



February 2024			
Fri 2 nd Feb		All	NSPCC Number Day!- <i>letter sent</i>
Tues 6 th Feb			Safer Internet Day- <i>info to follow</i>
Fri 16 th Feb			Last day before half term
Mon 19 th -Fri 23 rd Feb			Half term
Mon 26 th Feb			Children back to school
Weds 28 th Feb	School day	Dragonflies ½ of Beetles	Strangers Hall trip – Year 1 and 2
Weds 28 th Feb	9am		Mental health coffee morning for parents- <i>info to follow</i>
Thurs 29 th Feb	School day	Ladybirds ½ of Beetles	Strangers Hall trip- Year 1 and 2
March 2024			
Tues 5 th March	School day	Reception	Mini Monsters! <i>Info to follow</i>
Weds 6 th March	9am-10am	Year 2	Year 2 parent writing workshop- <i>info sent</i>
Thurs 7 th March			Mothers Day shop!- <i>info to follow</i>
Thurs 7 th March			World Book Day! <i>Info to follow</i>
W/B Mon 11 th March		All	Science Week- <i>info to follow</i>
Tues 12 th March	9am-10am	Year	Year 1 parent phonics workshop- <i>info sent</i>
Weds 13 th March		All	Dental checks- <i>consent forms and info sent</i>
Fri 15 th March		All	Red Nose Day 2024- <i>info to follow</i>
Tues 19 th March- Fri 22 nd March		All	Book Fair in School – <i>info to follow</i>
Mon 25 th March			Rock Steady Parent concert- <i>Invite only</i>
Wed 27 th March			Last day of term
Thurs 28 th March-Fri 12 th April			Easter break
April 2024			
Monday 15 th April			First day back to school
May 2024			
Thurs 2 nd May		Selected Y1/2 children	Tri Golf- <i>info to follow</i>

There is always a wealth of information on our website regarding school life.
For term dates please click the below link:

<https://kinsaleinfant.norfolk.sch.uk/term-dates/>



	4 th – 5 th Jan	8 th - 12 th Jan	15 th - 19 th Jan	22 nd -26 th Jan
Grasshoppers	94%	97% ★	89%	89%
Butterflies	95%	96%	87%	94%
Ladybirds	94%	92%	89%	88%
Beetles	87%	91%	92% ★	91%
Dragonflies	99% ★	96%	92% ★	96% ★

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 at 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.

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

Mrs Wallace is our Attendance Lead, and her role involves monitoring children's attendance regularly and supporting families to improve where needed. Thank you for working positively with her.

Fencing

We are so pleased with the new Fence that has been put up around our school. Our school site is now much more secure and access is restricted to just those people with permission to come in to our school while children are in school. The gates will be locked when the site is clear of parents/carers at 9am and will be unlocked at 2.50pm ready for the end of day. Please report to the office if you require access to the school site during these times.

After School Childcare

Our new After School childcare provision is now available every day after school. We are so pleased to be able to offer our families this much needed facility at our school.

As part of this the following activities are available during the sessions every week. Light snack and drink included. Alternative activities are always available on each session.

Monday: Art and Crafts

Tuesday: Junk modelling

Wednesday: Games and Lego

Thursday: Creative (Stories, role play and imagination!)

Friday: Fun Fridays! (Ball games, music and winding down for the weekend with a short film!)



These are bookable on our school payment app now. As previously stated the cost is £5 until 5pm and £7.50 until 5.30pm. If your child attends a club at our school run by an outside provider we can offer a reduced rate of £2.50 after that club ends.

Please make sure you are selecting the correct payment amount when booking as fees for late collection still apply. No reduction in price can be given for early collection though of course you are more than welcome to pick your child up early if you wish.

Friends of Kinsale Infant School

What is the 'Friends of KIS'?

The Friends of Kinsale Infant School is an open community of parent/grandparent/care giver volunteers working alongside the school/teachers/and other "friends" to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its pupils.

Friends of KIS is a small charity* that is independent from the school.

How does 'Friends of KIS' benefit the school?

Parents and care givers have a big impact on how well their children do at school. Taking an active role in our PTA is one of the ways you can make a difference and get involved:

- We raise money to fund school initiatives through charity activities and events
- We provide new resources
- We put on special events
- We provide a forum for parents to have a say
- We provide volunteers and opportunities so that parents can support their child's learning

How can you help us?

Any parent can be a member, and every parent has skills to bring, from graphic design to gardening; from events management to balancing the books; and from wrapping up lucky dip gifts to handing out flyers! Other ways you can help:

- Donations – For raffles, games etc
- Volunteering at specific events
- Discounts – maybe you have access to discounts with specific retailers?
- Asking local businesses to support us
- And something money just cannot buy...your TIME!

Please contact us by email at friendsofkis22@gmail.com or feel free to approach us if you see us at school if you would like to know more or can help in any way.

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

**Please note we are not currently set up with the charity commission.*

Tennis Taster

We were been very lucky to have Tom from the [National Tennis Association](#) running a Tennis taster session in January! Our Tennis after-school club is now full but we hope to continue next term.



Reminders please...

- Children with long hair **MUST** have their hair always tied back for school please. Navy blue hair bands and accessories please – keep lovely, coloured bows for the weekends please!
- Please ensure your child does not scoot or ride their bike in the school grounds as it can get quite busy and there is a risk of accidents.
- Please only drive onto the school site if you have been given one of our parking permits. We do not have the space for parents/carers to drive up unless absolutely necessary.
- Children **MUST NOT** play on the outdoor climbing equipment before or after school – please ensure all children are well supervised at all times. If you have a sibling from Hellesdon High School coming to collect or meet you at 3.10pm, please ensure they are behaving appropriately and waiting in a suitable area on the school site.
- Can children please leave their own toys at home and not bring them into school. There is always a risk that favourite fidgets, cars and other small cuddly toys from home could get lost or broken. We have plenty of resources, especially in Reception, that engage children's interests and fascinations.
- Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

Are you struggling to pay for school uniform, or need help to pay for your child's residential school trip?

If so, financial help may be available from Anguish's Educational Foundation.

This charity supports Norwich families on a low income, whether you are working or receiving benefits.

You can contact Anguish's Educational Foundation by emailing:

info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk

Or call: 01603 621023



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Just One Norfolk website is FABULOUS – please do have a look if you need support with your child's sleep, behaviour, eating, family budgets etc. There are also free parenting courses available to access.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

You can refer yourself for support on the website, or please ask a member of school staff who will be able to direct you to the most appropriate person to help.