



NEWSLETTER 19 - 27TH FEBRUARY 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

I am sure you will agree with me that lighter mornings and a later sunset every day is making life a little bit more bearable! It was lovely to welcome all the pupils back on Monday morning, knowing what a busy week and term we have ahead of us.

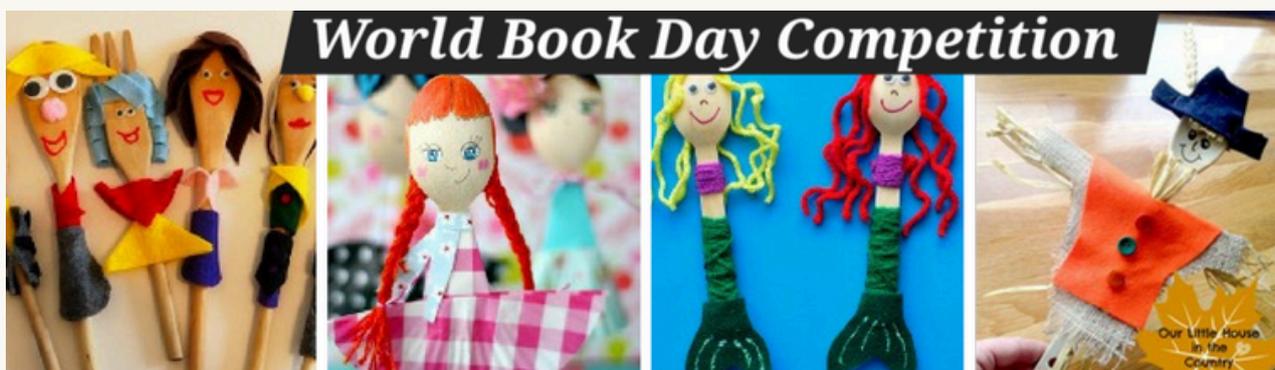
We have many exciting learning opportunities planned for the term ahead, including the curling that has already taken place, and the start of archery lessons in PE throughout the week. I am also looking forward to sharing more with you about the community field in the village that we will be starting to use for a variety of learning over the coming months.

As always, your support is vital in ensuring our pupils achieve their best. If you have time to spare, skills to share or just want to come in and support our children's learning, please know that our door is always open to you.

PUDDING AND PIE

Before the half term holiday, we welcomed another new visitor in to school, Pudding and Pie, an organisation working with schools nationwide to promote healthy eating. The children were invited to help create some tasty treats for the staff, cheesy tomato melts! I can definitely say they were tasty, and I hope some of the children have been trying to make them at home as well!





wonderful wooden spoon puppets



WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

This year we are celebrating World Book Day with a competition, thanks to Mrs Popescu, one of our amazing support staff. We would like the children to create a book character out of a wooden spoon, and bring it on World Book Day, Thursday 5th March. Winners will be selected from all the entries and awarded prizes on Friday in Celebration Assembly. We are not asking the children to dress up this year, to ensure that families do not need to buy costumes as well as wooden spoons, but there will be plenty of activities for the children to take part in during the day.

SATS PRESENTATION EVENING

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who joined us for our SATS presentation evening. It was a very successful opportunity for parents and children to find out more about the upcoming tests in May and the types of questions they will be facing.

HEDGEHOGS CLASS ASSEMBLY



Our class assemblies have been very popular with both pupils and you as parents this year, and we are delighted that so many adults are able to attend. The Hedgehogs assembly was an opportunity to share in the children's learning, from explorers from the past, different kinds of animals and their habitats to listening to the children's animal stories! Well done Hedgehogs class.

CURLING WITH NORTH SOMERSET SCHOOLS PE ASSOCIATION

This week, our school hall was turned into a curling rink, fortunately not with real ice! We are a proud member of the NSSPEA, who support the school with enriching sport activities throughout the year. As the Winter Olympics have been running recently, we thought it would be an opportunity to give the children a chance to have a go at some of the sport involved. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and found that curling is not just a matter of pushing a weight towards a target, there is a lot more skill involved than that!



COMPETITIONS

There are a number of competitions that as a school, we have been invited to take part in. If you would like your child to take part in any of them, please let us know and we can share the details. Below is an outline of the various competitions currently running.

Water Adventure Play Park

Colouring & Story Competition - winner will receive three season passes for unlimited free entry throughout the 2026 season to our popular Water Adventure Play Park



KEY DATES

5th March

World Book Day

17th and 19th March

Parents' Evening

3rd April (Good Friday)

Easter Holidays begin

20th April

School open for pupils

24th April

Class photographs

Hays Travel - WSM

Colouring competition - winner receives a Lego plane



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Stars of the Week' are...

Hedgehogs - Kenji

Badgers - Ellie

Foxes - Feriha

Our 'Values Ambassadors' this week are...

Hedgehogs - Joy

Badgers - Gwendolyn

Foxes - Daniel

Attendance:

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

Hedgehogs - 100%

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

92.2%

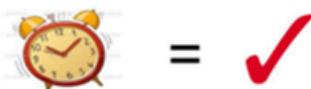
PUPILS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

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.



WHATSAPP

With its end-to-end encryption and huge popularity, WhatsApp is often seen as a private and secure way to stay in touch; however, that same privacy can make it harder for trusted adults to see when things go wrong. This guide explains how features like group chats, disappearing messages, 'Channels' and location sharing can expose young users to pressure, unwanted contact and inappropriate content. It also looks at emerging concerns such as scams, advertising and the in-app AI assistant.

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