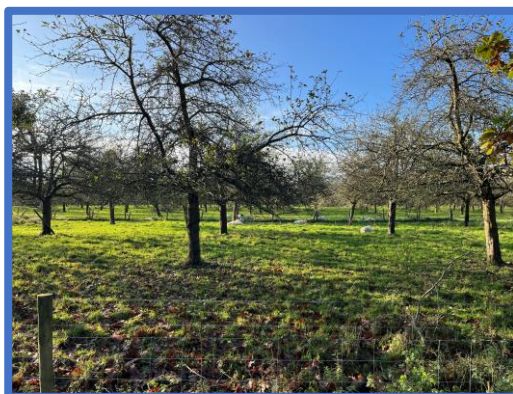


From Mrs Lawson

Flooding

This week the weather has challenged families, pupils and staff. Luckily the sunshine has brought much needed relief for the children to play outside at play and lunch times. Some of the children were lucky enough to see a beautiful ***Vanessa atalanta***, the **red admiral** or, previously, the **red admirable**.



Goodbye Popcorn

We are sad this week as we lost our dear pet guineapig Popcorn. Thank you to all the children for their special messages, cards and to those of you who have donated gifts, food and looked after him previously. We will all miss him very much. God Bless Popcorn, thank you for all the joy you have brought us 28.11.2024.



Thank you CRS

Thank you to CRS Building Supplies for our wonderful new planter, we can't wait to put our tree back into it!



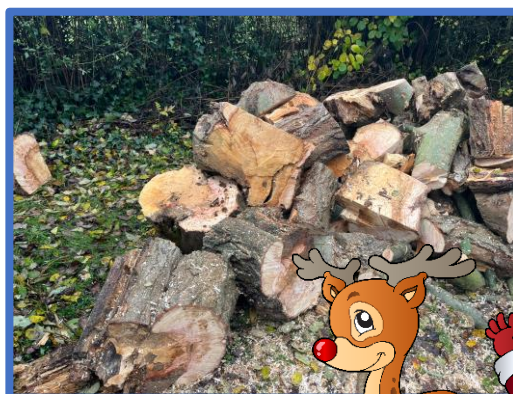
Thank you to Able Alex and Somerset Landscapes

[Able Alex – Landscape & Design](#)

We are really pleased with the new fence that has desperately needed doing for several years. Able Alex and the team are still doing the finishing touches outside of Beech and will complete the front fence shortly. It is hugely appreciated fitting in extra jobs that were unexpected.



The tree that came down has now been broken up and we will use the wood chippings around the school and staff will be making use of the fire wood, thank you to Somerset Landscapes who came out so quickly!



KEPS Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th December	PTA Secret Santa
Friday 6th December	Choir Performance - Kingsbury Christmas Market. Please wear festive clothes. Christmas Lunch Forms & Money To Be Returned.
Monday 9th December	Willow Class Christmas Performance 5.30pm
Tuesday 10th December	Beech Class Christmas Performance 5.30pm Year 4/5/6 Indoor Basketball Taster – Huish Leisure
Wednesday 11th December	PTA Christmas Raffle in the hall after school
Thursday 12th December	Elm Class Christmas Performance 5.30pm Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th December	KEPS Christmas Choir Performance, 5:30pm start Choir School performance, in the hall at 5.30pm. School uniform with festive additions.
Tuesday 17th December	Oak Class Christmas Performance 5.30pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch Ash Class Christmas Performance 5.30pm
Thursday 19th December	Seasonal Packed Lunch Christmas Story Time – Children to wear their Pyjamas
Friday 20th December	Headteacher Commendation Assembly at 3:00pm
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term
Saturday 21st December	Choir Performance carol singing in The Rusty Axe at 6.30pm festive clothes.



NEWS FROM THE PTA



Secret Santa ~ Wednesday 4th December

Please can your child bring a bag and some gift tags or labels to school on this day.

Christmas Raffle ~ Wednesday 11th December at 3.45pm in the school hall.

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

This year's raffle prizes include:

Goldenstones family swim

Haynes Motor Museum entry

Tickets to Exeter Racecourse

Tropiquaria family ticket

Festive hampers and much more!

Christmas Bingo ~ Saturday 7th December at Kingsbury Community Centre.

Doors open 6pm to start at 6.30pm.

Come along for a fun evening
full of festive prizes!

Thank you for your
continued support.





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£12
PER TABLE
(MAX 4 PER TEAM)

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KINGSBURY MAY FESTIVAL
QUIZ NIGHT!

BAR | 7.30PM | RAFFLE
(8PM START)

KINGSBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE, TA12 6BG

Contact Paul on 07590 503522 or 01935 825470
To reserve your table!!

Internet Safety

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

TikTok is a free-to-use social media platform that lets people watch and share short videos of up to ten minutes in length. Its memes, trends, and celebrity cameos have made it enormously popular with an estimated 1 billion users worldwide – but its algorithm that surfaces videos based on users' activity can make the app seriously addictive.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users that someone follows, "For You" is a collection based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will probably be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially show something unsuitable. What's worse, if they engage with this content, more will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the volume of uploads means that they aren't manually monitored.

18 CONCERNED

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards to other users for videos they've created, retaining their monetary value. Cash bundles range from £5.99 to an eye-watering £84. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthday.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With over 1.8 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by new kids (or young people using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. Recent figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time on it: in 2024, UK children have spent an average of 122 minutes per day on TikTok – twice as much as in 2020 – according to parental controls company Quidio. This compulsive usage can interfere with children's sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure that they understand not to share any identifying personal information, and to talk to a trusted adult if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework, or skipping meals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers, and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



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 6th December at 3.00pm – Whole School



Beech Class – Margot M & William M

Willow Class – Charlie D & Sophie C

Elm Class – Chloe H & Oliver C

Ash Class – Primrose C & Martha K

Oak Class – Emilia A & Vincent S

EE – Charlie A (Elm)



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

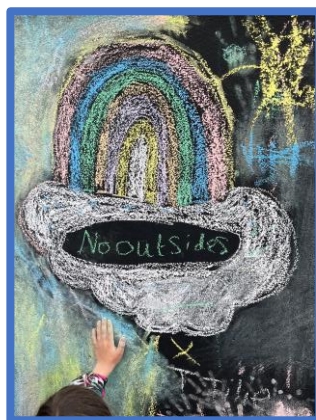
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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 your 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 or 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	
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December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
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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.