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KEPS Courier



Success Through Teamwork

Welcome to October!



Beech Class

In Beech, we have started to engage in our new learning for the Autumn term. As Mathematicians, Reception have started to match and sort objects, whilst Year One are focusing on number lines and comparing numbers with less than, greater than and equal to symbols.



In English, we have started exploring 'Room on The Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We have discussed the key characters and how we can describe the witch with adjectives. We will be using role play and discussions as a basis for our English lessons to further immerse ourselves into the story. As Scientists, we used a plant identifier sheet to help us spot different wild plants and garden plants in our school environment. We are loving recapping the 'parts of the plant' song with our actions!

We are really proud of the Reception children's growing independence in their everyday routines and in their learning. The Year Ones are also blowing us away with their kindness and role model attitude towards their younger friends.

Keep up the hard-working effort Beech Class, we are really proud of you all!



Willow Class

Willow Class have completed a number of practical learning challenges over the last to weeks to support their learning. In science, we tested whether adults would do better on tasks than children. There were a number of challenges involving the children and Mrs Carson, to see who could throw the furthest, run the fastest and complete the most star jumps in a minute. The children won most of these tasks and we discussed why age doesn't necessarily make us better at physical tasks. Other types of tasks on the other hand may have found different results...



In maths, we have been ordering and comparing numbers. We created giant number lines to place and then estimate the positions of various numbers. We also wrote our own stories based on The Woman who Turned Children into Birds and then created wonderful concertina books in the same style as the illustrator Laura Carlin. Amazing work all round!



Ash Class

We have had another fantastic week of learning in Ash Class!

In Maths, we have finished our work on place value and have now started learning about addition and subtraction, while continuing to practise our times tables daily to build our confidence and fluency. In English and Art, we have been working together to explore storytelling through words and drawings.

We created our own poems in English and are now bringing them to life by turning them into visual poetry comics! In Science, we had great fun creating the journey of a piece of bread through the digestive system. This helped us to understand how food is broken down and absorbed as it moves through our bodies.



Oak Class

What a fantastic start we have had in Oak Class! The children have settled in brilliantly and have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm and creativity.

In English, they have been taking photographs of nature to inspire their writing, while in Maths they have been developing their skills in the four operations and building their times-table fluency through TT Rock Stars. We have been enjoying basketball in PE, exploring Identity in Art and discovering the fascinating history of St Martin's Church in History. It has also been wonderful to see so many children getting involved in the Long Sutton Cross Country and CLP Football Tournament, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship.

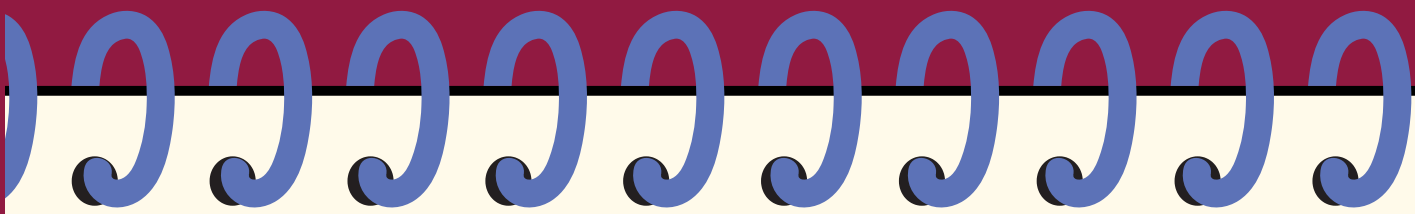
We are also delighted to announce that our House Captains and Digital Leaders have now been chosen - congratulations to all those who have taken on these important roles! Well done, Oak Class, on such a brilliant start to the term - we can't wait to see what comes next!



Best wishes

*All at
KEPS*





Dates for your Diary...

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

Fri 9th Oct - 9.30-10.30am - KEPS Open Morning

Weds 21st Oct - Parents Evening 1

Thurs 22nd Oct - Parents Evening 2

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

Fri 13th Nov - 1.30-3.30pm - KEPS Open Afternoon

Thurs 19th Nov - Head of Huish Episcopi Academy visiting Year 6s



KEPS Class Attendance so far this year

Figures correct as at 1st October



Ash - 99.77%



Beech - 98.43%



Willow - 97.30%



Oak - 94.88%



School Clubs – Autumn Term 1

The clubs for this half term started w/c 21st September and are 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

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).

We respectfully ask that children do not wear very short shorts /hot pants for PE and instead wear comfortable, practical shorts that provide appropriate coverage for physical activity - thank you.



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

CLP Sporting Fun at KEPS!



Cross Country - Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the first cross country event of the season at Long Sutton! It was fantastic to see so many of you getting involved, showing determination, resilience and team spirit.

Well done to everyone who gave it their best and represented the school so brilliantly - you should all be very proud!

Football - A fantastic effort from our Year 5/6 football team on Tuesday 29th September as they took part in the Huish CLP tournament. Well done to all the players for giving their best, supporting each other and enjoying the experience!



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

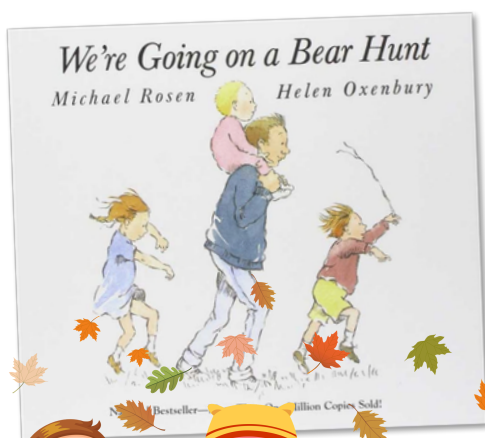
Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are **Mr Thompson** and **Mrs Carson**.
Our safeguarding governor is **Mr Simon Faull**.

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



We love being outside playing and learning so the sunny weather has been wonderful. Lots of physical activity supports young children's development as they coordinate their movements, balancing and running and climbing. We collected autumn leaves, did collage activities using scissors to snip or cut out pictures.

We've enjoyed sharing stories with focus on rhyme and rhythm like *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, counting stories like *Ten Little Monsters* and stories to sing along with like *The Whales on the Bus*, all very important aspects of early phonics. Most importantly it also helps grow a love of reading.



BBC 500 Words is Open!

**BBC 500 Words opened for submissions
on Tuesday 29th September at 8am!**

The UK's biggest children's story-writing competition is back - inviting young storytellers to write the kind of story they would love to read. No pressure around spelling, grammar or punctuation - it's all about creativity! Plus, there are loads of prizes to be won!

Entry deadline: Friday 6th November at 9pm

Find out more: www.bbc.co.uk/500words



Remember, every story submitted is in with a chance of winning 500 books for their school as well as a literacy wall art.



Art In the Spotlight...

Our very own Pearl from Ash Class has had her wonderful artwork and photo included in the RSPCA Animal Action magazine, which is printed and distributed across the country.

We were pleased to open the pages and see one of KEPS pupils looking so happy and proud - and so she should!



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 payed 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!**



Online Safety



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.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

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.

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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 that you 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.

CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

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.

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.

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
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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.