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Friday 23rd October 2026

Newsletter Autumn 1 – 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year, and I am incredibly proud of how well our children have settled back into school. They have returned with enthusiasm, determination and a real eagerness to learn, making for a very positive first half of the autumn term.

There have been many exciting opportunities for our pupils, including celebrating European Day of Languages, raising awareness on Cerebral Palsy Day, taking part in cross-country events and representing the school at different sporting tournaments as well as all of the exciting enrichment opportunities that take place here as part of our wide and varied curriculum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support. It has been lovely to have been greeted by you all on the gates in the morning and at the end of the day and your trust and support has been very much appreciated and served as a reminder of the community we have established here at Kingfisher primary School. This is something that I am very proud to be leading along with my staff. I would also like to thank those who joined us for European Day of Languages and shared their experiences, cultures and traditions from countries across Europe. Your contributions helped bring learning to life for our children and made the day a memorable celebration of diversity and language.

As we begin the second half of the autumn term, please ensure your child arrives on time each morning, dressed in the correct school uniform and ready to learn. Good attendance remains key to children making the most of every learning opportunity, so if your child is unwell and unable to attend, please inform the school office as soon as possible. We also kindly ask that school lunches, breakfast club and after-school care are booked in advance to support effective planning.

A reminder for Year 6 parents and carers that the closing date for secondary school applications is **Saturday 31st October 2026**. Further information can be found on the Somerset Council secondary school admissions page.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November 2026**.

With best wishes,

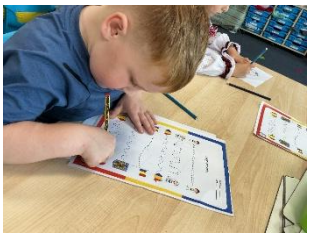
Mr Jack Green
Head Teacher



Please remember to be careful and considerate when parking around the school; we want to keep our children and families safe. Please also be respectful of residents' drives and gardens. Thank you.

European Day of Languages

On Thursday 24th September, Kingfisher marked the European Day of Languages with a vibrant and engaging programme led by Mrs Farnell. The children celebrated a variety of languages from across Europe which are represented within our school community. It was a lovely day celebrating the diversity within our school and the native languages of some of our families.




World Mental Health Day 2026

To mark **World Mental Health Day**, Kingfisher was awash with yellow as children and staff came together to show their support for positive mental health and wellbeing. Every child was encouraged to wear something yellow, helping to create a vibrant and uplifting atmosphere across the school while demonstrating the importance of supporting one another.

Throughout the day, pupils took time to learn about mental health, exploring what it means, why it is just as important as physical health, and how we can all look after our own wellbeing. Children engaged in discussions and activities that encouraged them to recognise emotions, talk openly about feelings and understand where they can find support when needed. The day provided a valuable opportunity to remind everyone that looking after our mental health is something we should all do every day.

Staff wellbeing was also an important focus. Mrs Streetin went above and beyond to ensure that all adults in school felt appreciated and supported. Alongside our fantastic PTA, who generously provided a large sweet and chocolate hamper, their efforts helped create a warm and positive atmosphere, reinforcing the message that mental health and wellbeing matter for every member of the Kingfisher community.







Absence



On the occasion that your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office by 9.10am to let us know if your child is not going to be in school. This is essential for safeguarding and also to cancel school lunches, so that you are not charged.

Harvest Festival

On Thursday 8th October, we held our annual Harvest assembly. As in previous years, the generosity of our families was remarkable with a total of 310 items being donated to The Lord's Larder, who were deeply appreciative of the support. Please see the thank you letter from them at the end of this newsletter. Each class contributed by sharing a poem, and the hall was filled with enthusiastic singing of traditional harvest songs. This time of year, offers our children a valuable moment to reflect on the everyday things we often overlook. During the assembly, we considered the vital roles played by farmers, delivery drivers, and retail staff in bringing food to our tables.

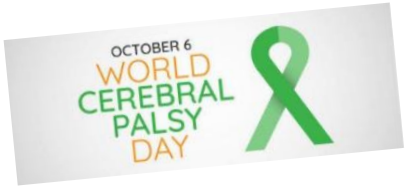






Cerebral Palsy Day

To mark Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day 2026, the Kingfisher community proudly wore green and came together to celebrate inclusion, understanding and acceptance. Pupils and staff enjoyed meaningful discussions about disability awareness and the importance of respecting and supporting one another. It was wonderful to see everyone united in promoting kindness, empathy and a sense of belonging for all.





A Passion for Music

We are delighted to welcome Mr Male to Kingfisher Primary School as our new music teacher. Each class spends an hour every week working with Mr Male, and the results are fantastic. Throughout the year, pupils will develop their musical skills through singing, learning to play the ukulele, and performing some of their favourite songs. Lessons are filled with energy, enthusiasm and creativity, helping children to build confidence and grow as young musicians. It is wonderful to see so many pupils embracing music and developing a genuine love of performing and making music.

















PE Kit Reminder



Something which has become apparent in the last couple of weeks is an increasing number of pupils coming to school either without a PE kit or without a full PE kit. It is essential that all pupils have a change of clothes and shoes for PE. It is also important for children to have a spare pair of socks in their PE kits so when tights are removed, they have something to change into, or if their socks get wet due to a downpour, they have dry socks for the rest of the day. For further information or clarification, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

International Dot Day

This half-term, pupils across Kingfisher celebrated International Dot Day, inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' book *The Dot*. The day encouraged children to reflect on the idea that everyone has the potential to make their mark, no matter how small the starting point may seem. Through a variety of creative art and writing activities, children explored themes of courage, perseverance and self-belief. Classrooms were filled with colourful dot-inspired artwork, showcasing the imagination and individuality of our pupils. Just as importantly, the activities sparked some fantastic discussions about personal goals, overcoming challenges and the difference that even the smallest actions can make. Children shared their thoughts on what makes them unique, how they can contribute positively to their community and why having the confidence to try something new is so important. The day was a wonderful celebration of creativity and self-expression, helping to reinforce our school values of confidence, resilience and aspiration while reminding children that every great achievement begins with a single step.





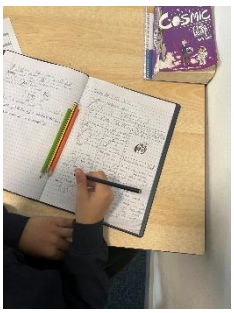


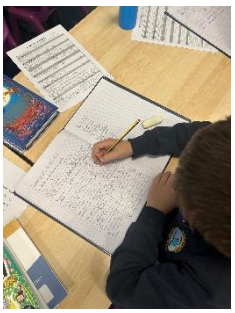
Iron Man Newspaper Reports

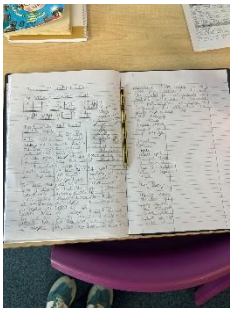
In English this half term, Hedgehog Class have been exploring *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. They have been developing their reading skills and using their imagination to bring the story to life. They then became newspaper reporters, writing their own exciting reports about the Iron Man visiting their favourite places! They included eye-catching headlines and descriptive language to capture the readers' attention.











Art in Year 5

In art this term, Year 5 have been studying the work of American artist Robert Longo, best known for his dramatic, large-scale charcoal drawings. Inspired by his style, pupils have been developing their own techniques in using charcoal to create expressive and powerful pieces. Through careful observation and practice, they've produced some striking artwork that reflects both their creativity and growing confidence with this challenging medium.






Art in Year 3 – Sculpture

Year 3 pupils were busy creating beautiful clay leaf bowls in their art lesson with Miss Wolny last week. With a focus on sculpture, the children developed their skills in shaping and refining clay, showing great attention to detail, focus and care throughout the process. The activity not only supported their artistic development but also encouraged creativity and patience as they brought their designs to life.







Art in Year 1

Dragonfly Class have been having great fun experimenting with vegetables as a unique medium for their artwork this half term. Inspired by the fascinating work of the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, the children explored how everyday fruits and vegetables can be used to create imaginative portraits and pictures. They carefully observed Arcimboldo's famous paintings, which are made entirely from natural objects, before using a range of vegetables to print, stamp and create their own colourful masterpieces. The classroom was full of creativity, laughter and discovery as the children experimented with different shapes, textures and patterns, producing some truly fantastic pieces of art.






PTA Halloween Disco

This term's Halloween Disco, organised by the fantastic Kingfisher Primary PTA, was a huge success and a wonderful celebration for our school community. A huge thank you goes to the incredible team of volunteers whose hard work and dedication helped make the evening such a memorable event. It was wonderful to see so many families join in the fun, with parents and children alike showcasing an amazing range of creative and spooky costumes. The hall was filled with laughter, dancing and excitement from start to finish, creating a brilliant atmosphere. It was truly a great time had by all and a fantastic community event.







Sea King Bake Sale

The Sea King Bake Sale was a fantastic success, showcasing the creativity, generosity and community spirit that makes Kingfisher such a special place. Our children, supported by their parents and carers, produced some truly incredible baked creations, from beautifully decorated cakes to imaginative themed treats. The effort and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved was wonderful to see. We are delighted that the event raised over £400 to split between our two chosen charities, Children's Diabetes and Cancer Research. A huge thank you goes to all of our children, parents and carers for their hard work, support and kindness in helping us raise funds for two incredibly worthwhile causes.









Sporting Links

Sport continues to thrive at Kingfisher, with pupils embracing a wide range of exciting opportunities both in and beyond school. Through our strong links with local secondary schools, children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of sporting events, developing both their skills and confidence. This term, pupils have represented the school in cross-country, hockey, netball and a range of other competitions and festivals. Their enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship have been a credit to the school. We are incredibly proud of all those who have taken part and look forward to seeing even more children enjoying the many sporting opportunities available this year.







DT in Year 2

Mallard Class have thoroughly enjoyed their Design and Technology project this term, creating moving vehicles complete with wheels and axles that could travel down a ramp. The children followed the full design process, beginning with initial ideas and prototypes before testing, evaluating and refining their models to overcome any challenges they encountered. Through perseverance and creativity, they adapted their designs and applied what they had learned to produce their final vehicles. The project provided an excellent opportunity to develop ingenuity, problem-solving and construction skills, and the children were incredibly proud of the high-quality vehicles they created by the end of the project.







Vincent Van Gogh in Year 6

Year 6 have produced some truly stunning artwork this term, using their acquired skills to recreate Vincent van Gogh's famous masterpiece, *Starry Night*. As part of the project, the children explored the meaning and emotion behind the painting, considering how Van Gogh used colour, movement and texture to create such a powerful image. They experimented with blending techniques, carefully combining light and dark shades to capture the depth and vibrancy of the night sky. The children showed great patience and attention to detail throughout. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, and the final results are both impressive and beautifully expressive.





Brilliant Balloon Cars in Year 6

Owl Class have been working hard to research, evaluate, design, make and evaluate their own balloon cars. With their own designs, and an ongoing battle about whether Pepsi or Diet Coke was better, the children worked hard to create their final pieces. The children demonstrated great perseverance and problem-solving when working on their cars, and we couldn't be prouder of their resilience.






Quetin Blake

Mallard Class have produced some truly outstanding artwork this term whilst studying the work of renowned illustrator Quentin Blake. The children have carefully explored his distinctive style and used this as inspiration to develop their own drawing and painting skills. Throughout the project, they practised a range of techniques, learning how to create character, movement and expression within their artwork. Their confidence and creativity have flourished, resulting in some fantastic final pieces that beautifully reflect both their skill and imagination. We are incredibly proud of the effort, perseverance and artistic talent shown by every child, and the finished outcomes have been nothing short of wonderful.







Making Catapults

Otter Class have demonstrated fantastic creativity and determination through their Design and Technology project, which focused on building strong shapes and structures using a range of fixing methods and woodworking techniques. Their challenge was to design and construct working catapults, applying their understanding of stability, strength and function. The children began by creating prototypes, which they then tested and evaluated before making improvements to their designs. Through this process, they developed valuable skills in problem-solving, resilience and craftsmanship. The final catapults were a real success, showcasing the children's ingenuity, teamwork and growing confidence as young designers and engineers.






Making Potions

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed getting creative through their English work by designing and writing their own set of instructions for a potion of their choice. The project encouraged children to stretch their imaginations and experiment with adventurous vocabulary, bringing their magical ideas to life through detailed and engaging writing. Pupils carefully considered their ingredients, methods and intended effects, producing some wonderfully inventive and entertaining pieces of work. The highlight was bringing their creations into the classroom, where they shared their potions with classmates and celebrated each other's ideas. We were incredibly impressed by their creativity, enthusiasm and the high quality of their final outcomes.







And finally…

It has been a real joy to see our newest members of the Kingfisher community settle into school life so quickly. Reception children have already formed new friendships and shown great enthusiasm for learning. They've made a brilliant start to their school journey, and we're incredibly proud of the confidence, curiosity and kindness they bring to each day.









Online Safety from Mrs Musgrave – Be aware of inappropriate content



With many popular games continuing to attract younger players, it's more important than ever to stay informed about how children interact in online gaming spaces. Recent reports have highlighted that some games, even those rated as child-friends, may expose children to inappropriate content through chat functions, online play etc.

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, and Minecraft remain hugely popular among primary -aged children and while they offer creative and social opportunities, they also carry large risks. We recommend regularly checking game settings, using parental controls, and encouraging your child to talk openly about their in-game experiences.

You can use tools like Internet Matters to check age-appropriate games and get guidance on managing screen time. https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who attended their child's parents' evening this half term; it was great to see so many of you in school. It was lovely hearing the positive comments from parents about the wonderful artwork on display and how happy parents are regarding their child's progress in school.



Uniform

Please can I request that anything that your child brings into school is clearly labelled with their name. This includes coats, PE kits, jumpers, any uniform, drinks bottles and lunchboxes.





Nut Free School



An important reminder that nuts and nut products should not be brought into school because we have a number of children who suffer from allergies related to nuts and nut products; this includes hazelnut products such as Nutella. Please look carefully at snacks and packed lunches to ensure that nut ingredients are not present. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated as anaphylaxis is a serious, even a life-threatening issue.



As you are already aware, there is a clear correlation between good attendance at school and good progress and attainment. We are regularly monitoring attendance and if we identify a concern, we will make contact to discuss the impact and what the school can do to support. If your child's attendance were to drop to 90% over a school year, this would equate to 29 days absent from school – this is the equivalent of missing 6 weeks of learning.

Breakfast Club



A reminder that our Breakfast Club runs from 8am – 8.50am each morning. A member of staff will be on the hall door until 8.15am seeing children in. After this time, they will be busy preparing breakfast and supervising the children. If you are dropping your child after this time, please bring them to the school office entrance. Please remember your child must have arrived before 8.25am to be able to have breakfast. We are currently seeing an increasing number of children arriving at Breakfast Club without being booked in advance. Please ensure that your child is booked in before attending. Advance bookings are important as we plan both staffing levels and food quantities according to the number of children expected.

Thank you for your cooperation.

After School Club



The After School Club run 2 sessions. The first session runs from 3.20pm – 4.15pm and the second session runs from 4.15pm – 5.00pm. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at these end times so as not to affect staff / child ratios. Late collection will incur a fee of £5 for up to every 15-minute period after the scheduled pickup time. All sessions are to be booked and paid for on ParentPay one week in advance of the date required. If the sessions are not paid for in advance, they are automatically cancelled on the day and your child will no longer have a space reserved for them. Please only phone the school office to book in case of emergencies.

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2



Friday 23rd October	Last Day of Term
Sunday 25th October	Last day for booking lunches on ParentPay
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	**Half-term**
Monday 2nd November	First day back at school
Friday 6th November	Year 5 Swimming (6 weeks)
Monday 9th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 10th November	World Science Day – more details to follow
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 13th November	Run Pudsey – see letter sent
Friday 20th November	Year 4 Tudor Day – see letter sent
Tuesday 1st December	Year 5 Rural Life Museum
Monday 7th December	Carol Service at St Johns
Tuesday 8th December	Year 1 Dragonfly Christmas Play to Parents
Wednesday 9th December	Year R Minnow Christmas Play to Parents
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December	Nursery Christmas Play to Parents
Friday 11th December	Year 2 Mallard Christmas Play to Parents
Friday 11th December	Year 6 Ancient Greek Day – more details to follow
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch – book on ParentPay
Wednesday 16th December	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime at Westlands YR – Y6
Thursday 17th December	Christingle Workshop for all classes
Friday 18th December	Non-uniform day – Christmas Parties
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January	**Christmas Holiday**
Monday 4th January	**Teacher Training Day – School closed**
Tuesday 5th January	First day back for pupils

Supporting your child to self-regulate

We regularly get asked to help parents whose child struggles to self-regulate at home. Below is an excellent guide with top tips from the National College.



Essential online safety information for parents
In-Game chat



Christmas Lunch Menu 2026

Tuesday 15th December 2026

Please book on ParentPay



NHS Eye Health information

Children's eye health

Your child's sight is precious. Good vision helps them learn, play and communicate with the world around them.



Yet, there are more than a million children in the UK with undetected vision problems (source: Eye health UK)

Children's vision continues to develop until they reach the age of eight, so caring for a child's eyes in the early years can help lay the foundations for good vision that lasts a lifetime.

There are lots of simple things that you can do to help keep children's eyes healthy.

Essential Eye Checks



Having regular sight tests as advised by your optician is a great place to start.

Sight tests will ensure any problems such as childhood conditions like squint and lazy eye (amblyopia), longsightedness (hypermetropia) or short sightedness (myopia) are picked up early.

The sooner problems are identified the better the treatment outcomes.

Remember sight tests are free on the NHS for all children under 16 years or 18 in education or training. If they require vision correction (glasses or contact lenses) you'll be entitled to an optical voucher towards the cost of this too!

In Somerset there is access to reception aged vision screening at school.

Limit use of screens

Children should be reminded to take regular breaks whenever they do any intense close work like using a screen or reading a book. There is some evidence that excess screen time can damage vision long term.



A good rule to follow is the 20, 20, 20 rule which suggests taking a break of at least 20 seconds, every 20 minutes and to look 20 feet (6 metres) away.

Teenagers viewing smart phones should hold the screen at least 30cms away from their face to avoid eye strain.

Signs of reduced vision

It's often difficult to tell if your child is having problems with their eyes but some tell-tale signs that there could be something wrong include:

- **struggling to recognise colours and shapes**
- **not showing any interest in learning to read**
- **complaining about headaches**
- **sitting very close to the TV.**

If you recognise any of these symptoms you should arrange for your child to have a sight test.

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Any questions?
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Local half-term Activities



Local half-term Activities



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Festival collection for Lords Larder. Please see the letter below.

Yeovil Christian Support Trust
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Web:www.ycstyeovil.org.uk
Charity no. 1092843

21st October 2026

Kingfisher Primary School

Dear Staff, pupils and parents,

Thank you for your kind donation of 310 **items of food** in support of the work of The Lord's Larder Food Bank in Yeovil. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

We have been working to help those in our community for 35 years now, having started in 1991. We know that the food bank is a vital lifeline for single people and families who run out of money for various reasons, and then require emergency food support, while in crisis.

Last year we were able to give out **154,550 items of food** which went into **3913 emergency food parcels** to help a total of **8272 local people** (this figure breaks down as 4947 adults and 3325 children in a total of 1826 families).

So far this year (to the end of August) we have already given out over **83,059 items of food**, to help **5,004 people (of which 1,872 were children).**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to support the work of the Lord's Larder Food Bank, and to pass on the heart-felt gratitude from all those we were able to help each year, without your support this would not be possible.

Kindest regards,

Jo Smith, Deputy Operations Manager Lord's Larder Food Bank & Lord's Larder Community Fund