



A Message from Mrs Clarke

As we move into the final term of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful activities and experiences our pupils have enjoyed so far, and to share what lies ahead for us all. The Spring term was particularly enriched by the breadth of experiences we have been able to offer our pupils. Our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils recently returned from a successful residential visit to Walesby, which provided them with opportunities to develop resilience, teamwork and independence away from the classroom. These residential experiences are so valuable in building confidence and creating lasting memories for our young learners. I would like to thank the staff who gave up their time to accompany the trip. Without them volunteering, these amazing trips would not happen. Staff do these voluntarily and do not gain additional pay for the extra hours worked. I would also like to thank the children who went on the trip as they were a credit to their families and the school and it was amazing seeing the personal growth and resilience of them as they faced new challenges.

We have also continued to strengthen our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum with a range of meaningful activities. All our pupils have participated in Road Safety Workshops, helping them to understand how to stay safe in their local communities. Year 5 and Year 6 have benefited from weekly Life Skills DAaRT sessions, focusing on Drugs, Alcohol and Resilience Training, which equips them with the knowledge and strategies they need as they grow older. We were also delighted to welcome Mini First Aid, who delivered First Aid Workshops to our pupils, teaching them potentially life-saving skills. Beyond the curriculum, our pupils have had the opportunity to broaden their horizons through a range of visitors and visits.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage pupils enjoyed a Winter Olympics themed day and welcomed visitors from different walks of life, including members of the police force, to discuss their careers. They have also visited our local library, fostering a love of reading from the earliest stages. Key Stage 1 pupils were thrilled to meet Jungle Joe, who introduced them to a fascinating array of creatures. Meanwhile, Year 3 and Year 5 pupils completed a term of swimming at Harvey Haddon Leisure Centre, developing their water confidence and swimming skills.

All year groups took part in British Science Week, with the theme of 'Curiosity' encouraging our pupils to ask questions, investigate and discover. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement across the school during this week. Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have also been busy preparing for their production, which parents and carers will be able to enjoy in a couple of weeks'

time. The standard of preparation has been fabulous, and I am sure it will be a memorable occasion for all involved.

I am delighted to share that Kimberley Primary School has achieved My Happymind Bronze accreditation, recognising the work we have undertaken to support the wellbeing and mental health of our pupils. This is a significant achievement and reflects our commitment to nurturing happy, resilient learners. The My Happymind programme also extends support to families at home, and I would encourage all parents and carers to log on to the app if you have not already done so. If you need the access code, please ask your child's class teacher.

Reminders:

As we move forward, I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of some important matters that help us maintain our school standards and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. Regarding break time snacks, we ask that these are limited to fruit or cereal bars. We would appreciate if crisps, chocolate, lollies and similar items are not sent to school. We also ask that each child brings a water bottle to school, which should be filled with water rather than juice or squash. This supports our pupils' hydration and concentration throughout the day.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit. Our uniform policy can be found on our website, and should you have any questions about the requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We also ask that all coats, jumpers and cardigans are labelled with your child's name. This enables us to return lost items in a timely manner. Should you require any uniform items, please be aware that we do hold some preloved uniform which may be available.

A reminder that our school gates open at 8:30am at the start of the school day. We ask that all adults are off site by 8:45am, as we need to secure the site as the children begin to move around the school. If you arrive at 8:45am, you will be asked to enter via the main entrance to facilitate this. I would also ask that parents and carers are mindful of where they are parking during drop off and pick up times. Enforcement teams will be conducting spot checks, and we want to ensure the safety of all members of our community. Finally, if your child rides a bike or scooter to school and travels unaccompanied, please ensure they are road aware and doing so safely.

SPORTS DAY

We are attempting to spread events out a little more this year so our annual Sports Day will be held on the school field on WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2026 (Weather permitting). A reserve date is booked for Wednesday 10th June 2026 if it is needed. Please feel free to bring camping chairs/blankets. Please note dogs will not be allowed onto the field. There will no doubt be an opportunity for an adult's race so come suitably dressed if you wish to take part. Please note participation will be at your own liability.

The day will take the following order:

9:15am-10:15am – EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

10:30am – 11:30am – Years 1 & Year 2

1:15pm – 3:00pm – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

OPAL DONATIONS

If you (or anyone you know of) is looking at getting rid of any working bikes or scooters- particularly suitable for our older children- we will happily take donations throughout the year for our pupils to use during lunchtimes. Thank you in advance for any support in this area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 16th April - Roving Bookshop in school. (Open to families in the hall 3:15 - 3:45)

Thursday 23rd April - Y3 & Y4 Production to parents/carers

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)

Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May - Year 6 SATs Week (All Y6 children must be in school)

Wednesday 20th May – Sports Day (Weather permitting)

Friday 22nd May - End of term (No KPS Club after school)

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - HALF TERM

w.c 1/6/26 & 8/6/26 - Y4 Multiplication Test Checks

w.c. 8/6/26 & 15/6/26 - Y1 Phonics Checks

Wednesday 10th June – Reserve Sports Day (if the event was unable to take place on Wednesday 20th May)

Monday 15th June - Class Photographs

Wednesday 24th June - Y1 & Y2 visit to Conkers

Wednesday 1st July - School Disco after school

Thursday 2nd July - Y5 trip to Pizza Express

Wednesday 8th July – Y5 & Y6 Production to parents/carers (Times TBC)

Thursday 9th July & Friday 10th July - Transition Days (Children in their new classes. Current Y6 pupils will attend TKS both days)

Tuesday 14th July - Friday 17th July - Y6 residential

Friday 24th July - Last day of term.

Y6 leavers assembly to Y6 parents/carers 9:00 - 9:30am in the school hall.

No KPS Club after school.