

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy and enjoyable four days at Oliver's Battery!



Our Year 1 Ladybirds had a fantastic visit to the park this week, where they demonstrated excellent behaviour and represented the school brilliantly. They were enthusiastic, respectful and a real credit to both their families and the school.

Meanwhile, Year 2 Bumblebees enjoyed a wonderful trip to Southampton Art Gallery. The gallery staff commented on how polite and engaged the children were, and they were excellent ambassadors for our school throughout the visit.



A huge well done also to our football teams, who played extremely well in close and exciting matches last night. The children showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship and represented the school with pride.

We also welcomed the school photographer today for class photographs. It was lovely to see the children looking so smart and smiling so confidently. We hope the photographs will provide lasting memories for the children and their families—particularly for our Year 6 pupils, as this is their final class photograph at Ollie B before they move on to the next stage of their education.



Exciting Changes to Forest School and the Edible Playground

We were delighted to see the importance of Forest School and Edible Playground reflected in the recent parental survey. Many families highlighted how much they value our outdoor learning provision.








To further strengthen this area, Mrs Homewood will be leading Forest School and the Edible Playground from September. Mrs Homewood's wealth of experience, training and passion for outdoor learning, gardening and Forest School will further enhance this important area.

We are also making changes to how children access Forest School and the Edible Playground. Rather than one block during the year, children will now take part in two three-week blocks across the academic year. This means they will experience these environments in different seasons, observing changing habitats, wildlife and plant life throughout the year.

Forest School and Edible Playground sessions will run simultaneously, allowing children to work in smaller groups. We believe this will provide a richer, more personalised experience, with greater opportunities for exploration, discussion and hands-on learning.

We are always keen to welcome volunteers to support Forest School and Edible Playground sessions. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the school office.





As always to it was fabulous to celebrate children who have been Assembly.

Date	Tuesday 3 July 2026
 Squirrels	<p>Ronnie and William showed wonderful kindness and teamwork at playtime by playing a chasing game with some Year 1 children. They worked together brilliantly, demonstrating fantastic friendship and cooperation. Well done, Ronnie and William!</p> <p>Charlie C has been trying really hard to follow our school rules by being Ready and Respectful. She has been sitting beautifully in her carpet space and showing excellent listening skills. We are so proud of the positive choices she is making. Well done, Charlie!</p>
 Ladybirds	All of Ladybird's Class for demonstrating fantastic behaviour on our trip to the park and the shops. They all listened carefully and showed great cooperation whilst playing on the playground equipment.
 Bumblebees	All of Bumblebees class for showing lots of engagement on their art trip this week. They exhibited a great deal of enthusiasm and were a credit to the school. A special mention goes to George for sharing his exceptional knowledge with the tour guide. Well done everyone.
 Hares	Abraham and Scarlett. This week they have been quick to contribute to class discussions. Scarlett has been working hard in English and created some great text messages from the Pharaoh based on our class read and Abraham has been a Maths wizard and ensuring not only that his work is completed to a high standard but also offering help to others who found bar graphs and pictograms a little tricky. Well done both of you.
 Foxes	<p>Evie Mc and Clara have been particularly responsive to feedback with their English writing, taking such care and pride with producing their best work. They have worked so hard with their dialogue paragraphs and it is reflective in their work.</p> <p>Immy for her notable Rounders lesson. She has been working hard on her batting and achieved an excellent hit, scoring a full rounder. Immy always shows determination with learning, demonstrating resilience. Well done Immy!</p>
 Heron	<p>Cosima is a wonderful role model for the benefits of oracy. During discussions, she listens carefully, before contributing thoughtful and thought-provoking responses which build upon the ideas of others.</p> <p>William has shown excellent reflective thinking in lessons this week. He has been able to identify ways to make progress and has been enthusiastic in implementing these.</p>
 Kingfishers	Scarlett showed exceptional kindness and helpfulness last week. During the very hot afternoons, she willingly stepped in to support KS1, offering her time and care without hesitation. She played with and looked after the younger children beautifully, showing real respect, patience and kindness to everyone. A wonderful example to others — well done, Scarlett.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week is slightly different as we are giving the whole of Kingfishers class the opportunity to have their lunch outside together.

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	233	188	205	220
Leaderboard	1st	3rd	4th	1st



Our highest scorers in Times Tables Rock Star this week were: Ava T Bumblebees, Alfie B – Hares, Lincoln N – Foxes, William B – 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://trockstars.co>

Summer Fair - 11 July, 11am-3:30pm

This will be one of our biggest ever raffles, with prizes including an archery trial, summer camps and family climbing, among many others!

- Tickets will be on sale in the playground at drop off and pick up between now and the fair
- Tickets are also available to buy online using the QR code below: **you must add your name and phone number in the message box to be added to the draw**

Cake donations and junior bake-off entries

- Cakes can be delivered to the office on Friday 10 July
- Please include an ingredients list (no nuts!)
- Bake-off entries also need to include your child's name and year group (winners will be announced at the fair)

Tombola, plant and party bag donations will be accepted at the office until next Friday

🌟 Don't forget, as a thank you for tombola, plant and cake donations

Friday 10 July is non-uniform day 🌟

Finally, advance warning that **the Summer Fair will partly operate using tokens**

How will it work?

1. Tokens will be available to buy at the bar
 - 50p per token
 - Cash or card payments
2. Tokens can be spent at the:
 - Class games and stalls (new for this year!)
 - Plant and cake stalls (cash and card payments also accepted)
 - **Eco Council Competition**

Please find attached a poster with a competition to design your very own Fairtrade product.

Thank you all for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#) **Just Nursery Dates in Green**

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

Kings School Open Morning

Year 6 Production – 6pm

Summer Fair

Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm

Nursery Graduation 13:30-15:00

End of term

INSET DAY

Flu Vaccines

Wednesday 8 July

Thursday 9 July

Saturday 11 July

Monday 13 July

Tuesday 21 July

Wednesday 22 July

Tuesday 1 September

Thursday 5 November 2026