



Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe

Dear Kempshott families,

We've come to the end of a very exciting and busy half term, and what a fantastic time we've had! There has been so much learning, laughter, and adventure — it's hard to believe how much we've packed in.

This half term has been filled with wonderful experiences across the school. Year 4 had a very exciting camping experience, where the children showed great teamwork, resilience, and enthusiasm whilst enjoying the outdoors. Year 5 also had the opportunity to attend our local secondary school to take part in Food Technology lessons, making excellent use of their specialist facilities and developing some fantastic new skills.

A big well done to our Year 6 girls for winning the Plate competition at the Basingstoke Girls' Rugby Festival! For many of the team, this was their very first rugby match, but you really wouldn't have known it. They showed fantastic teamwork, confidence, and enthusiasm throughout and there were plenty of smiles along the way! They were a real credit to our school, and it was especially lovely to hear how often they were complimented on their excellent sporting behaviour.

A quick reminder that next week is half term, so there will be no school. We hope everyone has the chance to rest, have fun, and recharge after a very full few weeks. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2nd June, as Monday is a staff INSET day.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful break.

Attendance Today

Our attendance today sits at 88.8%, which is significantly below the expected national standard and is a serious concern.

Attendance is a key priority for the school and is closely monitored as part of statutory expectations.

Persistent absence has a direct impact on children's learning, progress and future outcomes. We therefore need the full support of all families in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time unless absence is absolutely unavoidable.

Improving attendance is an urgent whole-school priority.

Every lesson counts and every day matters.

Kempshott Kindness Champions - Applications Open!

From September, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will become Kempshott's Kindness Champions. We are excited to launch this new initiative and are inviting children currently in Years 3, 4 and 5 to apply for the role.

Our current Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have done a fantastic job this year, helping to make Kempshott a happy and supportive place to be. As we introduce the new Kindness Champion programme, we are looking forward to giving more children the opportunity to take on a leadership role and make a positive difference within our school community.

Full details about the role of a Kempshott Kindness Champion can be found on the attached poster.

To apply, children should explain why they would make a good Kindness Champion and how they could support pupils across the school.

Children can present their ideas in a way that suits them. They may:

- Make a short video (up to 60 seconds)
- Create a poster or comic strip
- Write a short response
- Make up a song
- Present another creative idea of their choice

Applications should be submitted to adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk **by Friday 5th June.**

Any child who would like to apply but does not have the resources needed at home is welcome to come to 4AE at lunchtime on Tuesday 2nd June, where they will be able to create their application.

Children selected for the role will receive their first training session on Wednesday 10th June, delivered by students from Brighton Hill School, helping them prepare for their role ready for September.

We look forward to seeing the creativity, enthusiasm and kindness of our future Kindness Champions!

KEMPSHOTT'S KINDNESS



CHAMPIONS



Standing together to
**CREATE A CULTURE
OF KINDNESS!**

A **KINDNESS** CHAMPION is someone who:



shows kindness
and includes
others.



stands up to unkind
behaviour in a safe
and sensible way.



supports anyone who
feels unhappy, unsafe
or left out.



We speak up.
We listen.
We include.
We care.
We make a difference.

♥ KINDNESS CHAMPIONS WILL: ♥



Help others feel
happy, safe
and included.



Listen and support
anyone who is
worried or upset.



Encourage kind
words and
positive
behaviour.



Remind others
how to treat
people with
respect.



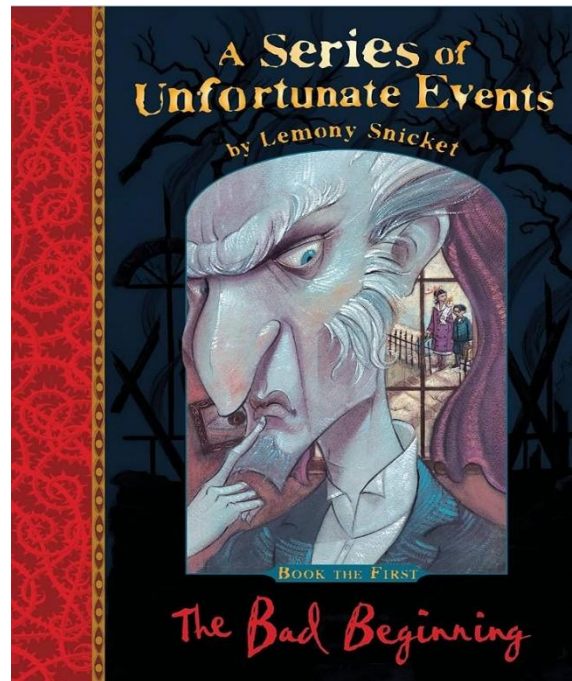
Help lead
activities and
campaigns to
spread kindness.

A Love of Reading - This week Mrs Tilley recommends:-

A Series Of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket is a collection of gothic fiction books full of mystery and drama. There are thirteen in the series so lots to keep them reading.

Following the death of their parents in mysterious circumstances, the stories follow the turbulent lives of the three Baudelaire children who are now in the care of the villainous Count Olaf. Each book tells a tale of the tricks and disguises he uses on them to get his hands on their inheritance.

What makes these books unique children's stories, is the dark comedy that the author uses making them a great read for children over 9 years old.



Best Attendance for this Week

The class with the highest attendance this week is 4AE with 99% 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.

Parking

We kindly request that parents park outside the school grounds during the school day and when collecting children from after-school care.

Unfortunately, another car has recently been damaged. The parking bays on site are quite small and are suitable for staff members parking individually, but they do not allow enough space for children getting in and out of vehicles safely without the risk of car doors causing accidental damage to nearby cars.

To help prevent further incidents, we ask that parents please park outside the school grounds whenever possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Wonders of the Wildlife - Photography Competition

Inspired by the landmark 100th birthday of legendary naturalist Sir David Attenborough, we are excited to launch our brand-new photography competition: Wonders of the Wildlife

We are inviting children to step outdoors, explore their local area, and capture the beauty of nature through photography. From colourful flowers and fascinating insects, to sweeping landscapes and hidden wildlife - we want to see the wonders of the natural world through your eyes.

Your photo could feature:

Wildlife

Plants and flowers

Forests, parks, and landscapes

Beautiful outdoor scenes in your local habitat

Get creative, head outside, and see what amazing moments you can capture!

Please send all entries to:

art@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk

Closing date: 1st June

Please remember to add your name and class in the title of the email.

The winning entries will be create a stunning new display in the hall

We can't wait to see your incredible photographs and celebrate the beauty of the outdoors together!

Pupil Achievements

Roko D of 5MK is very excited to be appearing as a "Child of Vulgaria" in the Watermill's upcoming production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in Newbury this summer. It promises to be a very special production, and Roko will be performing in multiple shows from 26th May to 13th September. (If anyone would like to see Roko specifically, please message Jane Duckling directly for his show dates)

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



✦ KSA Weekly Update ✦

🎉 INFLATE-A-FEST IS COMING TO KEMPSHOTT SCHOOLS!

Get your tickets for the inflatables here

Together we can make a difference

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

INFLATE -A-FEST

WITH INFLATABLES FROM INFLATAPLANET

SATURDAY, 13TH JUNE **KEMPSHOTT JUNIOR SCHOOL FIELD**

11AM - 3PM

Events

Super-sized bouncy castles, slides and inflatables suitable for all age groups from year R to 6!
We will also have a BBQ, Pimms and Beer Tent, Sweets and Snacks, Ice Cream, Glitter Tattoos, Face Paints and all your favourite games from Hook-a-Duck to Tombola and more!

Entry to the field is free - Day tickets for the Inflatables are £10

Keep your diaries free for Saturday 13th June between 11am and 3pm for this family fun event, taking place in the school field at Kempshott Junior School.

TO GET YOUR TICKETS, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE ABOVE POSTER. TICKETS ARE £10 IN ADVANCE AND £11 ON THE DAY!

Alongside this, if you know anyone who is interested in running an external stall on the day, please email ksaevents10@gmail.com to enquire more about a space!

It really is a fun afternoon out for the whole family and tickets will be available to purchase soon, so watch this space! If you can help support us on the day too (whether lending a hand with set up or helping support a stall) every little helps, so please do reach out to us! It all makes a difference.

Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 10th June

To help us prepare for the Inflate-a-Fest Party, we'll be holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 10th June in exchange for the below donations

- Years 3, 4 & 5: Pre-loved teddy donations (please ensure any donations are washed and clean ready for resale at the summer party!)
- Year 6: Bring a bottle of something (**to be dropped off at reception** for our bottle stall)

Please note, if you'd like to send your child in with a cash donation instead towards the tombola/teddy stalls, please ensure this is handed in to reception in an envelope marked for the KSA by latest Friday 22nd May, so the KSA team have enough time to purchase extra gifts with the donations provided.

Your contributions will help make the event extra special. Please bring these in w/c 8th June in the run up to the summer party. Thank you in advance!

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch via social media or email us at ksevents10@gmail.com

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the KSA 🌞

Disclaimer: From time to time information will be sent out from various organisations about activities for children. Please note that these are provided for your information and are not endorsed by the school. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the suitability of out of school activities for their own children.

Spring Term 2026

Summer Term 13th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026

Half Term 25th May 2026 - 29th May 2026

Inset Days for 2025/2026

1st June

Inset Days for 2026/2027

1st September

2nd November

4th January

12th April

7th June

June 2026

1st - INSET DAY

5th - Sports Day

10th - Non Uniform Day in exchange for items for KSA Summer Fair

12th - Year 6 Trip to Milestones Museum / 5MK to QMC

13th - KSA Inflate-A-Fest

15th - 5HA & 5CK to QMC

24th - BPSM Concert at the Anvil

29th - Year 6 Bikeability Week

July 2026

8th - Year 3 Roman Day

Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation