Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great turn out it was at Horsham FC the other Saturday! It was lovely to see so many Kingslea parents and children at the match. Well done everyone.

Thank you also for your support for World Book Day. The children looked great, our mystery readers were a huge hit and KLASS did a fantastic job of organising and running the book fair.

We know how well organised many of you are. So we have a few dates for your diary. Over the page you will see the dates for the 'Day of Art' that we have for each year group. These start at 2.00pm and they are an opportunity for you, or another family member/s, to come into school and spend time with your child and take part in an art activity. Pre-school siblings are welcome to come along as well.

Our ever popular 'Grandparents' Afternoon' will be on Friday 5th June from 2.00pm. It has to be one of our favourite days of the year, please share the date with grandparents and let them know they have the opportunity to come and visit their grandchild/ren in school.

Sports Day will be on Friday 12th June, a month earlier than last year, in an attempt to avoid the heat of the last few years. We will start just after 9.00am; depending on the weather we are usually on the field until 11/11.30am. Children will be in their classes, competing in their house groups around a circuit of events. All families members are welcome to come along to watch.

Over the page are the results of the parent questionnaire. One of the most common positives about the school was the sense of community, be it talking to other parents and grandparents on the playground or the events that the school and KLASS have organised.

Thank you also to those of you who have signed up for Aspiration day. We are currently collating the offers we have had and are looking at grouping similar jobs/sectors together. And what a talented, interesting and varied group of jobs we have!

Please remember community is about all of us working together, please do sign up to help us to continue to build that community by helping at Kingslea Fest on Saturday 13th June. Please sign up here klasspta@gmail.com

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

Year 4 Learning Journey

On Tuesday 24th February, Year 4 had two special visitors to school to complement their geography Learning Journey *'A Giant Tour of the British Isles'.*

In the morning they were joined by map illustrator Helen Cann. She has illustrated maps for books and for use in TV programmes and films including a treasure map for the Pirates of the Caribbean movie and the island maps for a children's book soon to be published called 'Once Upon an Island'. During the workshop with Helen, the children learned how symbols are used to show different features on a map. The children designed their own symbols, titles and compass roses to illustrate their own maps to go with a giant story which they have written during their English lessons. Their stories are based on the formation of the giant sea stack called The Old Man of Hoy located in The Orkney Islands in Scotland. They were very creative and included different sea creatures, giants, caves, volcanoes and other interesting features which are included in their story legends.

In the afternoon, Year 4 were joined by Graham Parkes who is a grandparent of one of the children in the year group. He talked to the children about his job as a cartographer drawing maps and charts for the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. The children got to see his drawing equipment, his training drawings and some of the maps he drew. They were amazed that it could take up to 18 months to draw each map or chart. The children were fascinated by the detail, artistic and technical skills needed to draw maps before digital technology took over.

Secondary School Allocation

Earlier in the week our Year 6 families found out their secondary school allocation; as with primary school allocation families can indicate up to three preferences.

As it currently stands we will have 39 children going to Forest, 16 to Millais, 4 to Tanbridge, 1 to Christ's Hospital and one out of area.

Over the last few years we've seen a significant increase in pupils going to Forest, a recent uplift in pupils going to Millais and a significant decrease in the number of students going to Bohunt. The children who go to Tanbridge tend to be those who live in the west part of Horsham.

Days of Art

Year group	Date
Reception	Wednesday 24th June
Year 1	Friday 3rd July
Year 2	Thursday 9th July
Year 3	Monday 29th June
Year 4	Monday 11th May
Year 5	Thursday 2nd July
Year 6	Monday 15th June

We would like to invite you to come into school, to join your child for an afternoon of art, please see dates above. Many of you have been before and know what a lovely session it is, spending time with your child working on a piece of art or craft. We will confirm start times nearer the time, but they usually start at 2.00pm.

Parent Questionnaire - February 2026				
	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %
My child is happy at Kingslea	*79%*	*21%*	*0.3%*	*0%*
My child feels safe at Kingslea	*85%*	*14%*	*1.3%*	*0%*
The school lets me know how my child is doing	*74%*	*31%*	*1%*	*0%*
My child is doing well at Kingslea	*79%*	*20%*	*0.6%*	*0%*
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the school year	*80%*	*20%*	*0.6%*	*0.5%*
The school makes sure pupils behave well	*73%*	*26%*	*1.6%*	*0%*
The school is led and managed effectively	*87%*	*13%*	*0%*	*0%*
The school has appropriate expectations for my child	*78%*	*22%*	*0%*	*0%*
There are a wide range of clubs and activities at Kingslea	*82%*	*17%*	*0.3%*	*0%*
The school supports my child's wider personal development	*71%*	*29%*	*0%*	*0%*
I would recommend Kingslea to another parent	*100%*	*Yes*		

Thank you to everyone who filled out the parent questionnaire at parents' evening. The questionnaire does show very, very strong support for what we do here at Kingslea and we value your appreciation, joint working and understanding.

We do reflect and review what we do, pretty much on a daily basis using the data and information we gather. This may be from learning walks, assessments, teaching observations, book audits, talking to the children, observing the playgrounds and talking to you. Our aim is to continue to reflect, improve and develop as a school for the benefit of all children, with the ongoing reality that we are having to do more with less. By less I mean less funding and less support from other agencies such as health and social services as they struggle to meet demand, leaving more for schools to do.

Grandparents' Afternoon — Friday 5th June 2026

Just a reminder that our ever popular Grandparents' afternoon is on Friday 5th June at 2.00pm. Grandparents will have the opportunity to visit their grandchild in class and join in with the activity they are doing. Seating and toilet facilities will be available, and the car park will be open for drop-off but no parking.

We will send a sign-up link out next term.

Kingslea Parent/Carer Portal

We invite all parents and carers to engage with our ***Parent Carer Portal*** available on the school website.

It provides a wealth of information and support for parent/carers seeking assistance. The padlet features resources related to health and well-being, including information on the school nurse and local health services. There are links to local support services that can assist families with parenting challenges, safeguarding concerns, and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Follow the link to take a look:

KINGSLEA PARENT/CARER PORTAL

SPRING TERM	
Friday 6th March	4.00pm Girls Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 9th March	1.00pm Y2 Geography Walk (rescheduled)
Friday 13th March	4.00pm Y5 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 16th March	12.30pm Y5&6 Football Festival @ Heron Way
Tuesday 17th March	Y5 Greenwich Trip 12.30pm Y6 Tag Rugby @ HRC
Wednesday 18th March	10.00am Y4 Indoor Athletics @ The Bridge (selected children) 2.15pm YR Stay & Play
Thursday 19th March	Y3 Wakehurst Trip 2.15pm YR Stay & Play 4.00pm Y5&6 Netball @ The Bridge
Friday 20th March	2.15pm YR Stay & Play 4.00pm Y4 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Tuesday 24th March	9.00am Y4 Horsham Park Walk Cross Country @ Christ's Hospital (rescheduled)
Wednesday 25th March	Y3 Indoor Athletics @ The Bridge (selected children) 1.00pm Y5 Maths Competition @ Christ's Hospital (selected children)
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Term
EASTER HOLIDAY : MONDAY 30TH MARCH—FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026 **Holiday Club—Tuesday 31st March & Wednesday 1st April**	
Monday 13th April	First Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 14th April	6.00pm Y6 Swanage Residential Trip Parent's Meeting
Friday 17th April	9.00am Welly Walk 4.00pm Y3 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 20th April	Y3&4 Girls Football Tournament @ Kingslea
Wednesday 22nd April	1.30pm Governors Curriculum 2.00pm Computing Masterclass @ Forest (selected children)
Friday 24th April	1.00pm 5H to Music Studio 4.00pm Y5&6 Basketball Tournament @ Kingslea
Wednesday 29th April	Year 6 Individual & Class Photos
Friday 1st May	4.00pm Y3&4 Basketball Tournament @ Kingslea
Monday 4th May	**BANK HOLIDAY**
Friday 8th May	YR Bocketts Farm Trip Y1 Arundel Castle Trip
Monday 11th May	2.00pm Y4 Day of Art
Wednesday 13th May	2.00pm Media Masterclass @ Forest (selected children)
Friday 15th May	Y4 Weald & Downland Trip
Monday 18th May	Y6 Swanage Residential Trip (Monday to Friday)
Tuesday 19th May	9.15am Governors Resources
Wednesday 20th May	9.30am Y3-6 Alternative Sports Festival @ Kingslea
Thursday 21st May	Y3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop
Friday 22nd May	Y4 Camping Night
HALF TERM : MONDAY 25TH—FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026 **Holiday Club : Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May**	
Wednesday 3rd June	Y5&6 Stoolball Competition @ Kingslea
Thursday 4th June	Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles Visit
Friday 5th June	2.00pm Grandparents' Afternoon
Friday 12th June	9.00am Sports Day
Saturday 13th June	Kingslea Fest
Tuesday 16th June	9.00am Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 24th June	2.00pm YR Day of Art
Monday 29th June	2.00pm Y3 Day of Art
Tuesday 30th June	9.00am Y5&6 Rounders @ Millais
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day
Thursday 2nd July	Y3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip 2.00pm Y5 Day of Art
Friday 3rd July	Y2 Drusillas Trip 2.00pm Y1 Day of Art
Tuesday 7th July	1.30pm Governors Curriculum
Wednesday 8th July	3.30pm Open Afternoon
Thursday 9th July	2.00pm Y2 Day of Art
Tuesday 14th July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers Production
Thursday 16th July	Mr Conway's Surprise 6.00pm Y6 Leavers Party
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Term