

From Mrs Lawson

Autumn Term 1

Well done to all the children and staff for making the school such a wonderful place to be. The children have settled in beautifully to their class, year group and with their teachers!

Christmas Tree

The Rusty Axe is sponsoring the school this Christmas and donating our school Christmas tree. Thank you to Nikki and all of them for this wonderful contribution!

Half Term

We wish you all a very happy and safe half term, we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 4th November. Please try to read with your child/ren as frequently as possible and any learning

Next Term

There are so many wonderful activities and events next term for the children and all the parents. It is such a busy and special time for everyone please keep checking the newsletter and class pages for updates.

Thank you

We are very grateful of the support and kindness many parents offer the school. Your compliments, effort to chat and feedback is always so welcome. Please always let us know if there is anything we can do to help!

Remembrance Assembly and Donations 2024



The school will be remembering people in the past and present on Monday 11th November for our special assembly for Remembrance Sunday. Remembrance Poppies and trinkets will be available at school from Monday 4th November before playtime. Please give children no less than 50 pence for a poppy and £1 for other items. Children will be able to wear Scouts, Cubs, Brownies or other uniforms to add to the occasion. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

[Poppy Appeal](#) | [Armed Forces Charity](#) | [Royal British Legion](#)



KEPS Diary Dates

Friday 25th October	School Closed - Inset Day
Thursday 31st October	Closing date for secondary and upper school applications for September 2025.
Thursday 7th November	Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics' – Huish Leisure
Thursday 7th November	KS1 School Disco – 3.45pm - 5.00pm KS2 School Disco – 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Wednesday 13th November	Parents Evening No Puzzle Club due to parents evening.
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening No Choir due to parents evening.
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 4th December	PTA Secret Santa
Tuesday 10th December	Year 4/5/6 Indoor Basketball Taster – Huish Leisure
Wednesday 11th December	PTA Christmas Raffle, in the hall after school.
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term

Christmas Performances Etc Details – Please See Next Page

Attendance

This week's winners are Beech class.

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

Christmas Performances

Monday 9th December – Willow Class

Tuesday 10th December – Beech Class

Wednesday 11th December – PTA Christmas Raffle in the hall after school

Thursday 12th December – Elm Class and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th December – KEPS Christmas Choir Performance, 5:30pm start

Tuesday 17th December – Oak Class

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch and Ash Class

Friday 20th December – Headteacher Commendation Assembly at 3:00pm

All performances to start at 5.30pm.



Internet Safety



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up: just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Leeson House!

A very big Thank you to Mrs Cleasby, Mrs Heath Coleman and Mrs Buckland for making the Year 5 trip one to remember. How lovely for you all to be together and have such a lovely time. I am sure all the parents will be thrilled to hear the stories, memories and wonderful learning they all did on the trip. Thank you so much all of you and well done to the children for braving the rain!





The children at KEPS are enjoying the new games and play leaders at lunch times. It is really wonderful to see the older children setting up the equipment, explaining the rules and helping children to play and share together so nicely. What a wonderful team effort!



Current Vacancies At KEPS

- SEN 1:1 Learning Support Assistant – Full Time
 - Clerk to the Governing Body – Part Time
 - Administration Officer – Part Time

Please look on the KEPS website for more information regarding the roles.

[Job Vacancies | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Please contact the School Office on 01460 240507 or email the office if interested
office@kingsburyepiscopiprimaryschool.co.uk



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 8th November at 3.00pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Zach L & Harry C

Willow Class – Willow W & Rupert J

Elm Class – Edith W & Cece L

Ash Class – Ella P & Rosie B

Oak Class – Joshua B & Georgie BS

EE – Finley A



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

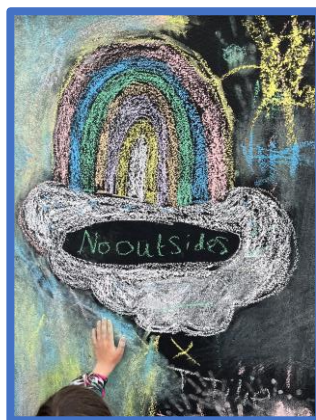
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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

Barbara Teale

Co-opted Governors

Miss Charlotte England

Mrs Barbara Teale

Mr Michael Gulliver

Mr Jon Loxston

Miss Fiona Guest

Parent Governor

Mr David Harris

LFA Governor

Mr Simon Faull

Headteacher

Mrs Melanie Lawson

Clerk

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 may 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

Thursday 24th October 2024



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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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March 2025							April 2025							May 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.