



Kinsale Infant School
May 2023 Newsletter



Developing a love of learning for all. Always ready to learn



Diary Dates

Date	Time	Who	Event
May			
Weds 3 rd May		School council members	School council meeting
Thur 4 th May	3.30-6pm		Parents evenings online - booking links sent
Fri 5 th May		All	King's Coronation themed day! Red , white & blue dress up & picnic lunch on field
Mon 8 th May			King's Coronation additional bank holiday- school closed
Week beg 8 th May		Year 2	Year 2 SATs assessments begin – letter sent to Year 2
Weds 10 th May	am	All	Reverend Alder to lead assembly
Thurs 11 th May		Year 2	KJS year 3 teachers in school to meet children (transition plan)
Week beg 15 th May		All	Walk to school week- national initiative info to follow
Thurs 18 th May		All	Census day- try a hot lunch please!
Fri 19 th May		Year 1	Visit to Bewilderwood
Mon 22 nd May	Am	Y1 & 2	PE event- basketball at HHS (Year 1 and Year 2 groups)
Mon 22 nd May	2.40pm	Invites	JONK Hot chocolate Monday!
Thurs 25 th May	2.40pm	Learning Leaders members	Learning Leaders
<u>Friday 26th May</u>			<u>Class photos</u>
Friday 26 th May			Last day of term
Mon 29 th May- Fri 2 nd June			Half term break – school closed
June			
Mon 5 th June		All	Children back to school
Mon 5 th June	Am	Reception	Reception height, vision, weight and hearing checks
Tues 6 th June	Am	Reception	Reception height, vision, weight and hearing checks
Weds 7 th June		School council members	School Council meeting
Fri 9 th June		Year 2	Horstead residential balance due in – paid via app
Mon 12 th June	Am only	All	Sports Morning - more info to follow
Mon 12 th June	5pm	New reception parents	New Reception meeting- for parents / carers of children starting Sept 2023 (school hall)
Week beg Mon 12 th June		Year 1	Phonics screening week – letter sent
Tues 13 th June	3.30-5pm	Ladybirds, Grasshoppers and Beetles	Open classes – all welcome

Weds 14th June	pm	All	Rev Alder to lead assembly
Weds 14 th June	3.30-5pm	Dragonflies and Butterflies	Open classes – all welcome
Mon 19 th - Weds 21 st June		Year 2	Residential 2 night visit to Horstead Centre, Horstead
Mon 26 th June		Invites	JONK Hot Chocolate Monday!
Weds 28 th June	9-6pm	Year 1	Norfolk show visit
Weds 28 th June	am	Year 2	Year 2 playtime at KJS (transition plan)
Thurs 29 th June	pm	Learning Leaders members	Learning Leaders
July			
Tues 4 th July	am	Year 2	Year 2 playtime at KJS (transition plan)
Weds 5 th July	pm	School council members	School council meeting
Mon 10 th July		Select KS1 children	PE- Outdoor and Adventurous PE workshop- info to follow
Tues 11 th July	2pm	Year 2	Year 2 Leavers show – Y2 parents only
Weds 12 th July-Fri 14 th July		All	Transition days- more info to follow <i>Children spend the 3 days in their new classes for sept 2023</i>
Mon 17 th July	2.30pm	Rock Steady children	Rock Steady parents' concert- invites only
Week beg 17 th July			Work experience students in school all week
Fri 21 st July			Last day of term
Sept 2023			
Mon 4 th and Tues 5 th Sept			Inset days- no children in school
Weds 6 th Sept			Year 1 and Year 2 back to school New Reception parent meetings in school



Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress.

Please ensure children are at school at 8.50am and collected at the end of the day by 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours or in the holidays please.

Our school bell rings promptly at 8.50am when the classroom doors open, and it will sound again at 9am as the classroom doors are locked.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.15am each morning. If your child has a minor cough or cold and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them in and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day. Children should not be absent from school if they have head lice. This needs to be treated appropriately and then they may attend school normally.

We thank you for your support in ensuring that our school attendance improves. Our school target is 97%.

	6 th -10 th March	13 th - 17 th March	20 th -24 th March	27 th -31 st March	18 th - 21 st April	24 th -28 th April
Butterflies	98%	94%	88%	92%	100%	97%
Grasshoppers	93%	94%	97%	97%	94%	95%
Ladybirds	100%	97%	95%	96%	98%	99%
Dragonflies	98%	98%	96%	99%	96%	94%
Beetles	96%	98%	98%	94%	99%	92%

Friends of KIS

Wow we have been busy! We are so grateful to all that have been part of our planned activities.

The Mother's Day gift service was very popular and raised just over £100 and we had some wonderful appreciation messages from mums - we are glad you liked your gifts, the children certainly enjoyed shopping for them.

We promised some Easter activities and hope we got the balance just right with free to enter colouring/decorating competition, (the creativity was egg-cellent) and a small paid prize draw of goodies with over 12 lucky winners raising £125.



We also set a fundraising with raisins challenge and again got some fantastic pieces of art back and filled with money too raising £60, prizes go out later this week to winners.

As always, we encourage your support in any way you can help, through donations, ideas and most importantly your time! We want to make our activities accessible and inclusive, so your feedback is always welcome.

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!

Laura Holloway
Friends of KIS Chairperson

Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th March children and staff went Wild and Wore Red! in school for Comic relief! We love our school being colourful and creative while we raise money for such a worthy cause. We are pleased to say we raised an amazing £75.

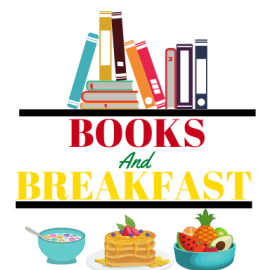
Thank you for all your support!



Mrs Cletheroe and the School Council

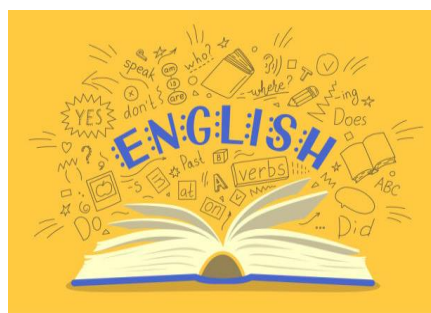
Breakfast and books

Before the Easter holidays, some of the children got the opportunity to invite their parents in for "Breakfast and Books". We read "How to Grow a Dinosaur" by Caryl Hart, whilst tucking into some scrumptious breakfast treats. The children and their grown-ups then participated in lots of fun activities linked to the story.



A fantastic time was had by all, and we are hoping to offer more sessions like this in the near future.

Mrs Godwin – Senior Leadership Team



Year 2 English workshop

On Tuesday 21st March, year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from their grown-ups who came and joined us for an English writing lesson. Parents watched a typical English lesson based on a short film called 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' which was our focus for the week. Once we had finished our carpet time children went to their tables and produced pieces of work with their grown-ups.

We thoroughly enjoyed having parents come to see our learning and we hope it helped them when they are supporting their children at home with writing and English.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

Year 2 team

Eco schools

As we come to the summer term, we wanted to give you an update on what's been happening in our eco council. The children have had a visit from Siemens wind energy where they got to try on PPE, build their own wind turbines and experiment with floating and sinking.

Anglian water came into school to talk about the water cycle and how to save water. In forest school the children have been planting new trees which will grow and help sustain our local environment.

This coming term we have a lot of eco projects starting. The week beginning 24th April is our eco week where the children will be learning all about different aspects of our environment and how to look after the world. We have also taken part in litter picking, earth day, recycling week, walk to school week and many other activities.



*Mrs Belson
Eco Lead*

Book Fair



We were very pleased to welcome a Scholastic book fair back into school at the end of March. We really enjoyed seeing so many children coming back into school to choose a story to take home to read.

We were so overwhelmed that because of your purchases we are able to buy £387.50 worth of books for our school!

We cannot wait to fill our library and classrooms with a huge array of exciting stories, fascinating fact books and magical adventures.

We are soon to be updating our library provision, so these new books are very timely.

Sensory Garden

On Thursday 30th March our brand-new sensory garden was officially opened. Situated in the heart of our school, a haven for calm reflection has been created for all the children to enjoy.

Vibrant colours and natural materials work alongside each other to make a fun and inviting space with lots to see and explore. The garden is specifically designed to be used barefoot to enhance wellbeing. Features include a path made of different textures and materials which is perfect for sensory engagement. Water features that can be touched and listened to while relaxing on one of the cosy beanbags. Twirling wind decorations that will captivate young imaginations and a selection of soft mirrors to press where children will see themselves slightly differently depending on which one, they look in! The plants and flowers have all been chosen for their appearance and smell, everything in the garden has a purpose and a place. 2 wooden wigwams with coloured windows are adorned with bunting and filled with comfy cushions which allow the area to be used whatever the weather.



A collaborative venture from Laura Holloway who is the Friends of Kinsale Infant chairperson, volunteers, school staff and local businesses, it is a beautiful addition to our school. Perfectly complimenting the much-loved Forest School area, it is another outdoor learning space that will bring so much joy and wonder for years to come.

If you have not seen this area yet, please pop along at Open Classroom events in June.

Science Week in school

During this week each year group focused on experiments and what makes a fair test. We also learnt about famous scientists from the past and how they have shaped our lives today.

When we arrived to school on the Tuesday, Mrs Mainwaring's office was taped off as a crime had been committed. Someone had been in there and left the room in a complete mess; with turned over tables, spilt pencil pots, teddies on the floor. All the children worked really hard to investigate who dunnit! There were 4 suspects and the children had to use their detective skills to work out who the evidence pointed too.



*Mrs Sidy
Science Lead*



Hi viz jackets

Many thanks if you have returned your child's jacket to us. Please ensure you return it if you haven't, and they will be distributed again just prior to the October half term break when the darker evenings begin again.

Coronation Themed Day

As the Coronation of King Charles III draws ever closer, we are beginning to plan a range of exciting experiences for the children to mark this historic occasion.



In the week preceding the coronation, the children will be learning more about the importance of this event through a range of fun and engaging lessons.

On **Friday 5th May**, we would like to invite the children to come to school wearing **red, white and blue** clothes as we celebrate as a whole school. Please ensure that children are wearing clothes that are practical for school and that they can wear comfortably for the whole day. On this day, we will also be having a whole school picnic on the field (weather permitting)! Children will need to bring a packed lunch from home if you have not already preordered one from school please.

Reminders

- Please remember as the weather is hopefully warming up, sun hats and water bottles are needed every day. (Replacement water bottles are available to buy on the school payment app for £2). Please also apply sun cream before your child comes to school to protect them when the sun begins to shine more frequently.
- Please remember that cars are only allowed on site if a parking permit has been obtained from the office and that the speed limit is **5 miles an hour.**
- Please remember no bikes or scooters should be ridden when on the school site and children should wear helmets when cycling or scooting to school
- Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's well-being or progress in school please ask to meet your child's class teacher, who will be only too happy to help.