



NEWSLETTER 11 – 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE

Keeping children safe is one of our key roles as educators, but keeping whole families safe, particularly in a rural setting like Kewstoke can be difficult. One of my most important jobs in a day is being at the bottom of the ramp every afternoon to ensure you all get to your cars and homes as safely as possible.

We have been recognised with the work we have done so far in this respect with our recent Travel Award from Modeshift Stars, but there is always more that can be done.

During Road Safety Week last week, the children created speed limit signs that are now visible in classroom windows, rail safety videos were shared with the children, and discussions on how to follow the Green Cross Code were had in assembly.

As parents, we can also help by parking away from the school entrance, or ensuring the children are easily seen. Hopefully the free hi-vis resources from one of our local PCSOs (thank you Arthur and Elodie's mum) will help even further!



PTFA CHRISTMAS FETE

Tomorrow is our Christmas fete! Bring your children, family, friends and even strangers along with lots of money to spend on the stalls, raffle and refreshments. The school could not do many of the amazing events we run without the support of the PTFA and therefore you too!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Stars of the Week' are...

Hedgehogs - Junior

Badgers - Roman

Foxes - Erika

Our 'Values Ambassadors'
this week are...

Hedgehogs - Juno

Badgers - Noorah

Foxes - Jannell

Attendance:

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

Hedgehogs- 96.2

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

94.1%

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

After much discussion, I am pleased to announce the dates for the Christmas performances of 'Christmas Around The World.' The two performances will be on Wednesday 17th December and Thursday 18th December, starting at 2pm on both days. We all look forward to seeing you all there. Tickets can be booked via the school office.

KEY DATES

29th November

Christmas Fete

10th December

Whole School trip to Bristol
Museum

16th December

Christmas jumper day

17th December

Christmas in a Box (Foxes Class)

17th December

Christmas Lunch

17th December

Christmas Performance
2pm

18th December

Christmas Performance
2pm

19th December

Last Day of term

5th January 2026

School open



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.



TIKTOK

Now the world's go-to short video platform, TikTok captivates young audiences with its endless stream of engaging clips, but not without potential pitfalls. From unsettling or age-inappropriate content to harmful viral challenges, misinformation and even radicalisation, this ever-popular app can expose children to content that may not always be suitable for them.

With expert insight and practical safety tips, this guide aims to help families ensure that TikTok use remains fun, positive and, most importantly, safe.

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
Care Connect: 01275 888 808

A photograph of Santa Claus, wearing his traditional red hat with white fur trim and a white beard, peeking over a large red rectangular sign. He is wearing white gloves and has one hand pointing towards the sign. The background behind him is a green wooden fence.

SANTA SLEIGH ROUTES 2025

Monday 1st - Milton/Worle High Street

Tuesday 2nd - Ewart Road/Locking Road/Mead Vale

Wednesday 3rd - Morrison / Balmoral Way

Thursday 4th - Morrisons / Milton / Summerlands

Friday 5th - North Worle

Saturday 6th - Weston High Street

Monday 8th - Weston Village

Tuesday 9th - St Georges

Wednesday 10th - Morrisons / Worlebury

**Thursday 11th - Morrisons / St Marks / Wick St
Lawrence**

Friday 12th - West Wick / Mead Fields

Saturday 13th - Weston High Street

Saturday 20th - Weston High Street