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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move further into the autumn term, school continues to be a hive of activity, curiosity and learning. It was a privilege to come together for our Remembrance Assembly this week. The children showed great maturity and respect as they reflected on the sacrifices made by others and considered the importance of peace, kindness and courage. We were incredibly proud of the thoughtful way they conducted themselves throughout the assembly.

We are also very proud of our Year 6 children, who have represented the school brilliantly during their residential visit to Calshot. They have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork, creating memories and experiences that will stay with them for years to come. My thanks got to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Lincoln and Mr Sleeman for giving up time with their families to care for Kingfishers.



Our youngest learners have been enjoying Nursery Rhyme Week, joining in with great enthusiasm and putting lots of effort into their singing. It has been wonderful to hear their growing confidence and to see their enjoyment of language, rhyme and rhythm. Many of these special moments, along with other learning across the school, have been shared on our social media channels. Why not share them with your child and see which ones they remember?



Forest School and our Edible Playground continue to thrive, providing children with opportunities for adventure, exploration and discovery. Whether building fires, investigating the natural world, developing practical skills or simply enjoying learning outdoors, children are making the most of these rich experiences.



Across the school, classrooms are buzzing with learning. From developing fluency and reasoning in mathematics to strengthening reading and writing in English, children have been working hard and taking pride in their achievements. It has been particularly pleasing to see so much curious learning taking place, with children asking thoughtful questions, exploring new ideas and showing real enthusiasm for their learning.

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It was lovely to recognise the children in assembly today who, throughout the week, have caught the eye of the adults in school for being Ready Respectful and Safe.

Date	Friday 13 November 2026
Butterflies 	A very big well done to **Leonardo.** He has shown he is curious in learning this week by practising his writing and reading in our mark making area, during our Explore and Learn time. He can now write his name and is beginning to use his sounds to write small words independently. Well done Leonardo you should be very proud of yourself!
Ladybirds 	Well done to **Orla** for completing the Oliver's Battery Challenge this week! She has shown courage by thinking of others and being a kind, helpful friend. In Maths, she did a great job of helping a friend to work out the part-whole models, showing kindness and supporting others with their learning. Keep it up, Orla!
Bumblebees 	**Torben and Kei** have really impressed us this week with their enthusiasm for their learning. We have been learning about 3D shapes in maths and they are starting to recognise the difference between 2D and 3D shapes and can talk about their properties.
Hares 	**Marcus** has shown that he is Curious in Learning and Courageous in Challenge through his fantastic determination to improve his handwriting and focus during lessons. His hard work and positive attitude are helping him achieve his learning goals, and he should be incredibly proud of himself!
Foxes 	A huge well done to **Finley D** for showing incredible curiosity in his learning. In Science, when building electrical circuits, Finley has been asking fantastic questions, thinking carefully about how things work and showing real enthusiasm for exploring new ideas. His thoughtful approach and eagerness to learn have been wonderful to see. Keep up the hard work Finley!
Herons 	Both Mrs Shaw and I have been so impressed with **Lucy's** progress in English since starting Year 5. Her determination, positive attitude and hard work have really paid off, and she should be incredibly proud! **Evie B** has continued to impress me with her curiosity in maths. She particularly shines when explaining her mathematical thinking and using practical resources to investigate and prove her ideas.
Kingfishers 	We are so proud of Kingfishers for showing curiosity, courage and unity at Calshot this week. Well done to you all.



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

Dylan S – Ladybirds, Max S – Bumblebees, Finley D - Foxes

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	Oak	**Maple**	**Birch**	**Rowan**
Points this week	**361**	**418**	**329**	**399**
Leaderboard	**4th**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**1st**

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PTA News

The school discos were a huge success, with lots of children showing off their fantastic dance moves and having a brilliant time! We're delighted to share that we raised an amazing **£348 for the school**. Thank you to everyone who helped make the events such a success!

A special thank you, on behalf of the PTA, the school and all the children, goes to Dave and Hats (Alma and Daphne's parents) and **Insert Productions**, who have very generously gifted us some fantastic speakers and a sound system. These will be put to great use at so many of our school events, and we are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Finally, there are still a few spaces available at the PTA's **Wreath Making Workshop on Friday 11th December**! Come along, enjoy some festive crafting and create your very own beautiful Christmas wreath. **To book your place, simply follow this link:**
https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QDY9WA3H

Wanted!

Our Hedgehogs in Nursery are looking for any unwanted/unused Doctors sets for their role play corner – thank you.

Kings School Christmas Cracker

Kings School are holding a Christmas Fair on **Wednesday 2 December 4.30 – 6.30.** There will be Crafts, Raffle, Stalls, Tombola and Food – everyone welcome.

Thank you all for your continued support and hope you have a wonderful 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

Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 16 November
School Photographer – Individual photos	Thursday 19 November 2026
Forest & Edible Playground starts for Year 2	Tuesday 24 November
MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop	Tuesday 1 December 2026 9 – 10.30am
Beauty and the Beast Pantomime (R-6)	Friday 4 December 2026
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity Performance	Thursday 10 December 2026- 9.15

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Wreath Making Workshop	Friday 11 December 2026 evening
Rock Steady Performance	Monday 14 December 1pm
Year R Christmas Song Performance	Monday 14 December 3pm
Nursery Christmas Song Share	Tuesday 15 December 2:45pm
Christmas Lunch and Jumper day	Thursday 17 December
Carols, Choir & Sing-a-long	Thursday 17 December 3pm
End of Term	Friday 18 December
No Early Morning Club	Friday 18 December
INSET DAY	Friday 12 February 2027
INSET DAY	Friday 25 June 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 28 June 2027