



NEWSLETTER 3 – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

BE RESPONSIBLE – ONE OF OUR SCHOOL VALUES!

This week has flown by and what a busy week it has been! Student leadership opportunities have been filled with House Captains, School Council Members and Eco-council members being elected. I can't wait to see what they achieve over the year. Lunch clubs have restated for this year, with lots of children taking part, and wanting to run their own as well!

Today we had our first celebration assembly of the year, where there were many opportunities to share in pupils' achievements, as you will have seen from the PowerPoint I shared with you.

This new year is a fantastic opportunity for all our pupils to show how responsible they can be, not only in the classroom with their learning, but socially on the playground and around school at all times.

New Student Leadership

School Council

Daniel
Erika
Ivy
Kenji
Safaya
Gwendolyn

House Captains

Yellow – Reuben
Blue – Nathan
Green – Austin
Red – Daniel

Eco-Council

Nathan
Breanne
Josephine
Massimo
Isabella
Papayaw

PTFA

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our PTFA discussion meeting on Thursday 25th September at 3.30pm. This is an opportunity to discuss the future of the PTFA and hopefully to welcome new members to the group. Having spoken to some parents already, there are lots of ideas for fundraising, which the PTFA do so well. Preparations for the Christmas Fete are well underway, but there are many other ways of supporting and getting involved.

KEWSTOKE SCARECROW COMPETITION

We were delighted to take part in this year's scarecrow festival in the village, and I am grateful to all the staff and pupils who created our 'Tooth Fairy' design. It was very well received, and managed to survive the awfully windy weather over the weekend!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Stars of the Week' are...

Hedgehogs - Isla

Badgers - Melody

Foxes - Corey

Our 'Values Ambassadors' this week are...

Hedgehogs - Joy

Badgers - The whole class

Foxes - Breanne

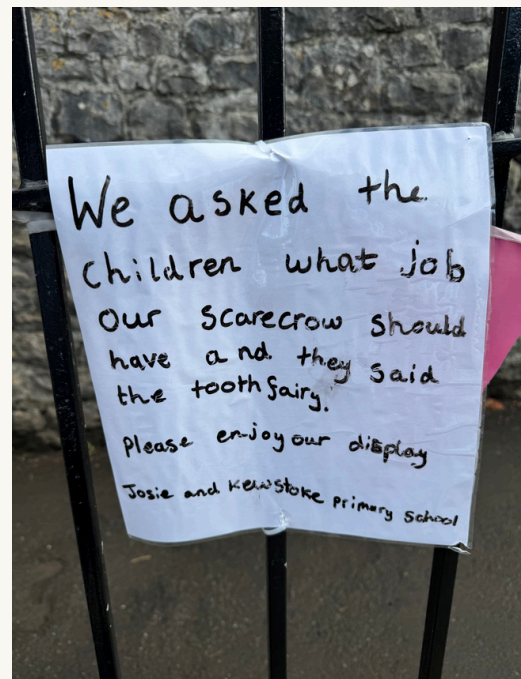
Attendance:

The class with the best attendance this week was...

Badgers - 97.2%

Our year to Date attendance as a school is...

93.6%



CHRISTMAS FETE

It is never too early to mention the 'C' word, so please start thinking about donations for our Christmas fete. This year we are holding it on a Saturday at the village hall.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We try and offer as many extra-curricular opportunities as we can, whether that be lunchtime clubs or those that run after school. As well as gym club and craft club, which will be on again very soon, we are delighted to offer an after school multi sports club on a Thursday. This club is run by our external sports coach, and I know the feedback from staff and pupils about our new coach is excellent.



NURTURE SESSIONS

Our nurture sessions continue to be both popular and effective for our children. These sessions, run by Miss Knight support pupils' social and emotional needs in a calm and nurturing environment. Thanks to Miss Knight, we are now able to hold these sessions three times a week, allowing children to build their confidence, teamwork skills and resilience.



KEY DATES

25th September

PTFA meeting (all welcome)

14th/16th October

Parents' Evenings

16th October

Harvest Festival

24th October

INSET DAY

27th–31st October

Half term Holiday

24th November

Nasal Flu Immunisations

29th November

Christmas fete

10th December

Whole School trip to Bristol Museum



PUPILS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

As a school, we have a duty of care to you and your children to ensure they attend school every day if possible.

We are noticing some children are regularly arriving late to school. This can not only affect your child's attendance but also their attainment and ability to learn. Being late also disrupts the rest of the class' learning.

If you need support from school to get your child in on time, please do speak to Mr Champs or a member of staff.

Every minute counts



Lateness = lost learning	
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Don't let your child miss out!

What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.

Get your child to school on time. If they are late they have a bad start to the day.

If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could affect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

As of September 2013, no school is allowed to grant holiday requests under new legislation.

Therefore, any request for term time absence will need to be put in writing, in advance, to the Headteacher. Each case will be considered individually and the absence will only be authorised in specific circumstances.

Schools are required to notify the Local Authority of all unauthorised absences and a penalty notice may be given by the LA.

DID YOU KNOW that if a child is taken away for a two week holiday every year during term time and has an average number of days off for sickness and appointments, then by the time they leave at sixteen they will have missed a year of school?

PARKING

I am very grateful to those parents who choose to park away from the school entrance and off the zig zag yellow lines. We have, however, had a recent issue with one of our neighbours where a parent had parked their car over a neighbour's driveway who needed to get out.

Please consider our neighbours when parking. I have asked North Somerset Council to send an enforcement officer to the school at pick-up times to talk to parents who cannot park respectfully or correctly.



CONSPIRACY THEORIES

With Snapchat's ever-evolving features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about new and emerging safeguarding risks. From AI chatbots to paid content options, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide takes a closer look at the platform's most pressing dangers – plus the latest updates to be aware of. Whether it's sextortion, overspending on Snapchat+ or the effects of screen addiction, our guide provides up-to-date advice to help keep young users safe. It's essential reading for any parent or educator who wants to understand Snapchat's key risks.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern about any child in our school, then it is your responsibility to say something to us. Remember, 'Safeguarding' is everybody's responsibility! You can speak to any member of staff in school. We also have a team of designated safeguarding leads - Mr Champs (DSL), Mrs Mann (DDSL), Miss Speller (DDSL) and our School Safeguarding governor, Mrs Phippen.



They can be contacted on 01934 623430 or office@kewstokeprimaryschool.co.uk
As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:-
NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
888 808
Care Connect: 01275



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