

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - No. 552

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Learning Award

RF - Rapha B	RH - Louie R
1A - Maia D	1B - Alina R
2K - Josie F	2M - Everly GC
3G - Olive R	3H - Thomas J
4N - Cole GC	4S - Fleur PD
5B - George P	5T - Daisy D
6C - Amelie F	6L - Felicity R

### Value Award

RF - Isaac M	RH - Harry B
1A - Lara B	1B - Jace GC
2K - Freya H	2M - Jaxon T
3G - James H	3H - Amelia-Rose C
4N - Aiden A	4S - Billy T
5B - Molly Hi	5T - Samuel X
6C - Sophie C	6L - Thea H

## House Points

Beckett	2390
Dickens	2041
Churchill	2179
Harvey	1956
Holmes	2257
Shakespeare	1988

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

### **BECKETT**

**This week's Winners**

## Dates for the Diary

12.01.26 - Y3 Friendship Workshop  
 16.01.26 - PFA KPOP Disco - tickets via Classlist  
 22.01.26 - 5T Class Assembly @ 10am  
 23.01.26 - Choir @ O2 Young Voices  
 26.01.26 - YR Maths Parent Workshop  
 06.02.26 - Y6 Magistrates Talk  
 06.02.26 - Y3 Roman Workshop  
 06.02.26 - Reports sent home  
 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Book Fair at 15:15  
 09.02.26 - Y2 Maths Parent Workshop  
 10.02.26 - Safer Internet Day  
 11.02.26 - Parent Consultations  
 12.02.26 - Parent Consultations  
 13.02.26 - Open Classrooms  
**16<sup>th</sup> Feb - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term**  
**23.02.26 - Staff Development day - NO SCHOOL**

## School News

Change to dinner menu - On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January the dinner menu will be sausages/veggie sausages and chips with a chocolate and banana oaty square.

Term 3 club registration will open at 7pm tonight. Please can you ensure that you only sign up your child if they wish to attend. Cancelling at a later date means children miss out on the opportunity.

Year R are looking for any unwanted Potato Head toys and accessories please. Any donations can be given to YR or the office, thank you.

### A message from Mr Witts, Headteacher

We are pleased to welcome you back to a new term at Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School. We trust that you enjoyed a peaceful and joyful Christmas, filled with rest, reflection, and time spent with family and friends.

As we begin the New Year, we look forward with optimism and purpose, grounded in our Christian values, as we continue to nurture each child's academic, personal, and spiritual development.

#### **Looking Ahead This Term**

- **Curriculum and Learning:** Pupils will be engaging in a range of enriching learning experiences across the curriculum, including creative writing, mathematics, science, and swimming.
- **Clubs and Enrichment Activities:** Extra-curricular clubs will recommence next week. Please refer to the email for further details.
- **Forthcoming Events:** Further information will be shared in due course regarding key events this term, including reports, parent consultations and visitors to school.

#### **Important Reminders**

As we continue through the colder months, please ensure that children come to school dressed warmly and that all personal belongings are clearly named. We are grateful for your ongoing support in maintaining high standards of punctuality and attendance, which are essential for effective learning.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the need for wellingtons and waterproof clothing for OPaL. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you need any further information or advice.

### A message from Miss Gillmore, Deputy Headteacher

As we head to the end of a very cold first week back to school after our Christmas break, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you all for the warm welcome I have received during my first week at Kingsnorth. I have had a lovely time getting to know your wonderful children and seeing them in their lessons, during playtimes and in the school hall for worships and lunchtime.

I have felt genuinely welcomed, and I am very grateful for the kindness and support shown to me by staff, pupils, and families alike. It has been a pleasure to begin my work within such a caring and inclusive school community.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to come and say hello, please do feel free to catch me at the school gate — I would be delighted to meet you.



This is our Kingsnorth Opal display board.

Children place post it notes on here celebrating what they love about opal play and what it means to them.

It also displays the appropriate clothing needed at playtimes.

As a polite reminder, we do not have changes of clothes, if children do become wet due to the incorrect, or incorrectly worn protective clothing.



# Reading for Pleasure

## Weekly Book Recommendations



**KS1 - The Hare who wouldn't share, by Steve Small.** *A grumpy hare wants nothing to do with his new rabbit neighbours and keeps all his food to himself. But when a hungry wild boar appears, threatening everyone's supplies, the hare is forced to act. With humour and warmth this book expertly explores sharing, cooperation and the joy of community.*

**KS2 - A Monster ate my packed lunch! by Pamela Butchart.** *On a school trip to a lakeside campsite, Izzy and her friends are sure something strange is going on. Lunches keep disappearing and rumours of a monster spread fast. Packed with chaos and lively black and white illustrations this cracking story is perfect for new and reluctant readers.*



**KS2 - Glassborn by Peter Bunzl.** *When the clock strikes 13, Acton, the youngest of the four Belle siblings, finds himself in fairyland and forced to work for an evil queen. Can Cora, Elle and Bram save their brother before it's too late? It's a must read for fans of magic, daring adventure and gripping twists.*

---

## Kingsnorth Vocab Challenge

This week's word is **optimistic**

Remember, if you can use it in your writing correctly, show your teacher and you'll earn 2 house points for completing the challenge. Try and talk about the word around the dinner table or with your friends.

The more you say it, the more you'll remember it!



## Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **optimistic**

Pronunciation / Syllables

(op-ti-mis-tic)

Word Class  
(adjective)

### Definition:

Someone who is optimistic is hopeful about the future or the success of something in particular.



Harriet was **optimistic** about 2026.

Synonym:

confident

positive

Antonym:

pessimistic

negative

Prefix / Suffix:

over-

-ally

Rhyme:

realistic

artistic

Link Word:

attitude

remain



# Kingsnorth PFA Newsletter



## Ambassador Badges this week



Alicja RF  
 Parker 2K  
 Lottie RH  
 Jude 1B  
 Amelia RH  
 Arthur 3T  
 Carter 3G  
 Jake 4S  
 Joshua 3T

## Gift Amnesty



If you have any gifts/goodies spare from Christmas that we could use for a future prize please do send into school!

Thank you!

**NEXT FRIDAY**




**TICKETS VIA CLASSLIST**  
**KPOP DISCO**  
**KINGSNORTH PFA**  
**FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026**  
**4.30PM - 5.30PM**  
 ALL YEAR GROUPS  
 KINGSNORTH SCHOOL PUPILS ONLY