

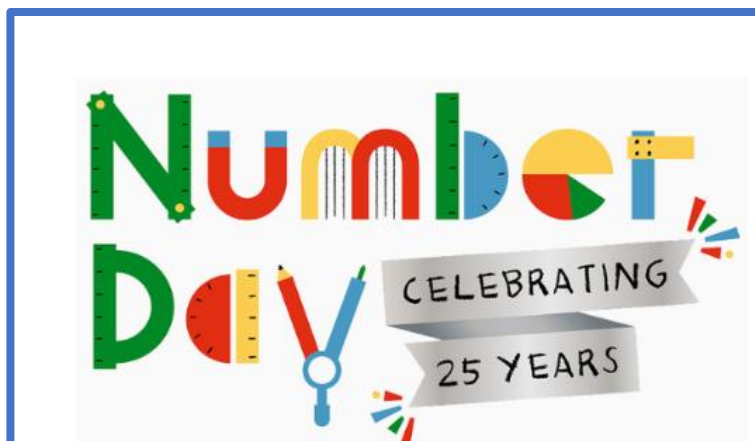
DISCO!!! Thank you to all the helpers!

Thank you to the PTA and helpers on Wednesday for providing a fun disco for the children. It is so lovely for them to all socialise together and dress up. It is a really fun and a very easy activity to do in the school and raise a little bit of money at the same time.

Thank you all so much for your effort, it is very much appreciated.

Number Day

A wonderful celebration of Maths this week for Number day on Thursday for Beech and Willow and Friday for Elm, Ash and Oak. It was lovely to see you dressed up as your favourite number, maths equation or famous mathematician! Well done to everyone for celebrating how maths helps to solve simple and world wide problems every day!



Readers

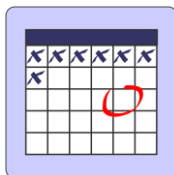
Can you help read with children? If you have a spare hour or afternoon, can you help listen to some of our children read. Call or e-mail the office and we can arrange sometimes for you. Thank you to the parents who are already doing this fabulous voluntary role, very much appreciated!

KEPS Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th February	Reception & Year 6 Height/Weight Checks
Wednesday 12th February	Ash Class Trip
Thursday 13th February	Praise Assembly 3pm
Friday 14th February	INSET Day

AFTER HALF TERM

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 11th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 11th March	Oak Class Trip
Wednesday 12th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 26th March	Elm Class Trip
Friday 4th April	Inset Day



Thrilling Opera at KEPS!

This week the first session took place for our involvement with JACKDAWS MUSIC EDUCATION TRUST OperaPLUS 2024-25

KEPS has an important role in learning all about opera by singing, acting and participating fully in the action at the appropriate moments. Our workshops during February will help us to learn more about opera in general. How exciting and what an incredible experience!

The children will do some work on the story & characters and what it means to be involved in an opera. A huge privilege and rare opportunity. They will also be shown how you warm up their voices. The children will learn the music and begin to direct the action that will take place!

Host School- Huish Episcopi Academy Show dates-29 & 30 April

We cannot wait!



Internet Safety



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Praise Assembly

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

The following children will be presented with their certificates:

Thursday 13th February at 3pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Bronzen B & Henry P

Willow Class – Rafferty P & Elise PB

Elm Class – Lily L & Charlie A

Ash Class – Alfred R & Lucas S

Oak Class – Artur S & Archie W

EE – Bea LH (Willow)





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DRAWING, COLLAGING AND SCULPTING.

AGE 7-11 YEARS

£12 A SESSION, OR £60 FOR ALL SIX.

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TERM 1-FEB 1ST, 8TH + 15TH. TERM 2- MARCH 15TH, 22ND + 29TH.

SATURDAYS 11-1PM.

PLEASE CONTACT SARAH AT SARAH@FANNYHATSTAND.COM OR MEGAN AT
MWILLOUGHBY29@HOTMAIL.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

A message from the School Governors;

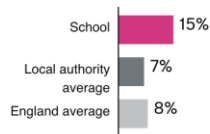
We held our General Meeting this week and reviewed the recent UK Government data for Schools performance from last academic year. From this, our Key Stage 2 results can be compared across the Local Authority and England. KEPS achieved fantastic results that were “significantly above” the national average for expected reading, writing, and maths. This reflects the efforts of staff, parents, carers, and children, and supports our KEPS approach of “success through teamwork”. Thank you!

KEPS KS2 Results:

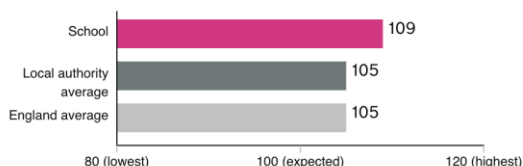
Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths ?



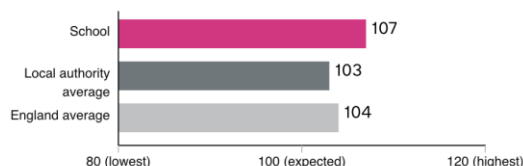
Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths ?



Average score in reading ?



Average score in maths ?



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

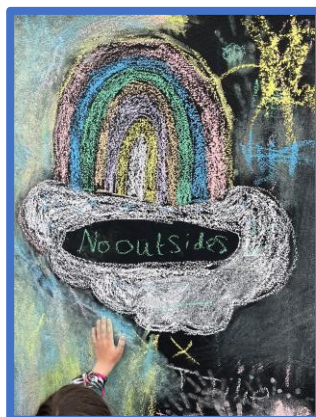
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Ash Class Update

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

Oak Class Update

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



After School Clubs

Spring Term 1 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 13th January** and finish on **Thursday 13th February**.

Day	Activity	Year Group	Cost	Location
Monday	Art Club with Mrs Lawson	Year 1 - 6	£15.00	Ash Class
Tuesday	Book Making Club with Mrs Meeten	Year 1 - 6	£15.00	Elm Class
Tuesday	Lego Club With Mrs Heath Coleman – At Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1pm	Year 3 – 6	Free	Ash Class
Thursday	Choir with Mrs Sowter	Year 3 - 6	On going	School Hall
Thursday	STEM club with Mrs Carson	Year 1 – 6	£15.00	Willow Class

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

VACANT

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



Success Through Teamwork

Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School

KEPS Courier

Friday 7th February 2025



KEPS School Terms and Holidays 2024/2025 Academic Year

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TOTAL = 195	

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