

From Mrs Lawson

Welcome back 2024-2025

WOW, Look at our school!!!

A warm welcome back to you all, it is clear the children and all of you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the academic year ahead. Thank you to those of you involved in fundraising, clearing land and helping the school reach its target of creating a fun, safe and inviting play area outside of Beech class, this has been a long time coming and has been a target for the school since I arrived in January 2022.

You will have noticed the playground has been cleared and re-surfaced, we gained this financial support from Somerset Council several years ago and it is now nearly complete. The staff and children will now be choosing the wonderful new games and paint markings to put on the surface later this term. The new planters will be placed, and we would welcome any soil, seeds and plants that will help us to fill them back up to add some greenery to our outdoor area.

James Satterley has been incredibly busy decorating the pre-school throughout the summer and has given the whole area a new lease of life, we are all looking forward to seeing the children thriving in their learning environment which is such an important starting point for children within our school and community.

We will be looking forward to inviting you into school shortly to share activities throughout the classes and year groups and I know the teachers are looking forward to working closely with you to ensure your child/ren gains the most valuable experiences within their education here at KEPS. This term the children will be settling into their new class and routines and there is a strong focus on our Golden Rules that will be discussed throughout our school assemblies all the way up to Christmas.

KEPS Golden Rules 2024-2025

We use kind words and kind actions.
We look after our school and each other.
We are respectful.
We always try our best.

If I haven't already seen you and welcomed you back, I look forward to catching up with you soon.

KEPS Diary Dates

Thursday 12th September	Reception & Year 1 - Vision Screening
Monday 30th September	Tempest Photography in for portraits and siblings.
Wednesday 2nd October	Book Fair
Thursday 3rd October	Book Fair
Tuesday 8th October	Whole School - Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow In Memory Of Emilia England
Monday 21st – 23rd October	Year 5 Residential
Friday 25th October	Inset Day

Attendance

This week's winners are Beech class.

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

KEPS New Playground And Early Years Area



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.

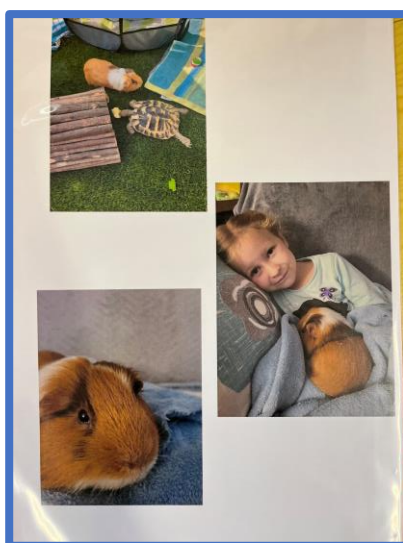
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

<https://sudc.org.uk>



To the families who looked after Popcorn, a HUGE THANKYOU!

Thank you so much for looking after Popcorn, he has had the best summer holiday. Over the 6 weeks he has played games, made new friends, had a haircut, his nails done and visited the vets. A Huge thank you. We look forward to choosing a holiday destination for October half term. This is open to Beech and Willow class children this term. Any volunteers please contact the school office.



The Willows Wrap Around Care!

Thank you so much to the Willows for the excellent service they provide. It is really wonderful how flexible and professional the staff and team are helping KEPS children and families arrange their lives and childcare so carefully.

The offer of the 6pm finish each day has not been taken up by enough parents to make this service available until this time. It is however open until 5.30pm Monday-Thursday. There are not enough children who require care on a Friday evening to make this feasible.

I would like to thank the team for being open to these suggestions and for working so hard as part of the KEPS team, here's to another wonderful year together!



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 13th September at 3.00pm – Whole School

Beech Class – Margot M & Elowen G

Willow Class – Edmund G & Bea L-H

Elm Class – Charlie L & Winifred S

Ash Class – Rowan R & Jacob T

Oak Class – Elspeth G & Poppy I

EE – Ruby D



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

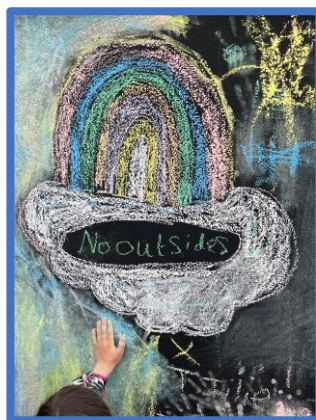
[Year 3/4 - Elm Mrs Meeten | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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

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

Friday 6th 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			
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.