



Thursday 9th October, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with further information about our upcoming Opening Minds Week – W/C 20th October 2025. For those of you new to the school, I wanted to explain a little more about what an Opening Minds Week is. Opening Minds Weeks are unique to Kingstone and are something that we implemented several years ago. Once a term we have a thematic week in which we strive to give children opportunities that they may not otherwise have, broaden their cultural capital and enrich our curriculum with some WOW events, trips or visitors. These weeks are an enhancement of the curriculum, rather than a replacement.

Each Opening Minds Week has a title linked to the theme; in the past, these have included:

- Out of Space
- Reaching new Heights
- Come to the Musicals
- Around the World
- Black History
- Connections

This time, our title is World of Work. Throughout the week we plan to encourage aspiration and introduce children to the wide range of careers and career paths that are available to them. A big focus of the week will be on helping children to link the learning they are doing in school to possible future careers – giving their lessons in school purpose and value.

I am pleased to let you know that we have a number of trips planned to different places of work, as well as a long list of visitors coming into school to deliver workshops or host question and answer sessions. Some of the fields of work that children will be introduced to are construction, veterinary, nursing, engineering, emergency services, recycling and care work.

To celebrate our brilliant week, on Friday 24th October we are inviting children to dress up as what they dream of becoming when they grow up—like doctors, scientists, teachers, farmers, engineers, shop workers or astronauts (as an example) — rather than social media stars or professional athletes, to inspire aspirations rooted in learning, creativity, and service.

We are looking forward to what promises to be a brilliant week of learning and fun! We can't wait to update you on all we see, learn and do.

Kind regards,

Amy Preece

Head of School

