

From Mrs Lawson

It has been a wonderful term so far and I am so proud of all the children and their efforts every day to make this such a wonderful, hardworking and positive place to be. The pre-school and EYFS children are very settled, and the school is looking and feeling fabulous, a huge well done to everyone!

Thank you to all the staff for providing such lovely after school activities/clubs this term it is such a lovely privilege for children to spend additional quality time with staff doing a variety of activities.

Reading, reading and more reading!

As I am sure you are aware the Scholastic book fair was a huge success. For those of you who missed it, this is what was raised:

I am so pleased to be able to write about the recent success of our school's Book Fair! So many children and parents came to buy a book, and it was wonderful to be part of the buzz in the hall as the children chose their books. A big thank you is needed to everyone who purchased a book; the book sales totalled £881.54 which means that we now have £440.77 to spend on more books for our classrooms and library! AMAZING!

Thank you

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Bedson for collecting and delivering our Food bank donations from the Harvest Festival celebrations!

Open day

Thank you to all the visitors last week and this week, it has been really lovely to show everyone around the school when we are in action and when it is convenient for those to attend at different times. If you know anyone who would like to visit and join us in September 2025, please ask them to call the school office and arrange a tour at their convenience.

Congratulations Tina!

I am sure you will all join us in celebrating Tina's success in her new role as Trust Finance and Staff Administrator for PPAT. Tina has been an integral part of KEPS over the past few years and will be missed by all. We wish her all the very best, Good Luck although we know you won't need it, they are incredibly lucky to have you.

Inset Day

Polite reminder the last day of term is Thursday 24th October as Friday is an INSET day!

KEPS Diary Dates

Monday 21st – 23rd October	Year 5 Residential CLP Cross Country 1, Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Hambridge Primary School.
Friday 25th October	School Closed - Inset Day
Thursday 31st October	Closing date for secondary and upper school applications for September 2025.
Thursday 7th November	KS1 School Disco – 3.45pm - 5.00pm KS2 School Disco – 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Wednesday 13th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening
Friday 15th November	Children In Need

Christmas Performances Etc Details – Please See Next Page

Wednesday 4th December	PTA Secret Santa
Wednesday 11th December	PTA Christmas Raffle, in the hall after school.
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term

Attendance

This week's winners are Oak 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.



All clinics below are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins (No appointment needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday	19 th October	09:30–15:00	Summerland's Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Room location will be signposted onsite)
Monday	28 th October	09:30–15:00	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AS
Monday	28 th October	10:00–14:00	Minehead Community Hospital Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF (Outpatients Department)
Tuesday	29 th October	09:15-14:45	West Mendip Community Hospital, Old Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 8JD (Outpatients Department)
Tuesday	29 th October	13:00-15:00	Shepton Community Hospital, Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PG (Outpatients Department)
Wednesday	30 th October	09:00-15:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Wednesday	30 th October	09:15-12:00	Chard Hospital Site, Upper Floor Bracken House, Crewkerne Road, Chard TA20 1YA
Thursday	31 st October	09:30-13:00	Frome Town Council, Frome Town Hall, Frome, BA11 1EB
Friday	1 st November	09:15-14:45	Westland's Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Close, Yeovil BA20 2DD
Saturday	16 th November	09:30–15:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Monday	18 th November	14:00-17:00	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AS
Wednesday	27 th November	14:00–17:00	Summerland's Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Room location will be signposted onsite)
Saturday	7 th December	09:30–15:00	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Monday	16 th December	14:00-17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Wednesday	18 th December	14:00 –17:00	Frome Town Council, Frome Town Hall, Frome, BA11 1EB
Monday	23 rd December	09:30–15:00	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AS
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Internet Safety



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS
These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

KEPS and Pre-School PTA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The PTA are launching a new
WhatsApp group for parent volunteers
to support us with events.

Throughout the year, the PTA organise:

Cake sales ~ Bingo evenings
School discos ~ Secret Santa
Wreath workshops ~ June Fair
Frozen Fridays ~ and more!

**We need your support for
this fundraising to continue.**

**Please text or WhatsApp 07542 245496
to join the volunteer group. You will be
able to choose what time you give.**

*An hour or two of your time would be
hugely appreciated. Thank you!*

Praise Assembly

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

The following children will be presented with their certificates:

Thursday 24th October at 3.00pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Lara G & George P

Willow Class – Rafferty P & Sophie C

Elm Class – Wilfred G & Emily D

Ash Class – Alfred R & Lucas S

Oak Class – Ralph HW & Dexter L

EE – Georgie B-S



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

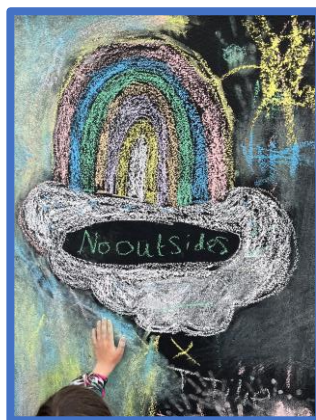
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Ash Class Update

[Year 4/5 Ash - Mrs Heath-Coleman and Mrs Cleasby | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Oak Class Update

[Year 6 Oak - Mrs Lane | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)



After School Clubs

Autumn Term 1 2024

Clubs will be available to book on Wisepay on Friday 6th September from 4.00pm.

Clubs start on Monday 9th September and finish on Thursday 25th October.

Day	Activity	Year Group	Cost	Location
Monday	KS1 Lego Club with Mr Bell	KS1 - Year 1 & 2	£21.00	Beech Class
Monday	Reading club with Mrs Meeten	Year 3 & 4	£21.00	Elm Class
Tuesday	KS2 Drawing Club with Mrs Lawson	KS2 – Year 3 to 6	£21.00	Oak Class
Wednesday	Wildlife Club with Mrs Armstrong & Mr Satterley	Year 1 to 6	£21.00	School Garden
Thursday	Choir with Mrs Sowter	Year 3 to 6	£21.00	School Hall

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

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

Friday 18th October 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		
Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24			
December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
M	2	9	16	23	30		M	6	13	20	27		M	3	10	17	24			
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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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June 2025							July 2025							August 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.