



NEWSLETTER 6 – 10TH OCTOBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Today has been an opportunity to think about our own mental health and that of others. It has been lovely to see so many staff and children wearing yellow to support an amazing mental health charity called 'Young Minds' who support parents and children suffering with mental health issues. In assembly this morning, we discussed lots of different ways that we can improve our mental health, (with particular thanks to the Breakfast Club children for the list), and that it does not matter what age you are, we need to look after ourselves and each other.



MODESHIFT STARS TRAVEL AWARD

I am delighted to announce the school has been awarded a good level of accreditation in the MODESHIFT STAR TRAVEL AWARD. This is a national awards scheme for schools, businesses, and other organisations that promote sustainable and active travel. It recognises excellence in developing and delivering travel plans to encourage walking, cycling, and public transport, while aiming to reduce the number of vehicles outside school gates.

We were fortunate enough to be joined by Abbie Edbrooke, Sustainable Travel and Road Safety Officer for North Somerset Council, along with Councillor Pilgrim who presented the award to the school.

This coming year, we will continue to work with the you, the local community and North Somerset Council to achieve the next level of accreditation.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Stars of the Week' are...

Hedgehogs - Ivy

Badgers - Olivia

Foxes - Jannell

Our 'Values Ambassadors' this week are...

Hedgehogs - Rosie

Badgers - Massimo

Foxes - Erika

Attendance:

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

Foxes- 98.1%!

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

94.3%

Tickets are still available for the PTFA disco next Friday.



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

14th/16th October
Parents' Evenings

16th October
Harvest Festival

17th October
PTFA Halloween Disco

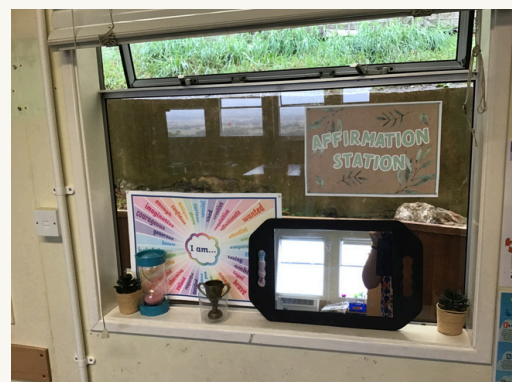
24th October
INSET DAY

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.

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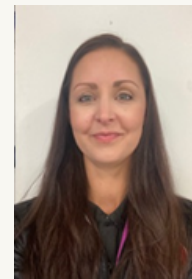
DEALING WITH TRAUMATIC AND CHALLENGING EVENTS

When young people go through something traumatic – such as bereavement, bullying or a family crisis – it can take time to make sense of what they're feeling. That's where adult guidance can make all the difference.

From fostering a sense of safety to recognising when specialist help might be needed, the guide is full of practical ideas for creating a compassionate, stable environment that supports recovery. It's a reassuring read for anyone who wants to be there for a young person going through tough times.

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:-

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