

# KINGFISHER NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

*Ms Fiona Armstrong*

Wow! What a jam packed term we have just concluded. The highlights of this term have been the success of year 6 and year 2 with tackling their end of key stage assessments. I have been with both groups of children and it was a pleasure to see the determination, resilience and confidence the children demonstrated to take on these tests. The children in both classes have worked extremely hard and gave it their all. We are very proud of all of them for their hard work and commitment.

Next term we will see year 1 master their phonics screening check and year 4 complete their multiplication check. Please continue to practise reading and times tables at home.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new member who has joined the team. Mrs Amanda Russell has joined our office team and Mrs Terri Dennis has reduced her hours to dedicate time to other commitments. As always our office staff are more than happy to help with any questions so please continue to call or pop in.

We have a very busy term next term and as a result please see an attached 'summer dates' for your convenience. We will be holding a family workshop during our Griffin Arts Festival (GAF) and sports day in July that we would love families to come and support.

# Wide Horizons

## TRIPS AND VISITS

Our commitment to our wide horizon pillar, enables all children to experience trips and visits to both support their curriculum learning and to experience something new. This term, there have been many trips and visits. FS2 and Year 1 went to Wildwood to find out more about animals, their habitats and how animals have adapted to their surroundings. Year 3 and 4 went to Detling Showground for the Living Land exhibit which supported the children's understanding of the farming industry and how this supports our every day lives. Year 5 went to Rochester Castle and Rochester Cathedral as part of their topic on The Normans. Did you know the oldest parts of Rochester Castle were built around 1127!



## ENGLAND WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

On Thursday 25th May we were very pleased to welcome Tom and Lewis who were members of the winning squad of the Wheelchair Rugby World Cup in 2021. Lewis spoke to us about the commitment and determination he had to continue to train hard after an accident and operation meant that he needed a wheelchair. He showed us a clip of England's victory match including a try scored by Lewis! Tom explained how the game is altered for wheelchair users and brought some chairs for us to try. They even brought the World Cup with them for us to look at and have class photos. They left us with a signed rugby ball to remember their visit and inspiration. We hope to see them again.



FOR MORE VISIT: [www.kingfisher-gst.org](http://www.kingfisher-gst.org)

# Other News



## FAIR PLAY AWARD

We sent a team of year 5 and year 6 children to the Mini Youth Games Kwick Cricket Tournament. WE are very proud to announce that we came 11th out of 35 and we picked up the Fair Play Award. This was because our team demonstrated great sportsmanship, compassion for each other and encouragement for the other teams involved. We are so proud of you for being exemplary Kingfisher pupils and representing our school with honour.

## PTA

The PTA have done an amazing job since they have re-launched this year. The PTA, led by Mrs Murray, have supported events such as school discos, Mother's day gift sale, Easter egg hunt and Wacky Hair Day. The PTA have been committed in raising funds for the school as well as encouraging the children. The PTA supported the Pupil Parliament in holding a spring disco, which was led by Ada in year 2. It was a great success. Thank you to all the families who have helped support our PTA events and a huge thank you to all of our lovely members of the PTA who dedicate their time to these events for the children. If you are interested in joining the PTA please speak to the school office who can put you in contact with Mrs Murray. They are currently looking for volunteers for our summer fete on Friday 14th July. Father's Day Gift Sale- 14th June.



FOR MORE FOLOW: [@Kingfisher\\_Prim](https://www.instagram.com/Kingfisher_Prim)

# Yearly Planner

Please note key dates for the year. Any amendments are in red.

Week	Date	Cycle	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	29-Aug		BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED
1	05-Sep	1	KINGFISHER INSET DAY	KINGFISHER INSET DAY			
2	12-Sep	1		Real Doh Day			
3	19-Sep	1	Big Draw week		Mayor of Moulton visit am		Meet the teacher Saturday- Big Draw community event
4	26-Sep	1					Mazmillan coffee meeting
5	03-Oct	1	Black history month			GSE	GSE
6	10-Oct	1		Parent RWT workshop			
7	17-Oct	1			Harvest festival		Parent Book look & Dinner celebration
	24-Oct		HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)
8	31-Oct	1	SAF1 opens PS Dazzle festival				
9	07-Nov	1					SAF1 closes Remembrance Day
10	14-Nov	1	Anti-bullying week		Parent consultations	Parent consultations	Children in need
11	20-Nov	1					
12	28-Nov	1	Griffin Children's Chorus Carols Performance				
13	05-Dec	1				Christmas jumper day	
14	12-Dec	2	PS & KS1 Nativity	PS & KS1 Nativity			School finish at 2pm
	19-Dec		Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
	26-Dec		BOXING DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY (Substitute)	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
15	02-Jan	2	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Substitute)	INSET DAY			
16	09-Jan	2	Volunteer Readers Training	Parent forum with head			
17	16-Jan	2					
18	23-Jan	2	Chinese New Year				RSPB Birdwatch
19	30-Jan	2					
20	06-Feb	2	Shakespeare week	Refer Internet Day			Parent Book look
21	13-Feb	2	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM
22	20-Feb	2					
23	27-Feb	2	SAF2 opens				Founders Day
24	06-Mar	2	GSE				SAF2 closes
25	13-Mar	2	British science week				Comic Relief
26	20-Mar	2			Parent consultations		
	27-Mar	2		Parent consultations	Parent consultations		
	03-Apr		Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	GOOD FRIDAY
	10-Apr		EASTER MONDAY	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday
27	17-Apr	3	SAF3 opens				
28	24-Apr	3					
29	01-May	3	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY				
30	08-May	3	King's Coronation Bank Holiday	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs
31	15-May	3					
32	22-May	3					Parent book look & Big Sing
	29-May		SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)
33	05-Jun	3					
34	12-Jun	3					Y5/6 Kingswood Residential
35	19-Jun	3	Y5/6 Kingswood Residential				
36	26-Jun	3	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF
37	03-Jul	3	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF
38	10-Jul	3					Book look and reports
39	17-Jul	3					School finish at 2pm
40	24-Jul	3	INSET DAY	INSET DAY			