Kingshill Church School
Learning, Community and Friendship

Newsletter 18.09.26

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Kingshill Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Hope Respect Compassion Courage Perseverance Responsibility

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please speak with Mrs Harvey or Mrs Trudgeon, Mrs Mackie, Mrs Evans or Mrs Davies. You can also ring 01275 888690
- If you have any concern about a child being radicalised, please see a Safeguarding Lead
- If you have a cyberbullying or digital safety concern, you can contact the UK Safer Internet Centre on 0844 38147
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Lisa Harvey or Claire Webber

Value of the Term - RESPECT

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of one another. Help us to treat everyone with kindness, fairness and respect.

Teach us to listen carefully to others, value our differences, and think about how our words and actions affect those around us.

May we show respect in our classrooms, on the playground, at home and in our community.

Help us to follow Jesus' example by caring for others and treating everyone with dignity, love and respect.

Amen.

Whole School Attendance to date: 98.8%



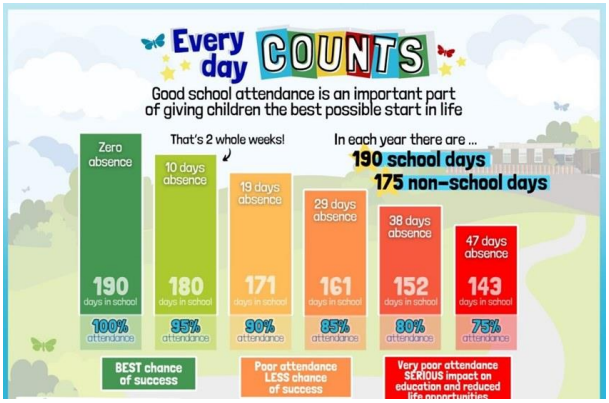
The Department for Education (DfE) is clear that good attendance is a key part of helping children succeed at school. National guidance asks schools to promote and support excellent attendance so that every child has the opportunity to benefit fully from their learning and school life. National guidance highlights that pupils with attendance below 90% are considered persistently absent, and research shows that even small amounts of missed learning can affect progress, attainment, and well-being over time.

Schools are expected not only to monitor attendance carefully but also to promote and encourage excellent attendance through positive approaches and incentives. This is why we have introduced the 100% attendance rewards, but kept the challenges manageable for families, which is why we have worked hard to offer 6 separate rewards, rather than just one at the end of the year.

At the same time, we must follow government health guidance to help keep everyone safe. If a child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, they should remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode before returning to school. This helps prevent the spread of illness within the school community and protects both children and staff.

We understand that this can sometimes feel frustrating for families, and we truly appreciate your support and understanding. Our aim is to encourage strong attendance. Thank you for working with us to support both good attendance and the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

We will continue to communicate with you as our whole school community and communicate with families on an individual basis to continue our strong working partnership and ensure clarity for all.



Welcome Back

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! We have had a fantastic first two weeks and it has been wonderful to see the school buzzing with excitement, enthusiasm and learning. Our youngest children have settled into school incredibly well, showing great confidence and curiosity as they begin their journey with us.

We have been delighted by the amazing work already taking place across the school. Falcon Class have impressed us with their inspiring projects about Brunel, while children from across the school have been creating artwork for our annual 'All Different, All Equal' display, celebrating the uniqueness and value of every individual in our school family.

This term, we are focusing on the value of Respect. Through the parable of The Lost Sheep, children are exploring how every person is loved, valued and worthy of care. This learning will provide a foundation for our work on all of our school values throughout the year, helping children to understand what it means to show kindness, compassion and respect in their relationships with others.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement together.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Harvey, Mrs Trudgeon and the Kingshill school team.

Chicken Update

The chickens really enjoyed all the hot weather over the holidays but we had to get creative to find ways to cool them down. Chickens regulate their temperatures through their feet so we put lots of tasty treats in a tuff tray for them, along with some icy water for them to stand in!

Towards the end of the holidays, we were very excited to find the first egg in their nesting box! They're all laying now and each egg is slightly different, depending which chicken has laid it.

Did you know you can tell what colour egg a chicken will lay by looking at the colour of their earlobes?

This week, they've moved into a bigger enclosure so have enjoyed exploring it and digging for worms now autumn is here.

If anyone would like to buy any of their fresh eggs, they're £2.50 a box, which goes towards their upkeep.







Greenslade Cake Sale



Greenslade Pre-School will be having a cake sale on Monday 19th October at 3pm.

Please show your support and make sure you take cash.

Thank you

Feather of the week



Barn Owl - Axel, Willow

Falcon - Arthur, Neive

Eagle - Saxon, Jack

School Gates - Reminder



We would like to remind you that the **school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am**. If you arrive later than this you will need to come in through the school office.

Registers close at 8.55am. Pupils who arrive later than this will be marked as late and will also need to come in through the school office.

Please remember that lateness affects attendance.

Thank you

Work of the Week



Barn Owl- Theo, Molly

Falcon - Hawke, Sophie

Eagle - Reuel, Sofia

Family Forest School Photos













Kingshill Friends Association (KFA)

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A new school year is underway and the KFA is looking forward to another year of supporting Kingshill and helping to provide those little extras and experiences for our children.

We started the term by providing a little **welcome pack for our new parents**, and our first **Frozen Friday** was a sell-out — you certainly kept us busy with the ice creams!

Could you be part of the KFA?

Our **AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 30th September at Kingshill School**, and we would love to see some new faces. Several long-standing committee members are stepping down this year, so we need new people to get involved.

Parents, carers and friends of the school are all very welcome. You don't need any previous PTA experience, and getting involved doesn't have to mean committing to everything! Whether you'd like to join the committee, volunteer occasionally, help at an event or simply bring some new ideas, we'd love to hear from you.

Once our new committee is in place, we can start planning the **events and fundraising for the year ahead**. Previous KFA fundraising has helped provide everything from contributions towards school trips and Year 6 activities to Easter gifts, Father Christmas, Forest School equipment and whole-school treats.

Keep in touch

Please join our **KingshillKFA Facebook group** for news, reminders and information about upcoming events. New parents can also join the **KFA WhatsApp Community using the QR code -** look for the posters around school for the QR code.

Our email address is kingshillkfa@gmail.com[1] if you have any questions.

Coming Up

Coming up, keep an eye out for **Tuck Shop**, volunteering opportunities and, for our **Year 6 families, information about Year 6 hoodies** will be heading your way in due course.

And finally, if you see one of us around school, please come and say hello! There is usually someone from the committee around at drop-off or pick-up. We are always happy to have a chat, hear your suggestions or answer questions. Look out for Hannah, Tawny, Kasia (who runs after school club), Magda and Vanessa.

We hope to see lots of you at the AGM on Wednesday 30th September at 7pm!

Barn Owl Class

What a fantastic start to the new school year in Barn Owl Class! We have been so proud of how confidently our new Reception children have settled into school life. They have shown amazing confidence, enthusiasm and independence, jumping straight into all the exciting learning opportunities around the classroom.

We have already enjoyed exploring **'The Colour Monster Goes to School'** and the children have been fantastic writers, having a go at forming letters, writing their names and sharing their ideas.

In PE, we have been busy developing our **climbing and balancing skills**, working hard as we explored the equipment in the hall. The children have shown great determination and perseverance as they challenged themselves to try new things.

Our brand-new **water play area** has also proved to be a huge hit! The children have loved exploring, pouring, splashing and experimenting together. A big **thank you to Mr Underhill** for creating such a wonderful space for us to enjoy!

We are so proud of our Barn Owls and can't wait to see all the wonderful learning and adventures that the year ahead will bring!

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Compassion


blue

Falcon class

We have had a great start back to Falcon class and a very busy week!

We have loved showing our holiday projects about Brunel to our class. We were able to talk about what we had learnt about Brunel and could describe our own designs of bridges really well. We now have lots of questions to answer during our history lessons! Thank you to everyone who took part at home- we were SO impressed with what you created!

We have also thoroughly enjoyed our art- work this week. We practised our ruler skills by exploring and creating our own ruler art as well as creating our own unique handprints showing what makes us 'us'.

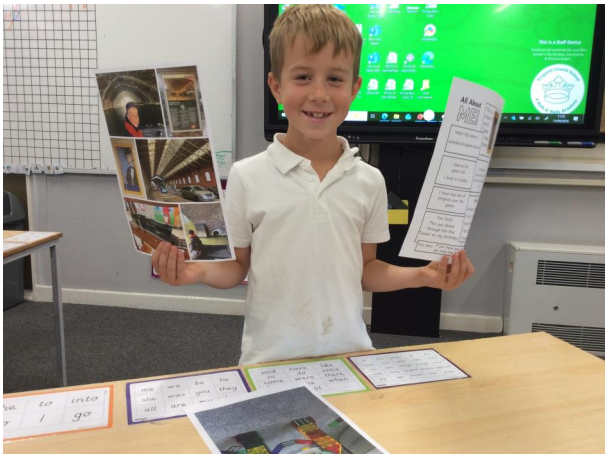
In maths, we learnt more about each other by finding out our favourite things and creating pictograms and bar graphs to show the results and help us talk about what we had found out.



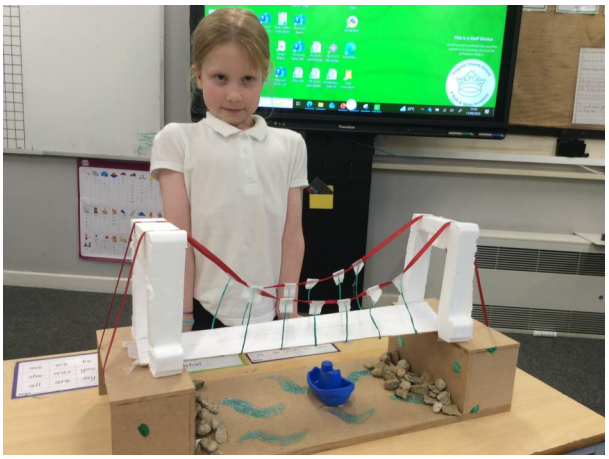


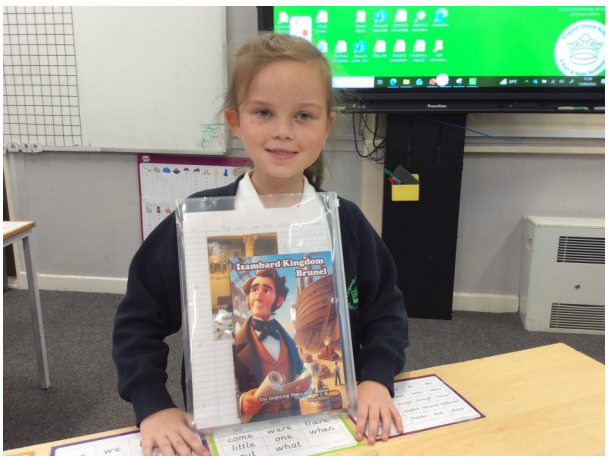




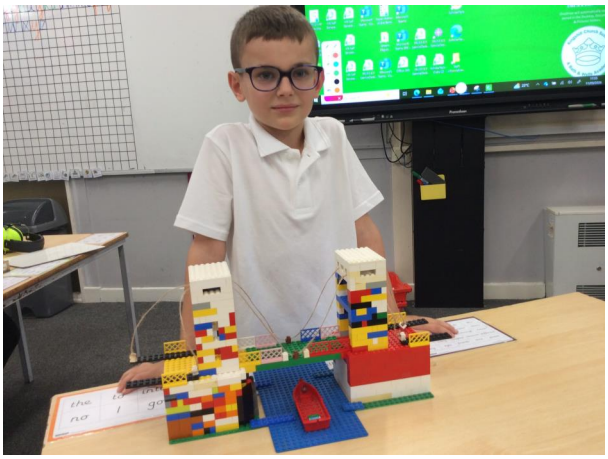

All About
ME!


TRAVEL IN STYLE WITH BRUNEL'S RAILWAY
By Amelia Wood
Brunel wanted travel to be safe smooth and fast!
London
Brunel designed the railway
TOP HAT

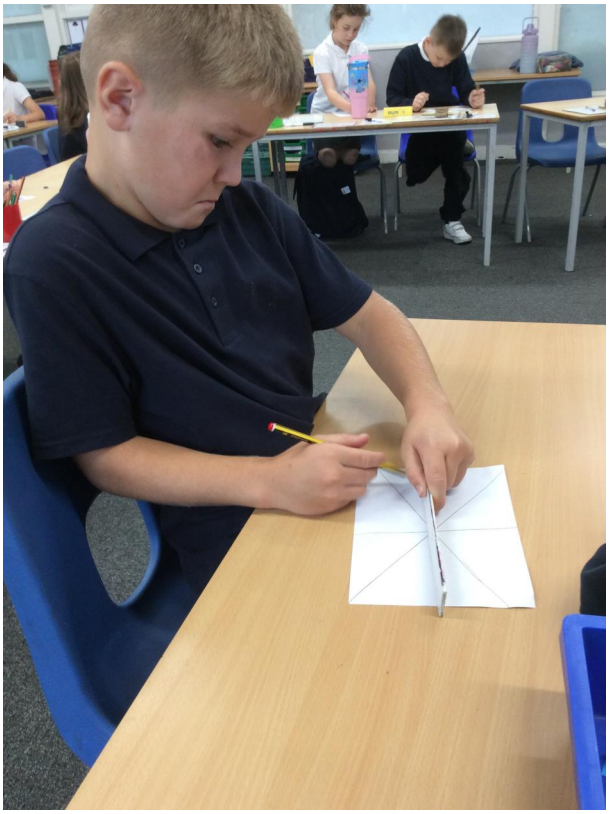



Isambard Kingdom Brunel






Favourite Snacks for crisps
Melon
Crisps
Cake Bar
kiwi
Cheese S.









Eagle Class

Eagle class have had a fantastic start to the school year.

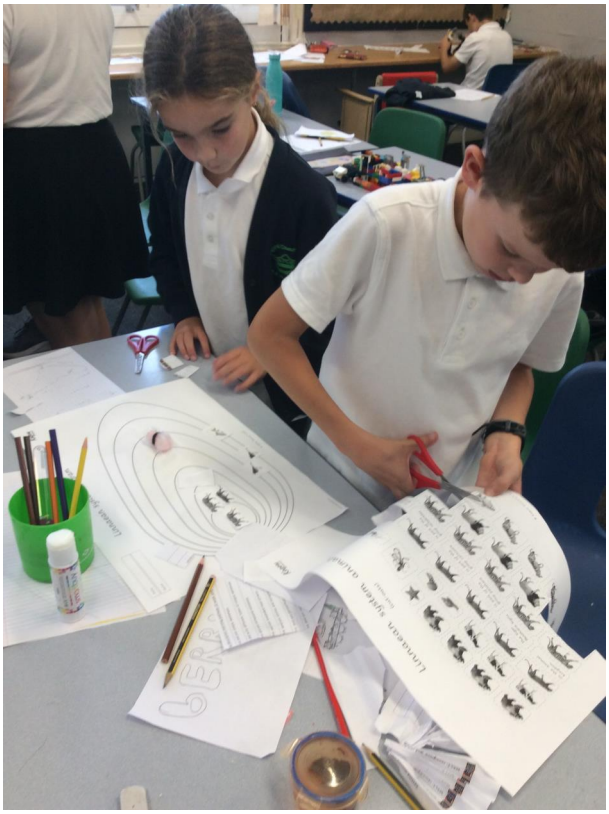
Last week we spent time deciding our class expectations and creating lots of beautiful art work, including motivational quote posters, ruler art and designing our own name posters and 'personality hands'.

We also enjoyed lots of 'get to know you' maths, including discussing properties of our house number, gathering and presenting data on how we walk to school and designing some Top Trumps cards for ourselves with categories such as height, speed and special talents!

This week we have been continuing our first writing unit which is a setting description. We have been thinking about simple and compound sentences, using co-ordinating conjunctions, writing expanded noun phrases and using similes and metaphors to add interest to our work.

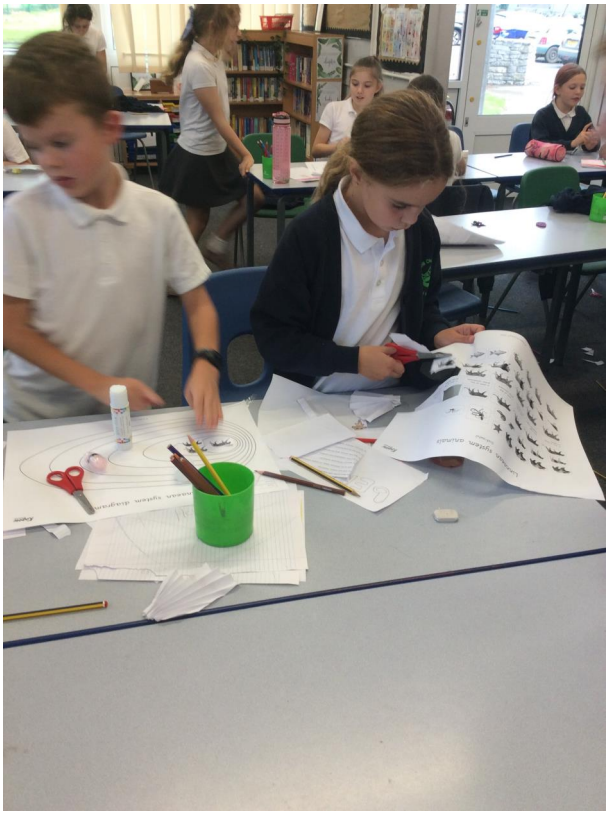
We have begun our science topic of classifying living things by learning about Carl Linneaus and working in teams to complete his classification diagrams.

We are lucky to have forest school this term and enjoyed our first session, which began with a fun tug of war!









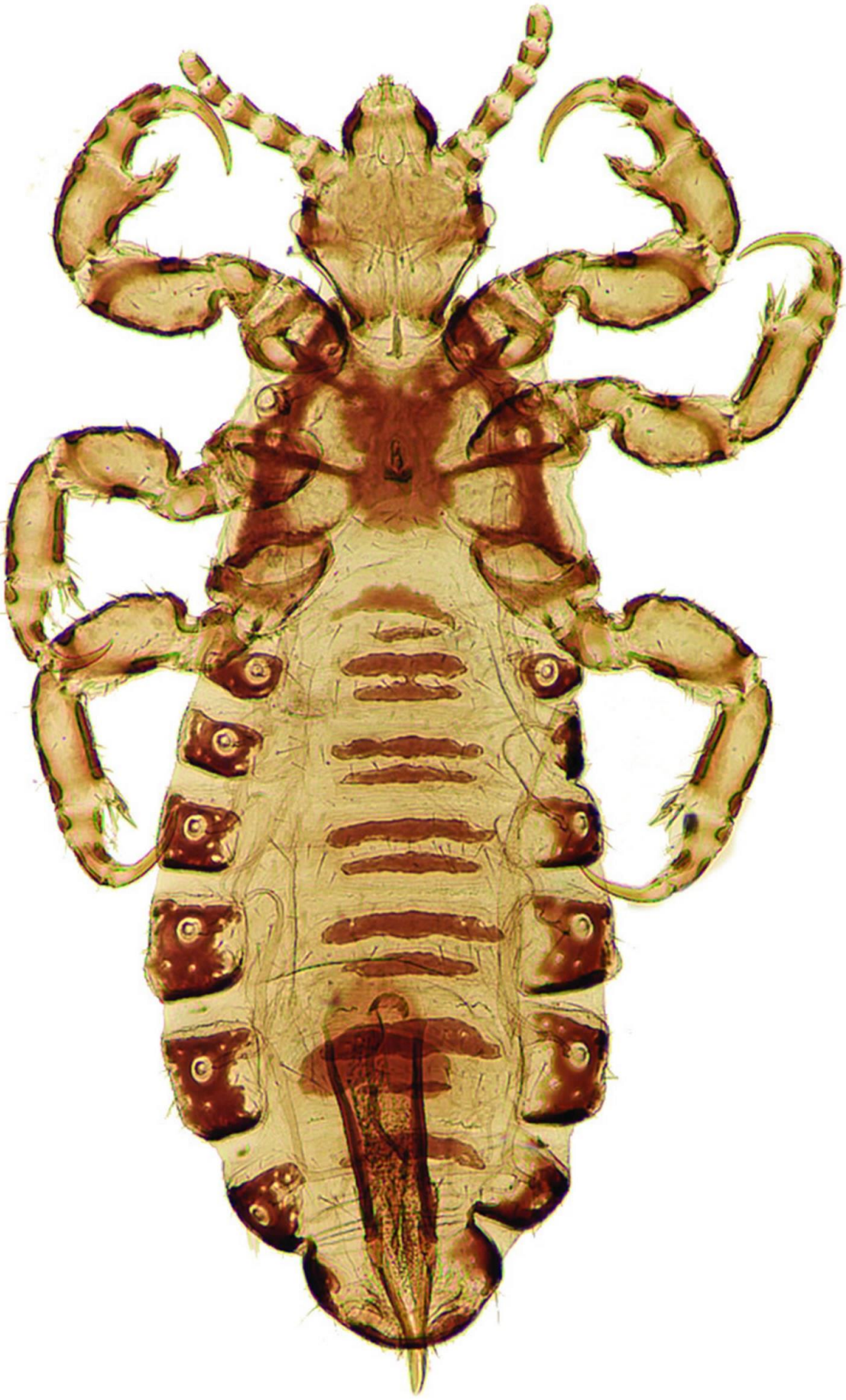








Head Lice



To support our school community, please check your child's hair carefully and regularly.

If your child does have live lice, the school nurse has recommended the 'Bug Busting' approach to eradicate the problem. The procedure to follow is:

- Wash your child's hair normally
- Rub conditioner into the hair
- Use a nit-comb to brush through the hair thoroughly until all lice are removed
- Do this every other day for two weeks
- Continue to check the hair weekly.

If the head lice infestation is particularly bad, specialist treatments can be bought from pharmacists but the school nurse recommends that you check that the product kills the eggs as well as the head lice.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.

Reminders

- **Please remember that we are a nut free school.** ***Please check all packed lunch items to ensure they are nut free.***

- **Only healthy snacks are to be eaten at breaktimes** ***such as fresh fruit or vegetables. Crisps and chocolate is only allowed to be eaten at lunchtime.***

- ***In colder weather, please remember to bring in coats everyday.***

- ***In warmer weather, please remember to put sun cream on your child and ensure they have water bottles and sunhats.***

- **Please remember no toys** ***are to be brought in from home. We cannot be responsible for lost items.***

- **Please do not use your mobile phone while on school site.** ***Many thanks for your support.***

- ***Please remember to name all of your child's clothing.***

- ***Please remember that if you move house, change your phone number or change your email address it is important that you let the school office know ASAP.***

Academic Year 2026-2027

Term 1 – Thursday 3rd September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2 – Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Term 3 – Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4 – Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027

Term 5 – Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027

Term 6 – Monday 7th June 2027 to Friday 23rd July 2027

INSET DAYS – Pupils not in school:

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Thursday 8th July 2027

Calendar Dates Term 1 and 2

September

23 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

October

2 Barn Owl class showcase at 2.45pm

9 Harvest Service at 9.30am at Christ Church

14 Coffee morning at 2pm

16 Just One Tree day – please wear something green

20 Parents Evening 3.30 – 6pm

21 New Reception Open Session at 1.30pm

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22 Tempest in for individual photos

w/c 26 HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

November

4 Year 6 visit to the LifeSkills Centre

9 New Reception Open Session at 10am

w/c 16 Anti-bullying week

16 Coffee Morning at 9am

16 Odd socks day

20 Children In Need – please wear something spotty

25 Falcon class showcase at 2.45pm

December

3 New Reception Open Session at 10am

4 Coffee Morning at 2pm

8 EYFS Nativity performance at 10am

10 EYFS Nativity performance at 2pm

11 Eagle class showcase at 2.45pm

14 Christmas Service at 9.30am at Christ Church

16 Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch, KFA Santa's Grotto

w/c 21 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (SCHOOL CLOSED)