

From Mrs Lawson



Introducing Punctuality Pig

Thank you to all the parents for making an extra effort getting children to be in school on time! It makes such a difference to the children and getting them settled and started for their learning. It is also really helpful for staff when the register is completed on time and the other children are not interrupted! Thank you so much, keep up the good work!

Punctuality Pig is here to help everyone be on time. Each week the classes will be recognised for the highest attendance. The class will win a punctuality pound each time. These pounds will be collected through the term and can be spent every time the class collects £10. This can be used for a new class book, game or ball etc.

Who will be the first class to win ten punctuality pounds? Good Luck!

Readers

Can you help to read with some of our children? If you are free for an hour, morning or afternoon please contact the school office for more information. The children and staff really value volunteers and support and would be incredibly grateful if there is anyone who can help. We look forward to welcoming you!

Lunch Time Helpers

Is anyone interested in joining our team? 12.00-1.00 to support lunch time inside and outside. You need to be fit, energetic and enthusiastic. You will be expected to play with the children, run games and engage children in positive play. You will also need a warm, waterproof coat and not mind being out in all weathers every day. The children would be thrilled to welcome a new member to our team. Call the office or drop in for more information.

Congratulations to House Captains 2024-2025

Quantocks

Dexter & Olive

Blackdowns

Georgie & Emilia

Brendons

Amy & Arthur

Mendips

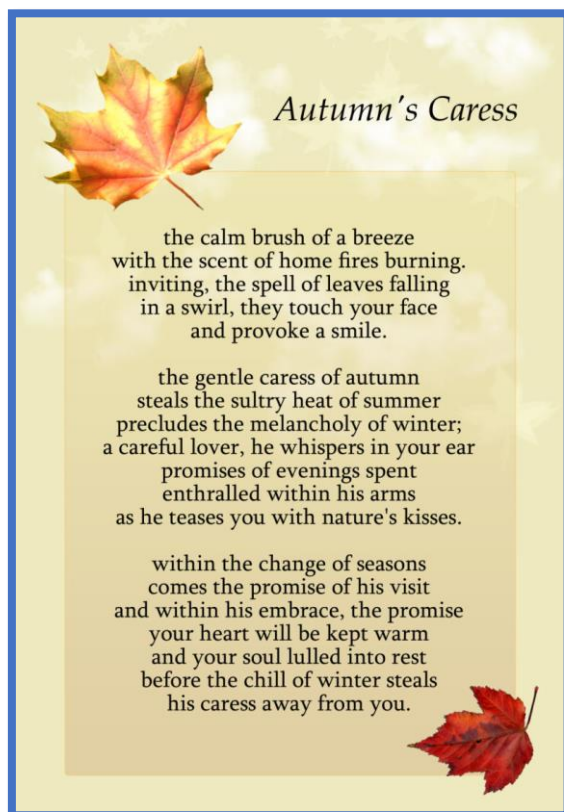
Joshua & Oliver

KEPS Diary Dates

Monday 30th September	Tempest Photography in for portraits and siblings. The gates will be open at 8:30am for those that want sibling photos that don't attend KEPS.
Monday 30th September	CLP Netball, Year 6, 4.00pm to 6.00pm at Huish Leisure.
Tuesday 1st October	CLP Fun Run, Year's 1 & 2, 4.00pm start at Long Sutton Primary.
Wednesday 2nd October	Book Fair
Thursday 3rd October	Book Fair
Sunday 6th October	PTA Car Boot Sale 11:00 to 13:00 at Kingsbury Committee Centre Everyone welcome! This will be held inside if it is wet.
Monday 7th October	CLP Football, Year 5 & 6, 4.00pm to 6.00pm at Huish Academy 3G Pitch.
Tuesday 8th October	Whole School - Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 10th October	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) More information to follow. World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow In Memory of Emilia England. CLP Cross Country 2, Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6, 4.00pm start at Long Sutton Primary School.
Monday 14th October	CLP Girl's Football Tournament, Year's 4, 5 & 6, 4.00pm to 6.00pm at Huish Academy 3G Pitch.
Tuesday 15th October	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.
Thursday 17th October	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) More information to follow.
Friday 18th October	PTA Cake sale after school. Oak Class children and parents donate the cakes. Everyone is welcome!
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

Attendance

This week's winners are Beech & Ash classes.
KEPS Attendance Aim 97% - Keep up the excellent work!



This week's class winner
on TTRockstars is...

OAK CLASS!



Ash Class	Oak Class
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**All KEPS and Pre-School
parents and carers
are invited to the
PTA Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 15th October
7.30pm
School Hall**

Interested in joining the PTA but not sure what we do?

**Willing to help at events but can't commit
to regular meetings?**

**Please come along to find out more ~
you will be warmly welcomed!**

We are a friendly, small committee of 7 members
and would love to meet new parents who are
willing to help raise money for our school.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 76 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "For You" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos are a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially stumble something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't always monitored and vetted.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, harmful or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "Blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) can be public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone who is on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase virtual gifts in the app. These gifts are then sent as rewards (reflecting their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £4.99 to an eye-watering £99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a false birthday.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people; compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 90 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends, using a randomised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or red-lives photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

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

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok accounts 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 your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person to "swipe and buy" what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your 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 they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that 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 are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Gail Phipps is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech website The Verge, Gail is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september)

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/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time)

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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contact me via email or phone for
more information.

Martin Mees - Professional Drummer and Tutor
07867 690361 / 01278 427240

martin@bigbangdrumtuition.co.uk

On the **10th October** it's **World Mental Health Day** and the anniversary of the loss of **Emilia England** who would of been in year 5 this year.

On the 10th October we will be wearing **Yellow** for Mental Health Day in memory of Emilia England.

Raising money for Young Minds and SUDC both linked below.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

<https://sudc.org.uk>





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 30th 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 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 for an application pack or contact the School Office office@kingsburyepiscopiprimaryschool.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 12:00 noon, Friday 18th October 2024

Interviews: week commencing: 4th 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 4th October at 3.00pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Twyla H & Charlie G

Willow Class – Rupert H & Zack G

Elm Class – Lilly B-S & Elsie A

Ash Class – Nora BG & Dexter E

Oak Class – Etta L & Artur S

EE – William M



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 2/3 - Willow Mrs Carson | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Elm Class Update

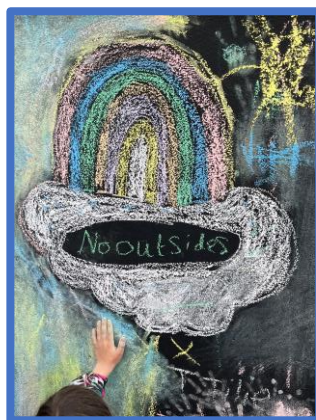
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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	KS1 Cosmic Yoga with Mrs Colton	KS1 - Year 1 & 2	£21.00	Beech 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



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Friday 27th September 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		
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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.