



NEWSLETTER 30 17TH JULY 2026



SCHOOL NEWS

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE!

It does not seem like almost a year ago that I wrote my first newsletter of the academic year, sharing all the exciting developments that were planned for this year. Some of the highlights of this year have been becoming part of the Wessex Learning Trust family, having our new snake design placed on our entrance ramp, as well as visits to the beach, community field and further afield to the Bristol Zoo Project and Bristol museum.

However, with all the positive changes that have happened with many prospective parent visits and new children starting with us next September, it is also tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils, other pupils and staff.

The school will continue to grow and thrive, and we hope that those leaving us this week will come back and see the school as it moves in to the next exciting chapter of its development.



WESSEX LEARNING TRUST CEO RETIRES

After 36 years in education, the Wessex Learning Trust CEO, Mr Gavin Ball is retiring. As part of his farewell tour, he visited our school on Monday afternoon where he had a tour of the school, before planting a 'Wessex' clematis in his honour that is going to be placed in our outdoor classroom once works are finished over the Summer holidays. We all wish him well in his retirement.



YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

After a delay in the results being published, staff were keen to find out the results of the Year 6 SATs tests this week. As expected, our pupils did us and themselves incredibly proud, and as a school, we are incredibly pleased with all of the outcomes, and look forward to sharing these publicly soon. At this stage, I can share that our results are either in line with, or significantly above the national averages for each subject. We are all grateful to the parents for their support with the preparation, along with the unwavering dedication and support of the staff.



PCSO VISIT

This week saw the first visit of our PCSO, Lillie Thompson. She came to talk to the children in assembly about her role and how she can help the school with workshops and visits to talk to the children. The pupils had lots of questions for her, and we look forward to welcoming her back in the new academic year.

MOBILE LIBRARY AND SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Sarah from the local libraries team also came to visit this week to tell the children about the Summer Reading Challenge. Many of our children have already signed up and are taking part, and because of this, the school is currently in 1st place in one of the challenges. I hope more parents will sign their children up so we can win a fantastic mural for the school.

Following the visit, the mobile library then came to the church car park, where all the children got a chance to have a look, read a book and even borrow some with their library cards!



THE ROMANS HAVE ARRIVED IN KEWSTOKE!

To conclude our topic on the Romans In Britain, we were incredibly lucky to be visited by a Roman soldier this week. Starting at the community field in the village, the pupils found out what life was like as a Roman legionary, trying on armour, weaving, and firing model catapults.

After lunch, the learning continued at school with the children marching in formation with shields, creating battle formations and trying Roman bread (which did not taste very nice after being cooked for 6 hours!). It was an amazing hands-on day for our Badgers and Foxes classes, and really brought the learning to life.



ATTENDANCE

In our final assembly of the year, we celebrated the fantastic attendance many of our pupils have achieved this year, with nearly half the school achieving 100% attendance this term. In addition, seven pupils gained certificates for achieving 100% attendance for the whole academic year!



This Week:

Hedgehogs – 95.9%

Badgers – 96.7%

Foxes – 93.8%

This academic year:

Hedgehogs – 95.8%

Badgers – 96.2%

Foxes – 93.9%

Whole School – 95.3%

KEY DATES

20th–22nd July

INSET Days (School closed)

3rd and 4th September

INSET Days (School closed)

Monday 7th September

School open for pupils

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Stars of the Week' are...

Hedgehogs – Isabella

Badgers – Zachary

Foxes – Austin

Our 'Values Ambassadors' this week are...

Hedgehogs – Papayaw

Badgers – Emily

Foxes – Kaila-Rose

Our 'Values Ambassadors' this term are...

Hedgehogs – Reid

Badgers – Melody

Foxes – Elodie

Our Exceptional English Award winners are...

Hedgehogs – Thomas

Badgers – Layla-Rose

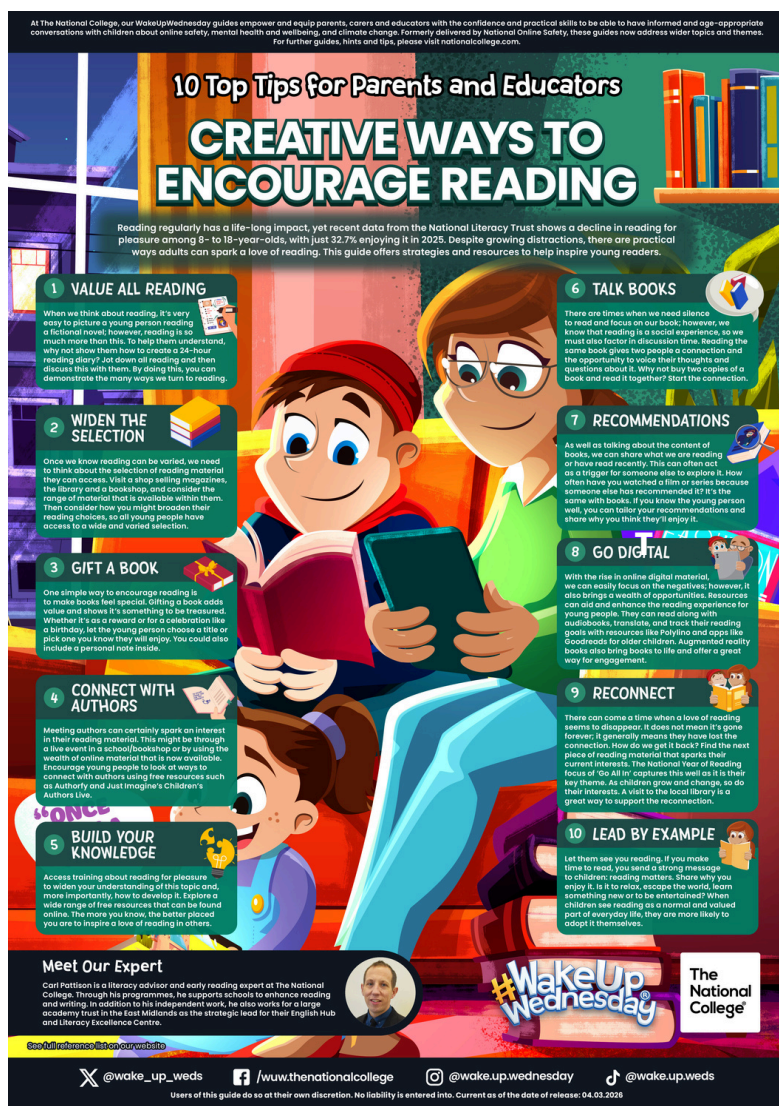
Foxes – Phoenix

Our Mathemagician Award winners are...

Hedgehogs – Olly

Badgers – Massimo

Foxes – Daniel



CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

With reading for pleasure in decline, this practical guide offers ten ways to reignite children's enthusiasm for books. From valuing all forms of reading to broadening access to diverse materials, it explores how adults can nurture positive reading habits both at home and in school. Digital tools, audiobooks and augmented reality are also considered as engaging ways to support today's readers.

It also highlights the power of social connection alongside the importance of modelling reading ourselves.

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 at our dedicated safeguarding email address, safeguarding@kewstokeprimaryschool.co.uk

As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:-

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Monday Drop-in Sessions

between 10am and 3pm
for Crafts, Games and
Refreshments



Wednesday Film Afternoons

Starting at 2pm
Popcorn and Choc-ices
available

From Monday 3rd August!

Everyone welcome; children under 11 must be
accompanied by an adult
Sessions run 3rd – 26th August inclusive