

From Mrs Lawson

Festive Performances 2024 So far ...

The children have excelled themselves in their festive performances this year so far. We are incredibly proud of you all and you brought such joy to the families and wider community.

Snowmen at Sunset, Beech class - The children looked spectacular and sounded beautiful as they triumphantly sang their songs and said all their words clearly. A huge well done to all of you. Thank you to the parents, guardians, family and friends for joining us, it was truly lovely to see so many of you and fill our school hall!

Ralph the Reindeer, Willow Class - Such a fantastic performance with lots of joy, you are such a pleasure to be with day in and day out, a great class and a great attitude always, very well done! The visitors enjoyed all of your hard work and how you are becoming more independent, a fantastic performance! Thank you everyone for your contributions in helping the children.

Children of the World, Elm Class- An exceptional educational and moving performance full of love, respect and worldwide traditions. The children were absolutely fantastic, and I think it is an absolute triumph for all of the children to have participated at such a high-performance, level. Thank you to all of you for making all the staff and families incredibly proud, an outstanding effort!

We look forward to the Choir, Oak and Ash who will perform next week, what a treat!

Thank you for the PTA Hamper donations so far, please keep them coming it is HUGELY appreciated!

Have a wonderful festive weekend, one week to go!



KEPS Diary Dates

Monday 16th December

KEPS Christmas Choir Performance - 5:30pm – In hall
School uniform with festive additions.

Tuesday 17th December

Oak Class Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Raffle Tickets To Be Back

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch – *if you haven't ordered, please remember to send in a packed lunch for your child/ren*

Ash Class Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Thursday 19th December

Seasonal Packed Lunch Christmas – *if you haven't ordered, please remember to send in a packed lunch for your child/ren*

Story Time – Children to wear their Pyjamas

Head Teacher Commendation Assembly – 9.30am

Christmas Raffle in Hall – 3.30pm

Friday 20th December

Last Day of Term

Saturday 21st December

Choir Performance carol singing in The Rusty Axe at 6.30pm festive clothes.



**Praise Assembly / Head Teacher Commendation Assembly Will Be Thursday
19th December at 09.30am.**



NEWS FROM THE PTA



Please can any **hamper donations** and **raffle tickets/money** be returned to the office by Tuesday next week (17th December).

Thank you!

**Christmas Raffle ~ Thursday 19th December
at 3.30pm in the school hall.**

Join us for our grand raffle draw, festive music and refreshments! Raffle tickets will also be available to buy on the day.

Prizes include:

*Goldenstones family swim,
Haynes Motor Museum entry,
Tickets to Exeter Racecourse,
Tropiquaria family ticket,
Handmade donations from Sally Kent Glass
and Muchelney Pottery,
Festive hampers and much more!*

We will contact any winners who are unable to attend the draw in person. Good luck!

*Merry Christmas from the PTA
and a very happy New Year.*





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Internet Safety

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that if doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with financial criminals. As a minimum, ensure they're aware of the most common scams; they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.



Head Teacher Commendation Assembly

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

The following children will be presented with their certificates:

Thursday 19th December at 09.30am – Whole School



Beech Class – Lara G & William M

Willow Class – Edmund G & Bridie L

Elm Class – Arabella D & George C

Ash Class – Lucas S & Scarlet A

Oak Class – Dexter L & Etta L



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

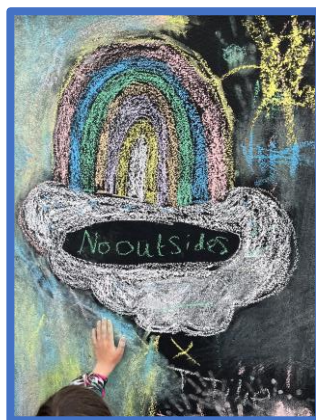
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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

Autumn Term 2 2024

Clubs will be available to book on Wisepay on Thursday 24th September from 4.00pm.

Clubs start on **Monday 4th November** and finish on **Friday 13th December**.
(Please note there are no clubs during the last week of term due to Christmas performances).

Day	Activity	Year Group	Cost	Location
Monday	Christmas Crafts with Mrs Carson	Year 1 - 6	£18.00	Willow Class
Monday	Coding Club with Mrs Lane	Year 3 - 6	£18.00	Oak Class
Monday	Reading Club with Mrs Meeten	Year 3 & 4	£18.00	Elm Class
Wednesday	Puzzle Club with Mrs Colton <i>No Puzzle Club 13th November due to parents evening.</i>	Reception & Year 1	£15.00	Beech Class
Thursday	Choir with Mrs Sowter <i>No Choir on 14th November due to parents evening.</i>	Year 3 - 6	On going	School Hall
Friday	Games Galore with Mrs Cleasby	Year 3 to 6	£18.00	Ash 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



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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		
Tu	3	10	17	24			Tu	1	8	15	22	29		Tu	5	12	19	26		
W	4	11	18	25			We	2	9	16	23	30		W	6	13	20	27		
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	
Sa	7	14	21	28			Sa	5	12	19	26			Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	6	13	20	27			Su	3	10	17	24		
December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
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Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	5	12	19	26			Su	2	9	16	23		
March 2025							April 2025							May 2025						
M	3	10	17	24	31		M	7	14	21	28			M	5	12	19	26		
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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

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.