

18th Sept 26

KEPS Courier



Success Through Teamwork

Welcome Back Everyone!



Beech Class

We have had a great start to the term in Beech Class!

We have welcomed 14 new Reception children into our group and are supporting them with their new transition and new learning. The Year One's are loving their new responsibility and adjusting well to more formal learning. We are making the most of the weather whilst it is still good by strengthening our gross motor skills outside on our play equipment and creating tall towers with the bricks!

We are learning how to play cooperatively and tidy up the resources when we are ready to move on to a new activity. We have also started our Science learning about plants and History learning about photographs from the past!

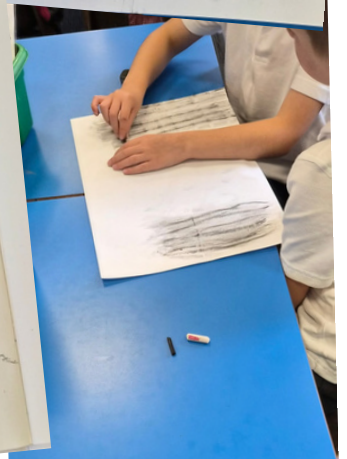
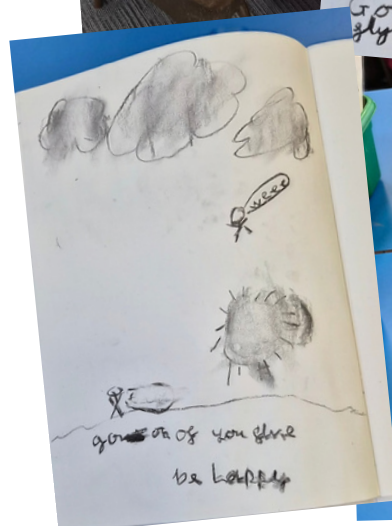
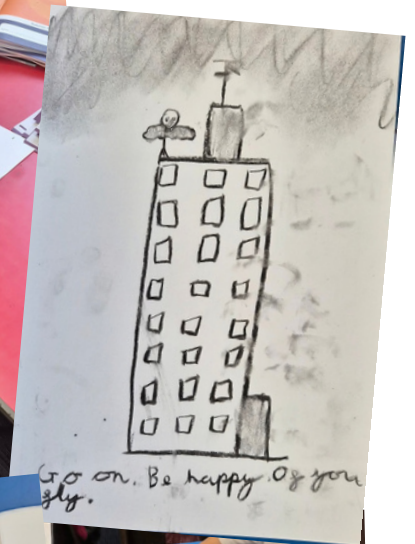
What a super start Beech Class, keep it up!



Willow Class

Willow Class has had a fantastic first couple of weeks, welcoming our friends old and new back into the class. The children have already fully thrown themselves into their learning, showing an enthusiasm and curiosity across all subject areas. Our first text is called 'The Night Gardener' where we have been revisiting simple sentences and then enhancing these with adjectives and expanded noun phrases. They have already blown us away with their writing with accurate punctuation and imaginative thoughts.

Our artwork has complemented our creative writing and we are becoming illustrators. This week, we practiced a range of charcoal techniques and then applied these to create an illustration linked to a given sentence from the story 'The Woman who turned Children into Birds'. It was great to see such a range of interpretations.





Ash Class

What a fantastic start to the new school year we have had in Ash Class!

The children have settled in brilliantly and have already been busy exploring a wide range of exciting learning opportunities. In Art, we have been developing our creativity and experimenting with different media and techniques to create detailed self-portraits, thinking carefully about facial features, proportions, colour and how different materials can be used to create different effects.

In PE, we have thrown ourselves into tag rugby, developing our throwing, catching and passing skills. History learning has taken us back in time to the fascinating Shang Dynasty. We have been investigating the remarkable discoveries made in Fu Hao's tomb and what these fascinating artefacts can tell us about Fu Hao, her life and the society she lived in. In Science, we have begun investigating the digestive system, learning about the journey food takes through our bodies and the important roles played by organs such as the mouth, stomach and intestines.

We are incredibly proud of the way they have started the year and are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come!



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Oak Class

Oak Class have made a fantastic start to our school year. We have quickly got back into our routines and have enjoyed seeing our friends again after our summer break.

We have enjoyed learning about different animals in English and applying new grammar skills in our writing. In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge from last year building our confidence with larger numbers. In History, it has been interesting finding out about our local area and how it has changed over the years.

We are looking forward to our Art over the next few weeks where we are thinking about identity and what makes us who we are. Our final product will be a self portrait with a difference! We will keep you updated...

Best wishes

All at KEPS

PE Days for 2026/27

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 KEPS PE t-shirt. A school jumper, cardigan or KEPS PE hoody (hoody is optional).

PE days for 2026/27 are: **Monday – Beech and Willow**
Tuesday – Ash & Oak

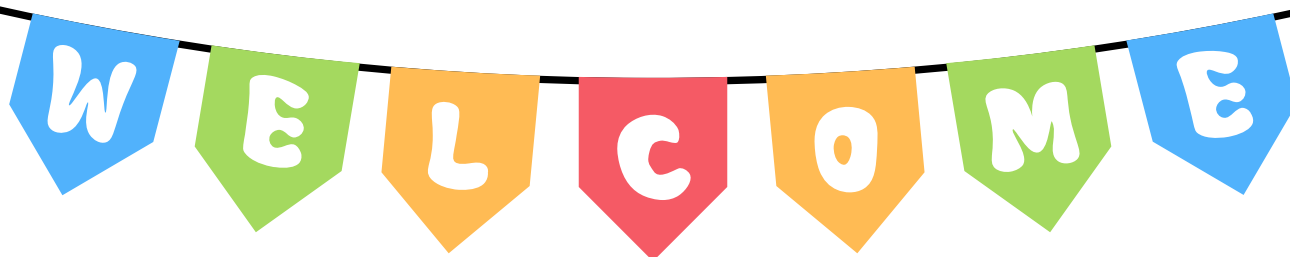


Welcome to Miss Roberts and Mrs Feierabend

We are delighted Miss Chloe Roberts has joined the Kingsbury family as our new Beech class teacher.

Miss Roberts has relocated to us from Wolverhampton. She brings enthusiasm and a commitment to ensuring the very best outcomes for the children in her care.

We are excited to welcome Miss Roberts to our school community and are confident that she will be a valued addition to our team.



We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Feierabend to our Willow Class team. She will be working with us every Thursday and Friday, supporting the children in their learning and helping to create a positive and engaging classroom environment. We know she will be a wonderful addition to the class. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome!

Forest School Fun for Ash Class!



Ash Class had a wonderful time during their first Forest School session of the Autumn term yesterday and thoroughly embraced the opportunity to explore the outdoor environment.

The children showed great enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork as they took part in a range of activities, discovering nature and learning new skills along the way.

It was lovely to see their confidence growing as they investigated their surroundings, shared ideas with one another and enjoyed learning outside the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and willingness to try new experiences and we are already looking forward to seeing what they get up to in their Forest School adventure next week! 🌳🍁😊



School Clubs – Autumn Term 1

The clubs for this half term will start w/c 21st September and will be as below. Please book your places on Wisepay.

Day	Club	Open to	Taken by	Location	Cost	Max Number
Monday	FULL Dodgeball	Yr 4 - 6	Mrs Cleasby	School Hall	£15 / Half Term	FULL 15
Tuesday	FULL Art Club	Yr 1 - 6	Mrs Carson	Willow Class	£15 / Half Term	FULL 15
Wednesday	Gardening Club	Yr R - 6	Mrs Colton & Mr Satterley	School Garden	£15 / Half Term	15
Thursday	Choir	Yr 2 - 6	Mrs Sowter & Mrs Colton	School Hall	Autumn Term (Sep-Dec)	40

Nut Free School

Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school.

We have several children who have allergies, so we appreciate your cooperation in not sending anything containing nuts of any kind in as part of snacks or lunches.

Thank you for your help with this.



Orchard Club Wraparound Provision

KEPS has a wraparound childcare provision which runs before and after school Monday through to Thursday and before school on a Friday.

Mrs Nic Bullock is still running the club for KEPS, along with the of Mrs Tha Sylvester.

All bookings are to be made and paid for via WisePay and we ask that you contact the school office for any matters regarding Orchard Club. If you are paying via Childcare Vouchers, please note this at the end of each of your bookings. Should you have any questions regarding the process please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please make sure your places are booked via Wisepay in advance - many thanks!



Dates for your Diary...

Mon 21st Sept - Autumn Term 1 After School Clubs begin this week

Tues 22nd Sept - 4pm - CLP Cross Country for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Mon 28th Sept - Individual and Sibling School Photos to be taken

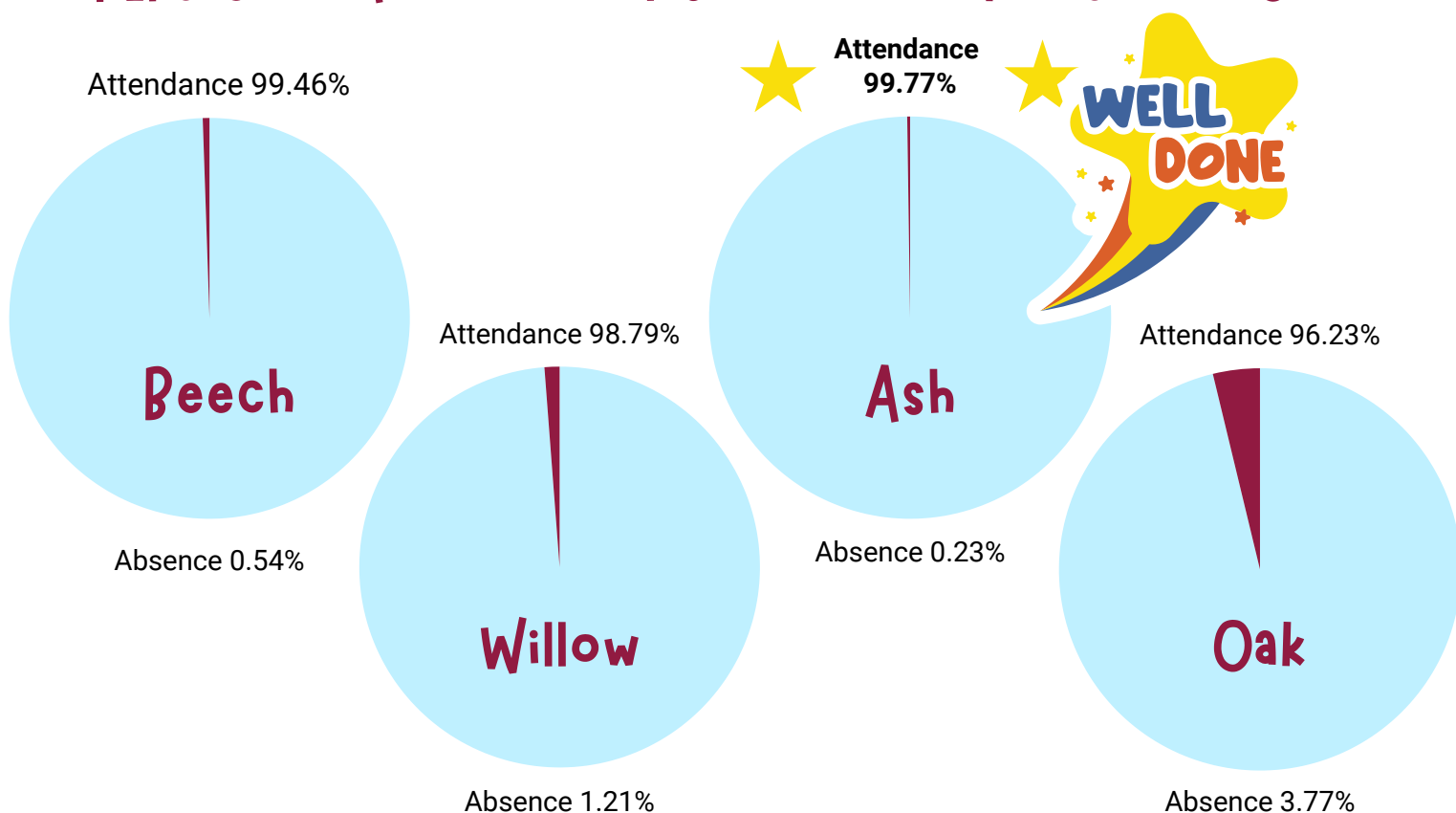
Weds 30th Sept - Mon 5th Oct - Scholastic Book Fair in school hall

Weds 7th Oct - Flu Vaccinations (unless child has been opted out)

Weds 21st & Thurs 22nd Oct - Parents Evenings

Mon 2nd - Weds 4th Nov - Year 5 Leeson House Residential

KEPS Class Attendance Figures so far This School Year



Class Updates

The below links are for each class, these will take you to the KEPS website for their updates.

Preschool [Preschool Updates | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

Beech Class [Reception/Year 1 - Beech Miss Roberts | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)

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

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

Oak Class [Year 5/6 Oak - Mrs Lane | Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School](#)



Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are **Mr Thompson** and **Mrs Carson**.
Our safeguarding governor is **Mr Simon Faull**.

If you have a concern relating to the safety or wellbeing of a pupil, please report this by emailing safeguarding@keps.school

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.

KEPS Preschool Update

Welcome back to Preschool! It has been lovely to welcome the children to preschool over these first two weeks of term, some familiar faces and new children and families joining preschool. Settling back into the routine and activities at preschool can be a worrying time for some children and families, so we are supporting children at separation time from parents, offering a wide range of activities and most importantly getting to know the children and their interests.

We've been outside getting involved in lots of physical activities, riding bikes, tractors, climbing, running and messy play with sand. We explored the school field and enjoyed the climbing and play equipment.

The children have all enjoyed playing with the colourful rice and learning new vocabulary as they played. The play dough is always popular and offers so much learning and skill development.

When one child brought in the new book 'Gruffalo Granny', we were all very excited to read the story, more than once! The children really enjoyed it and made lots of comments about the story.





School Calendar for 2026/27



Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
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December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25	M			1	8	15	22
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March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)	
Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)	
Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)	
Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)	
Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)	
Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)	TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.

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.