

From Mrs Lawson

An exciting week at KEPS, the new Year 6 House Captains have been chosen and we are really proud of all the children for their effort, professionalism and how proud they are to represent the school.

TT Rockstars

Ash and Oak are in a TT Rockstars Battle, help the children at home to learn their times tables for the chance to win a non-school uniform day at the end of term.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Julia Cox who raised £159 for the school, her link is to Mrs Carson and her generosity and effort is truly heart-warming. People supporting the school from outside the community and recognising the challenges of finances in schools. Thank you so much!

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A HUGE THANKYOU to Mrs Bevins for 2 years of hard work and time in the PTA. Your effort and energy is hugely appreciated. The work of every PTA member is vital in supporting the children and the school. Thank you so much!

Resilience

At KEPS we work hard to build resilience in children and build them into people who accept the word 'no' when indeed this is vital, important and necessary to manage day to day dilemmas. We are often asked about how to manage children who refuse to do things, find it hard to or don't listen and do not respond to various situations. It is not always easy saying no to children, sticking to your decisions and carrying out the sanctions that have been referred to. Below is some helpful information to support you in the home with saying no and helping to build resilience.

[Building Resilience: Helping Children Learn to Accept 'no'24 \(theresponsiveeducator.com\)](https://theresponsiveeducator.com/)

Reading

Please remember to write in the learning journal when you read with your child/ren. It is so important that children read with their parents and guardians as well as with us at school.

Raise money for KEPS Save the date!

Sunday 6th October PTA CAR BOOT SALE. More information to follow.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend!

KEPS Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th September	Wildlife Club cancelled due to staff training.
Monday 30th September	Tempest Photography in for portraits and siblings.
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 CLP Cross Country 1, Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Hambridge Primary School (to be confirmed).
Sunday 6th October	PTA Car Boot Sale 11:00 to 13:00 at Kingsbury Committee Centre
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
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. PTA AGM at KEPS. Time tbc.
Monday 21st – 23rd October	Year 5 Residential
Friday 25th October	School Closed - Inset Day

Attendance

This week's winners are Beech class.

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



Please can all parents and guardians note we are a **NO NUTS** school.

We have several children in school with allergies and severe allergic reactions. This is very different to an intolerance and can make people incredibly ill or worse. Please check cereal products, snack bars and chocolate. This includes Naked bars, organic bars and various other snacks. Thank you so much for helping with this.

Where every effort is made to ensure children eat carefully and their own food. We are constantly making sure children do not share food or swap food. If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure they are aware that they **MUST NOT** share or swap food.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.



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Drum Lessons

All Levels and Ages
www.BigBangDrumTuition.co.uk

Lessons available in school!

Please contact the school office, or contact me via email or phone for more information.

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

martin@bigbangdrumtuition.co.uk

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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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun gaming modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

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>





flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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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**

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 27th September at 3.00pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Ari O & Sully F

Willow Class – Elise P-B & Willow C

Elm Class – Charlie A & Martha W

Ash Class – Scarlet A & Martha K

Oak Class – Jessica M & Arthur H

EE – Oliver T



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

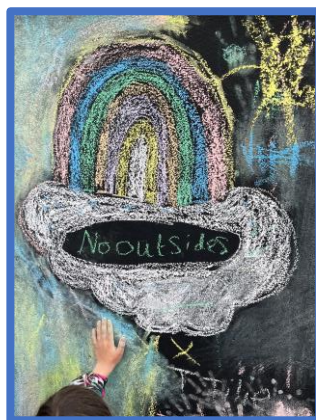
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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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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						
M	3	10	17	24	31		M	7	14	21	28			M	5	12	19	26		
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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.