

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



23/10/2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS PREECE

What a brilliant half term we have had at Kingstone! We are incredibly proud of all the wonderful learning, achievements and opportunities that our children have enjoyed over the past few weeks. This week, Miss Exley and I had the pleasure of speaking at the School Games Awards Evening, where we were absolutely delighted to be presented with our Platinum Award for the second year running! This is a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of our commitment to sport and physical activity across the school. Another highlight of my week was hosting our Writers' Tea Party, where I had the pleasure of celebrating some of the brilliant writing that has taken place this half term. It was wonderful to share in the children's enthusiasm and see just how proud they are of their work. Today, the latest edition of the Kingstone Chronicle has also been sent out. Please do take some time to read through it and enjoy seeing all the fantastic learning, experiences and events that have taken place this half term. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish all our families a lovely half-term break!

Mrs Preece 😊



YEAR 6 NEWS

This week, Year 6 completed their writing inspired by the thought-provoking text *Varmints*. Using their imagination, the children wrote engaging narratives about a Varmint exploring the world after humans. Throughout their writing, they showcased a range of skills learned this term, including adverbial phrases, personification and the use of colons. In Art, the children applied their knowledge of shade and tone, proportion and different pencil types to create detailed Varmint illustrations to accompany their writing. We were incredibly impressed by the creativity and technical skill on display in both their writing and artwork!

YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3's Stone Age Wow Day was a fantastic celebration of all the learning that has taken place this term. Children explored what Stone Age life was like by thinking about homes, food and how people's lives changed over time. They enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including baking oat biscuits and creating cave-style paintings, bringing their learning to life in a fun and memorable way.





GENERAL NOTICES

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church with Rev. Cate will be held on the 19th November. This will be open to all children in Years 1-6 and can be booked on MCAS. The theme this month will be Kingdom, The Hidden Treasure, value and purpose. You will be able to book this, along with other clubs on Monday 26th October from 6pm.

Autumn 2 Curriculum and Class Information

In the second week of half term (w/c 2/11/26) we will be sending out letters from your child's class teacher which will include information about the half term ahead and the Autumn 2 Learning Jigsaw. The Learning Jigsaw will outline what your child is learning about in each topic next half term.

Sickness & Diarrhoea Reminder

Children must stay off school for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea before returning. This follows current UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance for schools and childcare settings. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community healthy.

Newsletter Access

If ever you experience difficulties downloading the weekly newsletter, a reminder that it is always added to the school website if you find it easier to view it there.

OPENING MINDS WEEK
Healthy Habits, Better Choices, Brighter Futures

This year, our Opening Minds Week is all about healthy habits and good choices. We want to inspire our children to look after their physical and mental health, make positive choices and build a bright future.

Physical Health & Fitness Nutrition & Healthy Eating Safety & Emergency Services Dental Health & Medicine Mental Health & Wellbeing and many more...

... and so much more!

WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for parent volunteers to come in and share their knowledge, experience or passion. Whether you work in health, fitness, nutrition, the emergency services, dentistry, medicine or another field — if you can help us promote health and wellbeing, we would love to hear from you!

When is it?
Opening Minds Week begins the week of
09/11/2026

How to get involved
If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the school office at
ktpsadmin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk
by **30/10/2026**

Together we can help our children make healthy and safe choices for life.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

WhatsApp group chats: what parents need to know

Group chats can be a fun way for young people to stay in touch, but they can also be used by others to groom, exploit or harm children. It's important to know the risks and how you can help keep them safe.



WHY GROUP CHATS CAN BE RISKY

-  Children may be added to groups by people they do not know.
-  Grooming can start with friendship, attention, gifts, games or status.
-  Children can be pressured to share photos, personal information or their location.
-  Sexual images can be requested, shared or used to threaten or blackmail a child.
-  Criminal exploitation can involve secrecy, money, gifts, drugs, violence or pressure to meet others.
-  Screenshots, forwarding and disappearing messages can make harmful content difficult to control.



TALK TO YOUR CHILD

-  Ask who is in their groups. Help them think about who they really know online.
-  Check privacy settings together (e.g. who can add them to groups, who can see their profile and posts).
-  Encourage them to tell you if someone makes them uncomfortable.
-  Reassure them: they will not be in trouble for asking for help.

Have open and regular conversations



WARNING SIGNS

-  Suddenly secretive about their phone.
-  New online friends or contacts they cannot explain.
-  Receiving gifts, money or new phones/clothes.
-  Becoming withdrawn, anxious or upset after being online.
-  Missing school or going missing.
-  Talking about meeting people they know online.
-  Sexualised messages/images or pressure to send pictures.



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- 1 Keep accounts private and review group-chat settings (e.g. who can add them).
- 2 Encourage children to block and report suspicious accounts.
- 3 Save evidence/screenshots if something worrying happens.
- 4 Do not confront a suspected exploiter yourself as this could put your child at further risk.
- 5 Get advice early — you do not need to be certain that exploitation is happening.



Stay involved. Stay informed. Keep them safe.

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

Herefordshire Children's Services – SAFE Team

For advice and support about child exploitation (including online exploitation) and missing children.



Email: exploitationteam@herefordshire.gov.uk



If a child is in immediate danger call **999**



For safeguarding concerns contact **Herefordshire MASH**
01432 260800 (office hours)
01905 768020 (out of hours)



CLASS NOTICES



Please look below to check whether there are any notices specific to your child's class this week.

Reception

- A reminder that our class photo is in the Hereford Time this week - published yesterday. Don't forget to pick up a copy!

Year 1

No notices this week.

Year 2

- A letter has been sent home regarding our African drumming workshop which takes place after half term. Payment is now available on ParentPay.

Year 3

No notices this week.

Year 4

- After half term Year 4 will be going swimming on Wednesday mornings, starting Wednesday 11th November 2026 (last lesson on Wednesday 9th December 2026). Please give consent for your child to attend via ParentPay by 6th November 2026.

Year 5

- A letter has been sent home regarding our African drumming workshop which takes place after half term. Payment is now available on ParentPay.
- A reminder that information was shared this week about our Year 5/6 residential trip in May. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch.

Year 6

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STARS OF THE WEEK



YEAR 1:

Ophelia – For amazing us with animal facts in English!
Alyx – For always showing our value of Kindness.

YEAR 2:

Hugo – For working extra hard this week and producing some excellent work!
Arya – For seeming really settled in year 2 and making really good progress.

YEAR 3:

Ollie – For working hard in the classroom and always completing home learning too.
Grace – For excellent work in Maths which was presented to a very high standard.

YEAR 4:

Isla – For her excellent attitude to learning!
Parker – For always being ready with an answer!

YEAR 5:

Darcie – For showing fantastic creativity when making shadow boxes in Art.
Layton – For showing fantastic determination and hard work in everything you have done this half term!

YEAR 6:

Theo – For his passion for learning in all that we do.
Karina – For her beautiful writing – you should be really proud of yourself.

SCHOOL VALUES CERTIFICATE

Eleanor – Year 3. Eleanor, you were so brilliant when the Young Hopefuls visited the village hall to play board games with the sunshine club. Thank you for displaying our school values so brilliant, whether in school or out in the community.



MRS PREECE'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

Darcy – Reception. Darcy, you have made such a brilliant start to your time in Reception. You are a delight to have in our school and a friend to all. Thank you for being such a wonderful member of our Kingstone family.





CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 6
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

OSCAR – YEAR 6



CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 2

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:
ROSIE – YEAR 2
LINCOLN – YEAR 4

KEEP UP
the good.
WORK



CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 2

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:
JUDE – YEAR R