

### From Mrs Lawson

#### Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the families for donating so many lovely things to our collection for Martock Food Bank this week, 'Transforming Lives'. The children and school are so proud of how we have all come together to help other people less fortunate than ourselves. Well done KEPS!

#### Wear Something Yellow

Well done to all the children for joining in with World Mental Health Day, Young Minds if you haven't already donated please visit the website

[Hello Yellow | World Mental Health Day | YoungMinds](#)

It is so important for children to understand the value of feeling good, being confident and positive about themselves and we encourage children to talk about their feelings when things are worrying them. Remember if you are concerned about a child please speak to Mrs Lawson and Mrs Carson regarding Safeguarding.

#### School Visits

Some lovely compliments about the school on Thursday regarding our stunning building, surroundings and exceptional children. It was lovely to welcome parents who will have their children joining us in September 2025. Please note our next show round and open day is on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Everyone is welcome to visit the school, talk to the children and discuss the benefits of a village school and established and experienced staff.

#### Thank you!

It is really special when parents support teachers in all the work they are doing to help the children. When parents are able to acknowledge the journey of education being a joint, team effort to ensure children become well rounded, resilient, honest and humble members of our community. It has been lovely to share conversations, e-mails and ideas to support children in their success and when they need more support. Thank you for always smiling, being positive and respecting how teachers only ever want what is best for all of the children at our school.

As always have a wonderful weekend.

### KEPS Diary Dates

|                                                         |                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>                  | 7:30pm, PTA AGM in the school hall. All parents are invited to come along and find out more about the PTA and what we do for the school. |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>                 | KEPS Open Day, 9.30am to 10.30am, 1.30pm to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to 6.30pm (for the evening slots parents must sign up to these).           |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>                   | PTA Cake sale after school. Oak Class children and parents donate the cakes. Everyone is welcome!                                        |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> | Year 5 Residential<br><br>CLP Cross Country 1, Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Hambridge Primary School.                                           |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>                   | School Closed - Inset Day                                                                                                                |
| <b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>                 | Closing date for secondary and upper school applications for September 2025.                                                             |

**Please can all EV6 forms and Data Collection forms be completed and returned as soon as possible.**

### Attendance

This week's winners are Ash classes.

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



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## Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School

### Open Day For 2025

Thursday 10th October

Thursday 17th October

9.30am - 10.30am

1.30pm - 2.30pm

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Evening Slots - Sign Up For These

The Willows Chilcare provides Before and After School Club Services at KEPS.



#### Come Visit Our Preschool

We have been operating for over 20 years, providing pre-school education between the ages of 2 to school admission age.



Brand New EYFS Outdoor Area



Outdoor Swimming Pool On Site

Come & Chat To Us About Our In Year Admissions

Contact Us To Book Your Place

01460 240 507

Office@kingsburyepiscopiprimary.co.uk



Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School, Stembridge, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6BP

### Huish CLP Football

On Monday, a team of nine Year 5 and 6 players from KEPS entered the Huish CLP football tournament. KEPS started strongly against King Ina and showed great passing and teamwork which resulted in a 0-0 draw. The next game saw us pitted against High Ham where we showed a dogged defensive effort to grind out another goalless draw. The next game was much more exciting with lots of KEPS efforts on target, but the Huish Episcopi goalkeeper had the game of his life and managed to keep a clean sheet. Late on in the game, a stray clearance unfortunately looped over our goalkeeper, and we ended up losing 1-0. Saving the best until last, we dominated the second half of the final game and finally found our shooting boots. A nicely struck goal from Jack, an outrageous long-range effort from Archie and a cheeky backheel from Niklas saw us beat Curry Rival 3-0. Unfortunately, despite our late efforts, we were pipped by King Ina who lifted the trophy, but a great time was had by all.





**For those starting Secondary School in September 2025, please use the following link to apply for a school place:**

[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/secondary-school-applications)

### **How to apply:**

Please apply using the [online application form](#). This goes live for secondary and upper applications on **16 September 2024**.

Paper applications are available from [Customer Contact](#) on request.

The closing date for secondary and upper school applications is **31 October 2024**.

*You may be prompted for a Unique Identification Number (UID). Please note we do not use these, so please choose the 'NO UID' button.*

**For those applying for a place at Primary, Infant, First, Middle or Junior School in September 2025, please use the following link:**

[Apply to start school for the first time \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/primary-school-applications)

The online form for starting school applications will open on **30 September 2024**.  
A child can start school in September after they turn 4.

### **How to apply:**

Please apply using the [online application form](#). This goes live for starting school applications on **30 September 2024**.

Paper applications are available from [Customer Contact](#) on request. The closing date for starting school applications is **15 January 2025**.

*You may be prompted for a Unique Identification Number (UID). Please note we do not use these, so please choose the 'NO UID' button.*



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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

### GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

### STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

### ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

## 18 Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

### CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

### BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

### GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

### STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.



### Our PTA have signed up to Asda's new Cashpot for Schools campaign!

Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to our school every time you shop, until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

#### Three easy steps to help our school raise money:

1. Opt in to the Cashpot for Schools campaign through the Asda Rewards app.
  2. Select Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School.
  3. Shop in store or online at Asda.com, scanning your app at the checkout.
- If anyone you know shops in Asda and doesn't know which school to support, please ask them to pick our school!

**Thank you for your support.  
KEPS PTA**



### Special Educational Needs - Learning Support Assistant 1:1

Fixed term post to support a child with special needs / This role is for 5 days a week (term time) in the first instance. To start immediately. / Grade 14: £15,444 to £16,830 pa pro rata

We are looking for an enthusiastic SEN 1:1 Learning Support Assistant to contribute to raising standards of pupils' achievement; to join our hard-working, dedicated team. The role is to give 1:1 support to a child and will include high levels of need and specifically children with social, emotion and mental health needs.

Further details along with an application pack can be requested from the school by contacting the School Office at [office@kingsburyepiscopiprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@kingsburyepiscopiprimary.co.uk) Please note CVs will not be accepted without an application form.

Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Disclosure (DBS). The school has a commitment to safeguarding children.

Visits to the school are welcome.

Please visit our website [www.kingsburyepiscopiprimary.co.uk](http://www.kingsburyepiscopiprimary.co.uk) for an application pack or contact the School Office [office@kingsburyepiscopiprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@kingsburyepiscopiprimaryschool.co.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 12:00 noon, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Interviews: week commencing: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**



### 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 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm – Whole School**

**Beech Class** – Cody L & Hallie J

**Willow Class** – Heidi B & Millie F

**Elm Class** – Arabella D & Freddy V

**Ash Class** – Morgan J & Arlo O

**Oak Class** – Amy Louise V & Evelyn G

**EE** – Dexter 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

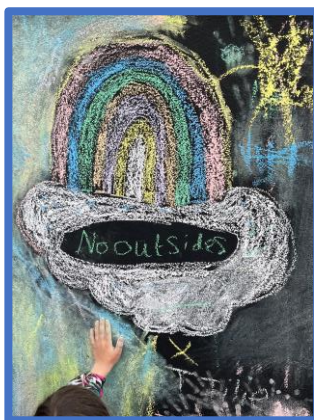
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

#### Ash Class Update

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

#### Oak Class Update

[Year 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 6<sup>th</sup> September from 4.00pm.

Clubs start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September and finish on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

| Day              | Activity                                        | Year Group        | Cost   | Location      |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 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     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | KS2 Drawing Club with Mrs Lawson                | KS2 – Year 3 to 6 | £21.00 | Oak Class     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Wildlife Club with Mrs Armstrong & Mr Satterley | Year 1 to 6       | £21.00 | School Garden |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 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](mailto: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](http://www.huishCLPPPrimaryPFSA.home.blog) / **Email:**

[HuishCLPPPrimaryPFSA@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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 |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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| 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 |    |  |
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| December 2024  |   |    |    |    |    |  | January 2025 |   |    |    |    |    |  | February 2025 |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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| March 2025     |   |    |    |    |    |  | April 2025   |   |    |    |    |    |  | May 2025      |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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| June 2025      |   |    |    |    |    |  | July 2025    |   |    |    |    |    |  | August 2025   |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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### 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)         | <b>TOTAL = 195</b> |

### 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.