

Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen the wonderful continuation of our Book Week celebrations. Although we marked World Book Day last week, the excitement has carried on into this week as our classrooms continue to buzz with a love of reading. The children have been enjoying sharing stories, discussing their favourite books and exploring new authors together.

This week's book swap on Thursday was a perfect way to continue our focus on reading, allowing the children to refresh their home libraries and share the joy of a good story with family members at home. We place a high value on events like this because research consistently shows that reading for pleasure is one of the strongest indicators of a child's future success. While our daily reading curriculum ensures pupils develop the technical skills to decode and understand language, fostering a genuine love for books is what truly empowers them.

Beyond our literary adventures, the week has also brought exciting opportunities for our pupils. Our Year 5 children are currently at Stubbington on their residential trip, where they are enjoying a range of outdoor activities and experiences that help to build independence, teamwork and resilience.

We hope they continue to have a fantastic time, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

A Love of Reading - This week Mrs Everett recommends



When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed, he hears the grandfather clock downstairs strike . . . eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen . . . Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and out the back door, into a garden everyone told him wasn't there. In this enchanted thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive - but Tom is never sure whether the children he meets there are real or ghosts . . . I really enjoyed this book as I loved Tom's adventures into the past. It was a great surprise when the clock struck thirteen and how the house and the people in it transformed to a time years before. There is a twist at the end which finishes Tom's experiences beautifully. A must read!

Year 6 Book Swap

Many Year 6 children were unable to bring books in for the 'Book Swap' yesterday. We have therefore taken the decision to rearrange this event to take place **after PGL**. The **'Book Swap'** will happen on **Thursday 26th March**.

The children have been working very hard on their practice SATs, so it's completely understandable that bringing books in may have been overlooked. Thank you.

Book Swap

The children spent an enjoyable time swapping books today. Please see photo's from Year 3 below.



Parent Invitation - Anti-Bullying Policy Review

We would like to invite all parents and carers into school on **Wednesday 25th March at 2:30pm** to review and discuss our **Anti-Bullying Policy**.

This will be an opportunity to share your views, ask questions, and help us ensure the policy reflects the needs of our whole school community.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please could you inform the office if you are attending in order that we can accommodate numbers.

Pupil Achievements

Sienna in Y6 represented Basingstoke Gymnastics Club in Wokingham and competed in Floor, Vault & Beam within the U12 category. She achieved 4th on Beam, Bronze on Floor and Gold on Vault!

She works extremely hard every week and always tries her very best in every competition she attends.

We love to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. If you have any awards/achievements you'd like included in the newsletters, please email them to the school office via info@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk

Easter Holiday Club

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to run the Easter holiday club. Families who regularly use the club have received a personal email regarding this matter.

Spring Term Kempshott Attribute Champion Awards

Art Award Y3 - Reuben EP Y6 - Jinyu	Computing Award Y3 - Harrison W Y4 - Ronan & Frances Y5 - Maaz Y6 - Huw Gerald	English Award Y3 - Oliver Y4 - Hazel Y5 - Austin Y6 - Tinus	Design Technology Award Y3 - Isabelle Y4 - Lana Y5 - Jessica
French Award Y3 - Luna Y4 - Nolan Y5 - Sophie Y6 - Nicole	Geography Award Y3 - Hugo Y4 - Christopher Y5 - Jack Y6 - Sebastian	History Award Y4 - Haider Y5 - Oliver	Maths Award Y3 - Storm Y4 - Arjun Y5 - Violet Y6 - Fraser
Music Award Y3 - Penelope Y4 - Rai-Lei Y5 - Kitty Y6 - Olivia	PE Award Y3 - Roman C Y4 - Penny Y5 - Isla Y6 - Hayden	RE Award Y3 - George Y4 - David Y5 - Mark Y6 - Skylar	Science Award Y3 - Isla Y4 - Owen Y5 - Elena Y6 - Deniz
Conduct Award Y3 - Lily Y4 - Paige Y5 - Brooke Y6 - Leo	Kindness Award Y3 - Sebastian Y4 - Eliza Y5 - Ava Y6 - George	Independence Award Y3 - Jacob Y4 - Isaac Y5 - Zachary Y6 - Harvey	Presentation Award Y3 - Dani Y4 - Mila N Y5 - Albie Y6 - Jessica

Resilience Award

Y3 - Joshua
Y4 - Jack
Y5 - Myka
Y6 - Harriet

Parking Around the Local Area

Sadly, this week both schools have received complaints from local residents regarding parents parking their cars in Shears Court Residents parking area; preventing residents from moving their cars. Please can we remind parents to park considerately and refrain from blocking resident's access.

Eid

Please can parents submit an Absence Request Form in advance of Eid should they wish their child to be absent from school for the day of celebration. Thank you.

Best Attendance for this Week

The class with the highest attendance this week is 5MK with 100% well done!!

Attendance Matters

- Good attendance is key to your child's safety, wellbeing, and education.
- Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve and build positive friendships.
- When a child misses school, it can mean missed learning and missed opportunities to be part of our school community.
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please contact the school office by 9 am on the day of absence.
- Our pastoral team is here to support families if attendance becomes difficult - please reach out, we are here to help.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is ill, please can you telephone the school office before 9.00am on 01256 326713.

There is an answer phone that you can leave a message regarding absence. The school office will contact you if you do not contact the school to report an absence., if you do not report the absence it will be marked as "unauthorised absence". If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to remain at home for a clear 48 hours following the last episode.

Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March 2026

This is a NON UNIFORM day in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Please wear lots of red if you wish but please do not colour your children's hair, thank you.

Communication

"We value strong communication with families. To ensure concerns are dealt with promptly, we follow our school communication structure:

Class Teacher → Team Leader → Deputy Headteacher.

This ensures the right people are involved at the right time."

Thank you for your continued support.

Community Food Link

Every Thursday the Community Food Link make a delivery to Kempshott Junior School, parents are welcome to pop in to the Green Room at 3pm to choose any food items that they may find useful. Please help us reduce food waste in our community. Thank you.



❖ KSA Weekly Update ❖

We have lots more fun events planned for this term, so please keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks for more news. In the meantime, we've got another clothes recycling opportunity with Happy Bags Recycling coming up.

Clothes Recycling Collection


 Monday 23rd March 2026

A collection bag will be sent home in book bags soon. If it goes missing, don't worry- any bag will do!

Accepted items include:

- Clothes
- Paired shoes
- Handbags, hats, scarves, ties
- Bras, jewellery, socks, belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels, and bedding

Please note: We cannot accept school uniforms or items that are soiled, painted, ripped, or wet.

 Drop-off time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am at school on collection day
The KSA will ensure all donations are delivered for recycling.

If you have any questions, please message us on social media or email ksaevents10@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting the KSA! ❖

Spring Term 2026

Spring Term 5th January 2026 - 27th March 2026

Half Term 16th February 2026 - 20th February 2026

Summer Term 13th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026

Half Term 25th May 2026 - 29th May 2026

Inset Days for 2025/2026

13th April

1st June

Inset Days for 2026/2027

1st September

2nd November

4th January

12th April

7th June

March 2026

16th - Y6 to Liddington Residential

20th - Red Nose Day - non uniform day / Clubs Finish

23rd - KSA Clothes Recycling Collection

25th - Easter Service at St Marks Church / Anti-Bullying Policy Review 2.30 pm

26th - Y4 to Ufton Court / 6EW to QMC

27th - Coffee and Chat 9 am Green Room with Mrs Clifton and Miss Williams

April 2026

23rd - Class Photos

29th - Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm/ Year 5 visit to Blue Coat School "Matilda"

May 2026

4th - Bank Holiday

14th - Year 5 trip to Paultons Park

Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation