

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another lovely week here at school, with plenty of energy and pride across all year groups.

Many classes have been enjoying practising for Sports Day. They have particularly appreciated the opportunity to try different activities, improve their skills and challenge themselves in new ways. We are all very much looking forward to Sports Day next week and we hope to see you there.

There has also been some fantastic writing taking place across the school. In Squirrels, the children have been developing their descriptive language, Ladybirds have been harvesting some words, Bumblebees have continued to enjoy their Night Garden work and Hares have shown great perseverance and determination to produce some fabulous creative pieces of work. In Foxes, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their work on The Kraken and are now excitedly creating their own monsters.



In Herons, there has been a real sense of passion and enthusiasm as the children shared their speeches on saving the environment. They spoke with confidence and pride. It was lovely to see how much they enjoyed listening to one another, offering supportive feedback and asking thoughtful, challenging questions. It was a fantastic example of collaboration and respect.



The Edible Playground has been used productively this week. Children have been in there for writing inspiration, maths calculation and, of course, plants!

Our Year 6 pupils have shown incredible resilience and determination this week as they completed their SATs. They have told us that while they enjoyed the experience of the tests, they have enjoyed them being over even more! A huge thank you goes to Mr and Mrs King for providing delicious breakfasts each morning, ensuring the children were ready to give their best. Thanks too to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Lincoln for providing the teaching, self-belief and enthusiasm for all Kingfishers. We are immensely proud of the way they approached the week.








Squirrels have also been enjoying their new bug hotel that Mr Heap made for them. They have been on several hunts to find materials to fill it and are keen to continue developing it. If you have any spare bamboo or clean, non-sharp tin cans for example that you could donate, we would be very grateful.



Looking ahead, Kingfishers are now turning their attention to their end-of-term production, Herons cannot wait to make flatbreads and Ladybirds will be creating fruit kebabs as part of their Design and Technology learning, all of which promises to be both interesting and fun!







As always to it was fabulous to celebrate children who have been recognised for being great role models this week in our Celebration Assembly.

Date	Friday 15 May 2026
 Squirrels	<p>Gregory, well done for making such fantastic progress with your reading and writing. We are all incredibly proud of you!</p> <p>Charlie M, it has been wonderful to see you joining in so confidently with class learning, especially during phonics sessions. Keep up the great work!</p> <p>Andrea, you wrote a lovely sentence this week. You made your writing even more interesting by adding extra detail. Well done!</p>
 Ladybirds	<p>Willow, Gabriel, Stanley and Kei have shown fantastic enthusiasm for their learning across all areas this week. They have listened attentively and followed instructions carefully. I have been particularly impressed with their progress in maths, where they have worked hard learning about halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. Well done!</p>
 Bumblebees	<p>Rex has worked really hard on his handwriting and is making super progress. He always listens well in lessons too.</p> <p>Connor has shone this week with his writing. He has been working really hard on his handwriting and finger spaces. Well done boys!</p>
 Hares	<p>Scarlett, Juliet and Darcie. This week they have shown great determination in Maths as they grasped the concept of time with confidence and resilience! They also focused incredibly hard in English, creating rich and powerful vocabulary ready for writing their descriptive pieces. They should feel proud of their effort, concentration and positive attitudes to learning!</p>
 Foxes	<p>Ellie got stuck in with our PSHE Debate on Vegetarianism, sharing her ideas passionately and confidently. Thank you for your constant enthusiasm and efforts.</p> <p>And Harley has worked so hard this week. He shared excellent contributions in our Geography lesson which wowed the class, wrote a fantastic narrative and has been challenging himself with money in Maths. We are so proud- well done!</p>
 Heron	<p>Liam, William, Cosima, Pearl and Alice have shone this week during our guided reading lessons. When discussing the text, they have drawn upon their own experiences, alongside evidence from the text in order to make thoughtful inferences. They have also notably used our oracy sentence starters, such as 'To build upon....'</p>
 Kingfishers	<p>All of Kingfishers class have shown such resilience and determination this week, as they have taken their SATs examinations. They have come into school cheerful and ready to do their very best. Although it has been extremely tiring, they continued to work hard until the minutes of the last test. We are very proud of you.</p>





Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are: Frankie B – Ladybirds, Mia T – Bumblebees, Lily C – Hares, Alice W - Foxes

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	381	315	278	350
Leaderboard	2nd	4th	3rd	1st

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Vittle B.Ed (Hons)

EdShed  Our Ed Shed winners this week are: Jack A, Ella D and Samuel P. The winning class was Hares. If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with spelling at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [English Subject page](#) here or go straight to edshed here: <https://www.edshed.com>

 Our Times Tables Rock Star Winners: Ava T – Bumblebees, Alfie B – Hares, Ema A – Foxes, Dylan H – Herons, Torres – Kingfishers. If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with timestables at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [Maths subject page](#) here or go straight to TTRS here: <https://ttrackstars.co>

Football News



Both our school football teams competed in 7-a-side tournaments at Nightingale Primary School over the last two weeks.

Our Boys Team did really well to finish second in a tough group of five teams after winning three games (2-0, 2-0 and 1-0) and only conceding one goal in their only group defeat against a very good team. In their quarter final, they were unlucky to be paired against an exceptionally strong team. They eventually lost 2-0, even though they pushed the opposition hard all game and only conceded the second goal with the last kick of the match when going in all-out-attack for an equaliser!

Our Girls team are due massive congratulations as they went one step further by winning their tournament last week! They were in a group of four teams and after drawing two matches 0-0 and winning one 2-0, finished second to also qualify for the quarter finals. After putting in two great team performances to win two knockout games 1-0, they found themselves in the final, which they won on penalties after a tight and defensively-dominated 0-0 draw! Therefore, they won the tournament without losing a game or even conceding a goal, which was a really impressive achievement and our school's best sporting performance for some time!

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and family members who have supported both our football teams this year by providing lifts, laundering the kit and supporting our teams during their matches – thank you! - Mr Sleeman

JOIN US FOR WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2026!

We're excited to announce the date for this year's Walk to School Week 2026! This year, our five-day challenge takes place between **18 and 22 May** and we can't wait for you to take part.

In particular, we would love it if everyone could try to achieve: Walk to School WEDNESDAY!



On Wednesday (20th May) pupils will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school! All the children will be taking part in their celebration of sport that day, so will be ready to walk to school in their PE kits and trainers. If you drive to school, a 'park and stride' still counts. Just park a bit further from the school grounds.



Sports Day – Wednesday 20 May Sports Day is taking place on Wednesday 20 May in the morning.
The children will need to come into school in their PE kits and house colour t shirts on this day.

EYFS and KS1 will take part in their activities from **9.15 – 10.15am**.

The whole school will gather for Sprint race finals at **10.20am**. (Heats for this will have taken place in school before Sports Day.) **KS2** will take part in their activities from **10.45 – 11.30am**.

Parents are warmly invited to come and watch the activities and the Sprint races. You will need to follow your child's class as they move from one activity to another.

Thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#)

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊 Just click here: [School Calendar](#)

Sports Day	Wednesday 20 th May
Sports day reserve	Thursday 21 st May
Year R trip to Marwell Zoo	Thursday 4 th June
Well-Being Week	Week beginning 8 th June
Year 6 pupils to Kings School	Monday 22 nd June
Class Photos	Thursday 25 th June
Inset Days	Friday 26 th June 2026 & Monday 29 th June 2026
Parents Information Evening at Kings School 6pm	Thursday 2 nd July
Year 6 Production – 6pm	Thursday 9 th July
Summer Fair	Saturday 11 th July
Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm	Monday 13 th July
End of term	Wednesday 22 nd July