

HAPPY 2025!

Happy 2025 to you all and a very warm welcome back to the Spring Term! It is going to be a wonderful year full of activities, fantastic learning and opportunities for parents to get more involved with the school and children. Before we know it the pool will re-open after the Easter holiday and we will be in the wonderful summer term. If you are interested in helping on the poolside during that term, please let your class teacher know!



Thank you to everyone for the handmade festive cards, well wishes and gifts. Most of all I would like to thank you for thanking the children and the staff for their incredible efforts and hard work all year and then to produce such outstanding festive performances. It really is wonderful when staff receive the praise, they deserve for doing such an amazing job educating and caring for your children so diligently.



As always, the PTA have raised money and awareness about how their work and efforts truly pay off and support the finances of the school. I would like to invite parents later in the term to a 'Welcome to the PTA' meeting to encourage new members to join. We will meet in the school hall and briefly discuss the duties, activities and how you could help support the PTA in raising vital funds for the school. We will e-mail you all shortly to let you know when this will take place.

welcome

You may be aware we are advertising for a part time admin and a part time teacher, please see our website for details or call the school office for more information.



KEPS Diary Dates

Monday 13th January	Clubs Start for Spring Term 1
Wednesday 15th January	Closing Date to Apply For Primary Schools (Sept 2025 Start)
Tuesday 28th January	Year 6 Class Trip
WC Monday 3rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 14th February	INSET Day

Driving, parking & Safety - A family was soaked as a car drove rapidly past them through puddles. We appreciate our families take great care regarding safety, speed, parking and following driving rules and regulations. Thank you for always keeping everyone safe and looking out for each other.



Internet 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 'auto-play' 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. 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.

18 CENSORED 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!

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

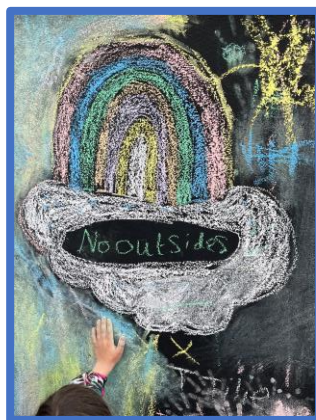
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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](#)



Huish Community Learning Partnership

The federation of Huish Episcopi Academy and its feeder primary schools



Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff

Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline

Date: Wednesday, 15th January 2025
Time: Starting at 6pm with an estimated end time of 7:30pm
Venue: Room H1, Huish Sixth Form building, Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

We are pleased to be able to offer this session again for parents, carers, governors and school staff. Please book your place online via the link found below.

Child Exploitation by County Lines - In the South West of the UK, including all areas of Somerset, there is a significant rise in county lines drug crime, whereby a large amount of young people as young as **6 years old**, are being criminally and sexually exploited by gangs. County lines are illegal business models, in which drug gangs expand their operations from their big city bases, such as London, Birmingham and Liverpool, to smaller cities, towns, coastal and rural areas across Britain. These gangs use their power and position to groom, recruit and exploit children and young people for the purpose of criminal gain.

These gangs proactively recruit young people to drug run in and around the South West, as well as outside the area. The gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation towards these young people, which result in these young people feeling trapped and scared. Some of these gangs are forcing vulnerable children from their homes to be trafficked to other parts of the country. As well as criminal exploitation, young people, both girls and boys, are also being sexually exploited by these gangs.

This session will raise awareness of the signs of Child Exploitation by County Line gangs, how they operate in rural areas and how to keep children and young people safe.

To book a place to attend this session please complete this short Googleform:
<https://forms.gle/JJWv7q8KG2MxbJif6>

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 17th January at 3pm – Whole School

Beech Class – George P & Zach L

Willow Class – Harper E & Freya P

Elm Class – Agnes G & Alice C

Ash Class – Morgan J & Arlo O

Oak Class – Harry C & Alex DW

EE – Scarlet A & Martha K (Ash)



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 10th January 2025



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KEPS School Terms and Holidays 2024/2025 Academic Year

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
M		2	9	16	23	30	Mo		7	14	21	28		M		4	11	18	25	
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Th		5	12	19	26		Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27		Fr		4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29	
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)	
Term 2: 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)	
Term 3: 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)	
Term 4: 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)	
Term 5: 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)	
Term 6: 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)	
TOTAL = 195	

Bank and public holidays 2024/25

Christmas Day	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
New Year's Day	01 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

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