

From Mrs Lawson

There will be no breakfast or after school club on **Tuesday 26th November**. Many Thanks for your understanding at this difficult time.

Goodbye and Good Luck Tina!

Thank you to everyone for the cards, presents and well wishes for Tina. She had a wonderful last few day and is going to miss everyone very much.

Children in Need

The children looked lovely in their yellow and spotty outfits today. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations, it is so lovely for children to have fun in their personal clothes and support the children less fortunate. Well done everyone!

Learning Evaluation Fortnight

The staff and teachers have impressed me with their incredibly full time tables, work books and feedback. Children at KEPS explained that...

The teacher is always there to help me.

I like my class because I learn new things every day.

Everyone at KEPS is kind, we encourage people who find it hard and we always try to smile and make people smile.

I like to help others because I don't want people to be sad.

I like how hard we work.

Being positive helps everyone!

Parents Evening

It was really positive to see so many parents on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Thank you for taking the time to share all the wonderful work your children do and speak with the teachers about their progress. It is always lovely to see you all.

School Lunches

Christmas school dinners are approaching and will be on the 18th & 19th December. Your child/ren will be coming home today with the form to complete.

The dinner/seasonal packed lunch are going to be in place of the normal hot dinners, if you do not order one of these dinners, please can you send your child in with their normal packed lunches on these days. The dinner/seasonal packed lunch cost £2.70 each, unless you receive FSM, please can you return the form and the money to the office by 6th December. There is an issue with WisePay, so we are having to do forms and cash this year, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

KEPS Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th November	No Breakfast Club & After School Club
Wednesday 4th December	PTA Secret Santa
Tuesday 10th December	Year 4/5/6 Indoor Basketball Taster – Huish Leisure
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
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
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.

Attendance

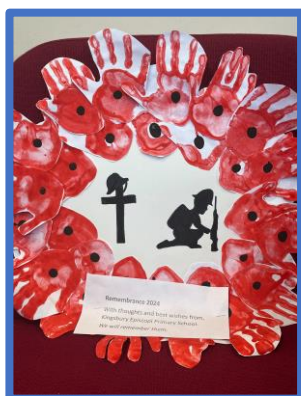
This week's winners are Beech class.

KEPS Attendance Aim 97% - Keep up the excellent work!

Remembrance Wreaths

Remembrance Collection

Thank you to everyone for making a special effort for the Remembrance assembly, class wreaths and donations for the Poppy Appeal. The collection pot was full. Thank you for supporting such a good cause.



Winter Weather

The beautiful autumn sunshine and blue sky blessed us this week at play and lunch time. Please make sure all children still always have a coat for school. Thank you.





KEPS PTA
Festive Wreath
Making Workshops
@ Kingsbury Church Rooms

Friday 13th December - 7pm
Inc: Prosecco + tapas style nibbles

Saturday 14th December - 11am
Inc: Bucks Fizz and light brunch

Create your own festive wreath using all
natural materials

Price £35

Book via: kepspta.co.uk
Enquiries: Tracey Harris 07542 245496 or marybatstone@gmail.com

Internet Safety



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE
There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT
Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

IN-GAME COSTS
Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES
Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE
At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES
The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES
Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS
Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS
Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS
The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER
Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for

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 15th November at 3.00pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Alfred W & Oscar T

Willow Class – Evan M & Pearl L

Elm Class – Agnes G & Jessica C

Ash Class – Niklas L & Albert P

Oak Class – Jack C & Charlotte B

EE – Chae L (Oak)



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

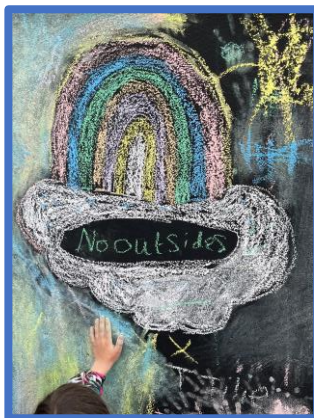
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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



Success Through Teamwork

Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School

KEPS Courier

Friday 15th November 2024



Somerset
Council

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.