughout the day. Please join in for this very worthy cause!



Spring is in the air...

Ash and Oak class roof is gradually being replaced and insulated over the next few weeks after the storm damage recently. The insurance and Somerset Council have been managing this brilliantly and have worked very quickly to get this sorted so the children can settle back into their normal classrooms. Aren't we lucky we had a spare space!

The flowers and school garden are beginning to grow, if you have seeds, bulbs or plants that we can use in our garden, grounds or classrooms please bring all donations in. We love to plant things and learn about how everything grows. Thank you for your support.



SAT's

Help your child to be the very best they can be, bundle revision pack for year 6...

[Year 6 SATS Essentials: Study & Question Book Bundle \(for the 2025 tests\): Amazon.co.uk:](#)

[CGP Books: Books](#)

Fantastic Teachers

During Learning Evaluation week, it has been wonderful to see all the children really excelling in their learning and developing their social and emotional skills throughout the year. The maturity and progress of the children is very pleasing to see. The variety of lessons and planning the teachers do to provide exceptional learning experiences is a real pleasure to see.

Thank you KEPS, Success through teamwork!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising; this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.



Well done Elsie! She has cut off her hair to make wigs for people with cancer. She is raising money for The Little Princess Trust and has so far raised over £1000! If you would like to donate please see the link below;

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jessica-armstrong-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

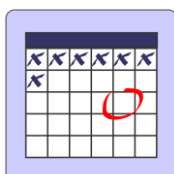
Elsie is always thinking of others and is a kind, generous girl. We are all so proud of you and hope you raise money for this extra special cause. Well done!

Amazing Art created in Art Club this week



KEPS Diary Dates

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day – <i>Children to come to school in PE kits</i>
Tuesday 11th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 11th March	Oak Class Trip
Wednesday 12th March	Parents Evening
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26th March	Elm Class Trip
Friday 28th March	Elm Class Cake Sale
Saturday 29th March	Easter Bingo & Raffle – Details To Follow
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Disco
Friday 4th April	Inset Day



HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR EASTER!

Exciting activity clubs for
children aged 5 - 16, who are
eligible for benefits-related free
school meals across Somerset

4 SESSIONS
PER CHILD
ONLY



GET A
BOOKING
CODE FROM
YOUR
SCHOOL

BOOKINGS
OPEN ON
17TH
MARCH



FOOD
INCLUDED!



Find and book FREE local activities by visiting:
www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays
or scan the QR code!

SCAN ME



Praise Assembly

All parents, carers and family members are welcome to attend our Praise Assemblies!

The following children will be presented with their certificates:

Friday 7th March at 3pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Harry C & Sully F

Willow Class – Pearl L & Henry B

Elm Class – Elsie A & Freddy V

Ash Class – Finley A & Primrose C

Oak Class – Arthur H & Evelyn G

EE – Charlotte B (Oak)



Class Updates

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

Preschool Update

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

Beech Class Updates

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

Willow Class Update

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

Elm Class Update

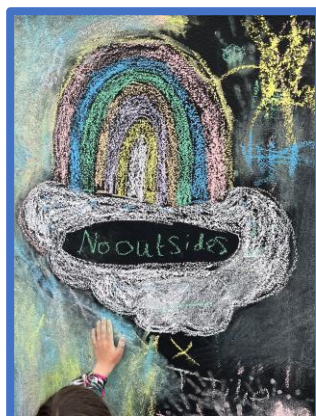
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Ash Class Update

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

Oak Class Update

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



After School Clubs

Spring Term 2 2025

Clubs are available to book on Wisepay. If there are not 10 children per club, unfortunately we will have to cancel the club.

Clubs start on **Monday 24th February** and finish on **Thursday 3rd April**.

Day	Activity	Year Group	Cost	Location
Monday	Art Club with Mrs Lawson	Year 1 - 6	£18.00	Ash Class
Thursday	Choir with Mrs Sowter	Year 3 - 6	On going	School Hall
Friday	Dodgeball with Mrs Cleasby	Year 4 – 6	£15.00	School Hall

Welcome To KEPS PTA - [PTA | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Additional Information

The Willows Childcare provides a wraparound provision. The hourly rate is £5.50 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

As with last year, please send you 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 of KEPS PE hoody (hoody is optional)

Monday – Oak & Elm

Wednesday – Ash & Willow

Friday – Beech

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are **Mrs Lawson** 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.

Additional Information

Governor News

Please see our governor page for more details on our wonderful governors who help to support the school.

Chair

Mr Simon Faull

Vice Chair

Jon Loxston

Co-opted Governors

Miss Charlotte England

Mrs Barbara Teale

Mr Michael Gulliver

Mr Jon Loxston

Miss Fiona Guest

Parent Governor

Mr David Harris

Mr Neil Burn

LFA Governor

Mr Simon Faull

Headteacher

Mrs Melanie Lawson

Clerk

Rebecca Lewins

Staff Governor

Mrs Elodie Carson

A Parent and Family Support Adviser (PFSA) can support you and your family if you are experiencing difficulties which may be influencing your child's education. Once referred to me I can: Give a listening ear, provide a friendly, supportive service. Support families in crisis. Be an advocate for parents/carers and children always aiming to empower them. Arrange to meet you at your home or school. Book appointments at times convenient to you. Help you and your family succeed. Work 1:1 with children. Use assessment tools such as EHA (Early Help Assessment). Difficulties can include Housing Benefits, Mental Health, Emotional Health, Drug/Alcohol misuse, Sexual Health – anything which many influence your child's education.

Twitter: @HUISHCLPPFSA / **Blog:**

www.huishCLPPPrimaryPFSA.home.blog / **Email:**

HuishCLPPPrimaryPFSA@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Based at Long Sutton Primary 01458 241 434

Victoria Gould, PFSA **Telephone:** 07825 833 566

Working days – Tues / Wed / Thurs 08:30 - 16:30 Fri 09:00 – 15:00



KEPS School Terms and Holidays 2024/2025 Academic Year

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
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 Term 6: 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2024/25

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Success Through Teamwork

Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School

KEPS Courier

Friday 28th February 2025



Somerset
Council

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