

1st April 26

KEPS Courier



Success Through Teamwork

A Message from Mr Thompson

As we come to the end of a wonderful spring term, I would like to wish everyone in our community a very happy Easter holiday. It has been truly uplifting to reconnect with so many of you, and it was lovely to get out and explore the village during our recent Community Day at the Community Centre and playing field. The day was a huge success and a real celebration of the spirit of our school community.

We are already looking ahead with excitement to the May Festival. We are incredibly grateful to the festival committee for giving their time this week to lead a storytelling assembly and willow-weaving workshops. Every child has proudly created their own willow fish and headband to use during the festival, and the creativity and enthusiasm across the school have been wonderful to see.

I would also like to thank you all for your continued support as we continue to build and grow together. Our school Facebook page has now doubled in followers since September—a reflection of the strengthening connections within our community and the shared pride in our school.

This term, we also say a fond farewell to Mr Bell. We are sad to see him go but wish him every success in his new position at North Petherton Primary School. He has made a valued contribution to our school, and he leaves with our warmest thanks and best wishes.

The summer term is always a busy and exciting time, filled with events, learning, and opportunities for our children. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 20th April**. Until then, I hope you all enjoy a restful, joyful, and well-deserved Easter break.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Kind regards

Mr T

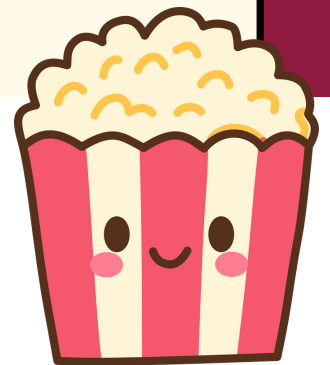


Dates for your Diary...

2nd April - INSET Day

3rd - 19th April - Easter Holidays - returning on Monday 20th April

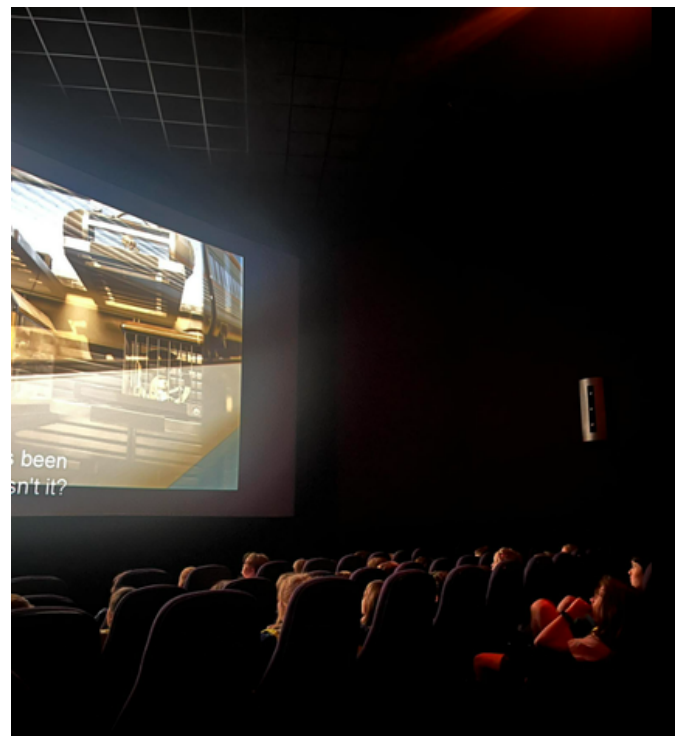
4th May - BANK HOLIDAY - KEPS Choir singing and Maypole
Dancing at Kingsbury May Festival



Cinema Trip

Ash and Oak class had an exciting trip to the cinema on 24th March.

The snacks were a highlight - lots of rustling of sweet wrappers! Very chilled and lots of smiles!



Ukulele Showcase

This term our Year 4 pupils have been learning to play the ukulele with Mr Male from Somerset Music.

On Friday 27th March, they showcased their learning and new-found skills performing their first concert to the rest of the school and their parents.

We can't wait to see what they get up to next term and are really excited to see them perform at the Mid Somerset Spectacular at Strode Theatre in June.

Whole School Community Day

On Friday 27th March we moved the whole school to the Community Centre for a fantastic Community Day!

We're so lucky to have such brilliant facilities, fascinating history and wonderful environments right on our doorstep. It was lovely for all of our pupils to have the opportunity to explore them. From river walks and exploring the church to using the shop and playing games on the field - it was a glorious day in the sunshine.

Thank you to everyone at the Kingsbury Community Shop and Cafe and to all the staff for such a wonderful day.



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Bringing Books to Life

On 11th March, we welcomed the 'West End in Schools' theatre company for their fantastic Bringing Books to Life dance workshops.

Led by a professional West End dancer, every class enjoyed an exciting session exploring stories through movement and creativity.

To finish the day, each class performed their dance to the whole school in a special assembly!



Willow Weaving Fun

Today, Wednesday 1st April, we have had welcomed some members of the Kingsbury May Festival committee. The children have taken part in **Wonderful Willow Weaving Workshops** (try saying that three times fast!) where they have made willow sculptures, learnt some of the skills of the local area and had lots of fun in the process.



End of Term Celebrations



This morning, several Headteacher's Commendations were presented - well done to all those pupils!

During the commendation assembly, we handed out the prizes for the PTA Challenge 2026, World Book Day Chocolate Challenge and held our first Reading Raffle.

Reading Raffle

Every time a pupil reads 4 times a week they earn a raffle ticket and gain entry to the end of term reading raffle. So, the more they read, the more opportunities they have to win.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for supplying the raffle prizes of a national book voucher. We look forward to finding out what books are bought with winners invited to attend a reading tea party with Mr Thompson & Mrs Cleasby next term.

Challenge 2026

Prizes were awarded by the PTA for the most money raised (£275), Most eco friendly fundraising idea (Selling bird seed ornaments) and most imaginative fundraising idea (Completing 26 Cartwheels on the 86th Floor of Empire State Building!)

World Book Day Chocolate Challenge

Our winners were chosen by Mr Willy Wonka's Oompa Loompa's and included a James and the Giant Peach inspired chocolate and a Slime bar.

Let's
Celebrate

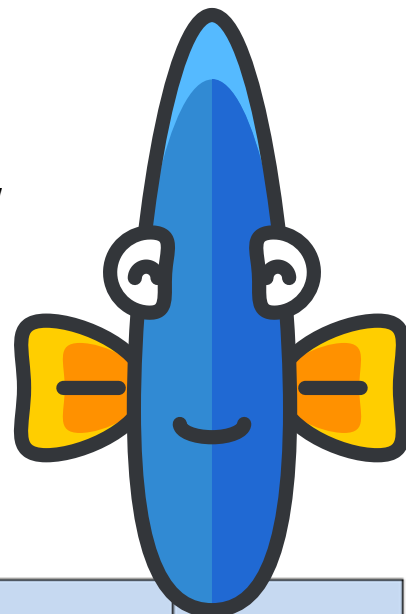


Swimming starts again!

As you will know by now, our school swimming pool reopens after the Easter holidays and we can't wait! Please refer to the timetable below for each class's swimming day.

Swimming hats in house colours must be worn in the pool. We currently have a stock of these in the school office, which are available for sale if required, while our stock lasts.

The cost of swimming for will be £40.00 per child to cover 20th April until the end of the school year, payable via WisePay.



	9:15 – 10:15	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	

PTA Disco Fever!

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Easter Disco last Friday.

The pupils danced their way into the weekend!



Cross Country Excitement

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the CLP cross country at Huish Academy on 10th March and this academic year's final cross country event on 24th March at Somerton Rugby Club.

They were all brilliant and represented KEPS with pride.



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

Well Done!

Congratulations to Harry Maber from Ash class and Jack Clark from Oak class, who have both been selected to compete at this year's Inter-Area Cross Country Final on Wednesday 29th April. Well done boys!



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

Mini beasts were our focus during one week, exploring natural items, going on bug hunts and care of tiny creatures. Role play as mechanics with the balance and developing coordination outside on ride on toys and climbing equipment.

We explored the school, classrooms and field whilst the school had their Community Day and that was a great experience for the preschool children.



We've been busy outside with water painting - great for big arm movements and coordination, and endless on a sunny day, riding balance bikes, including children who were less confident at the start of the year.

Painting with shiny colours and glitter and play with flour also engaged all the children this week.





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.

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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.

Helping Families Talk About Online Content: 'You Won't Know Until You Ask'

The government has launched a new campaign called **You Won't Know Until You Ask**. It is designed to help parents and carers talk to children about harmful or upsetting content they may see online – things like body-shaming, unkind posts, or videos designed to shock.

Research shows that many parents have never talked to their child about this, even though most 11-year-olds now have a smartphone. Many adults say they are not sure what their child is seeing online.

The campaign gives simple, easy-to-use help, including:

- step-by-step guides for safety settings
- quick conversation ideas
- tips for talking about false or harmful information

These small conversations can make a big difference. They help children understand what they see online and know they can talk to a trusted adult.

You can find the campaign here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk>



KEPS Class Attendance Figures so far This School Year

★ Attendance
96.33% ★



Beech

Absence 3.67%

Attendance 93.79%

Ash

Absence 6.21%

Attendance 93.27%

Willow

Absence 6.73%

Attendance 95.67%

Oak

Absence 4.33%



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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							
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- 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
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SCARECROW COMPETITION



This year's theme is the 'River Parrett'

Make a scarecrow ready for

Judging Friday 1st May

Free to enter !

Collect entry forms from Kingsbury shop

Return completed forms to shop by:

Wednesday 29th April

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Any questions ask Paul 07590 503522