Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School

16th October 2026 - No. 579

ACHIEVEMENTS

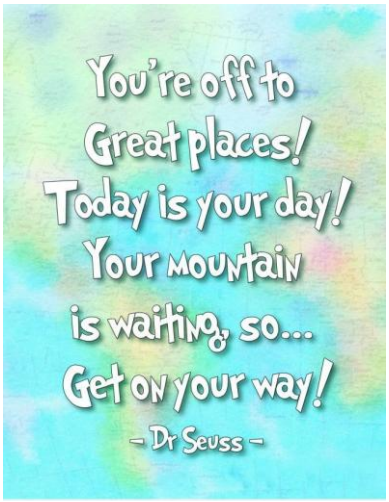
Learning Award		Value Award	
RF – Julian K	RH – William B	RF – Adalynne R	RH – Priscilla D
1A – Lottie R	1B – George W	1A – Chloe B	1B – Teddy H
2K – River H	2M – Maia D	2K – Marnie H	2M – Rosie B
3Go – Phoebe W	3Gr – Eva F	3Go – Everly GC	3Gr – Harry G
4N – Ryobi WH	4S – Amelia-Rose C	4N – Elliot M	4S – Freddie M
5KH – Luna D	5T – Emily W	5KH – Zara P	5T – Aubree F
6BC – Fawaz AH	6L – Ocean C	6BC – Olivia-Grace C	6L – Harry N

Dates for the Diary

21st & 22nd Oct – Parents evening
22.10.26 – Year 2 Harvest Festival
23.10.26 – Last day of term
26th – 30th October – **Half Term**
02.11.26 – **Staff Development Day – No school**
03.11.26 – Term 2 Begins
06.11.26 – Year 6 Cathedral School's Day
07.11.26 – PFA Fireworks night
20.11.26 – PFA Non-school uniform day
27.11.26 - PFA Non-school uniform day
28.11.26 – PFA Christmas Fayre
08.12.26 – Choir to sing at the Church lunch
09.12.26 – EYFS Nativity Play
10.12.26 – EYFS Nativity Play
11.12.26 – PFA Christmas Disco
14.12.26 – Rocksteady Concert
15.12.26 – Choir to sing at Park View Care home
16.12.26 – Christmas at Kingsnorth!
16.12.26 – Carols around the Tree @ 15.30

Spirituality Reflection

What 'mountain' is ahead of you, and what first small step could you take even if the journey feels difficult?



Reminders

We would like to remind all parents and carers to please be mindful and considerate when parking around school, particularly during the busy morning drop-off period.

- **Drop-off bays:** Please do not park in the drop-off bays in the mornings. If you need to get out of your car to assist your child, please park in a designated parking bay and walk them into school.
- **Considerate parking:** Please avoid blocking other cars in, as this can cause difficulties and delays for other families. We appreciate that parking can be challenging at times, and we thank you for your patience and understanding.
- **Respecting our neighbours:** Please be considerate of our local community by ensuring that access roads, driveways and entrances are kept clear at all times.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep the school run safe, smooth and considerate for everyone, including our neighbours.

School News

We have a large number of unnamed items in our lost property, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, lunchboxes and water bottles. If your child has lost any of these items, please come and have a look to see if you can identify anything that belongs to them.
Any unclaimed items at half term will be donated to charity. Thank you for your help!

Is my child too ill for school?

With the colder weather returning, we would like to remind parents and carers of our guidance on illness and when children should stay at home.

High temperature: If your child has a temperature of 38°C or above, please keep them at home until their temperature has returned to normal and they are well enough to attend school.

Coughs and colds: Children can usually attend school with a mild cough or cold, provided they are otherwise feeling well enough to take part in the school day.

Reporting an absence: If your child needs to stay at home, please telephone the school before 9:00am each day they are absent so that we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community healthy and well during the colder months.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

A big thank you to the lovely children from Kingsnorth Little Stars Nursery for bringing in food donations for our Harvest Festival basket! It was wonderful to see such kindness and generosity from our youngest members of the community.



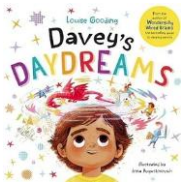
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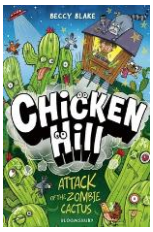
Reading for Pleasure

Weekly Book Recommendations



KS1 – Davey's Daydreams by Louise Gooding. *Davey longs to be the class star of the week. He tires extra hard to arrive at school on time and keep his desk tidy. However, when it comes to keeping his mind from wandering, the struggles really begin. A dragon pinches his numbers in Maths. Even PE is a challenge when it prompts imaginative adventure. This book is based on the authors own experience of ADHD, is a fun but powerful reminder that every brain works differently.*

KS2 – Chicken Hill: Attack of the Zombie Cactus by Beccy Blake. *Chicken Hill is a perfectly normal town filled with perfectly normal characters: animals who talk, guitar playing guinea pigs and much more. Living amongst them is Ferdy, inventor extraordinaire and explorer of all things weird. He can usually be found in his inventing shed with farting pug Gripper and Tink a narcoleptic cat. This book is packed with expressive character, dynamic action and heaps of comic details to spot.*





KS2 – Robots Stole My Mum! By Alex Kirk. *When Mr Norman the shopkeeper's head explodes, Sandy knows something weird is going on in the town of Cleeby. He and his friend Arjan suspect that all grown ups have been replaced by robots. And Tony Toaster, the toast obsessed owners of the factory Tony's Toasters, might be to blame! A very funny, action-packed story with plenty of lively illustrations.*

Kingsnorth Vocab Challenge

This week's word is ***malfunction***

Remember, if you can use it in your writing correctly, show your teacher and you'll earn 1 Dojo point 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!

