Newsletter

Thursday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I find myself reflecting upon the journey we continue on. Whilst it can sound rather cliched, there are two ways in which I see us going on a journey.

The school as a whole moving forward, be it adapting and developing the curriculum, introducing a new way of teaching a concept, for example time (honestly the new way we teach the telling of time has been a revelation!) or working alongside other schools to learn from each other.

Another definition of journey is 'a set of experiences that someone has over a period of time, especially when they change a person in some way'; and that is very much what we aim for. Children positively engaging with their learning, developing academically and socially, and understanding their rights and responsibilities, both to themselves and to their community. This year has been characterised by genuine progress, meaningful achievement, and the kind of collaborative spirit that defines our school community.

The academic results this year have been a source of considerable pride. Be it Y1's phonics achievements or Y4's multiplication tests; two national assessments that all children in England have to complete, with our results being well above the national average. And our Y6 SATS results, if only we knew! Due to a delay in releasing the results we won't know what they are until next week, but we are predicting another strong set of results.

Beyond the classroom, our pupils have excelled in ways that extend far beyond traditional measures of academic success. The trips our children have been on, the visitors we've welcomed, the productions the children have performed and the sporting achievements this year have been outstanding, with so many children engaging with extra curricular activities and representing Kingslea across a range of competitions and events, including Remembrance Day at The Carfax, singing at the O2 and performing at Kingslea Fest. All of which help embed our Core 4 Values of respect, creativity, perseverance and collaboration.

And finally a thank you to you our parents, your support makes the difference. There is an obvious link between your support for your child and the school, and your child's success at school. Those children with good attendance, who have limited online time, who read at home, who do their homework, partake in clubs in and outside of school and who are encouraged by parents to persevere, especially with things they find hard or don't necessarily enjoy at the moment, are the ones who develop the strong foundations for future success. By doing what you may perceive to be the hard work now with your child, will absolutely bring benefits to you and your child as they get older. We know, we've seen it again and again.

Have a good summer holiday, Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

Last Week of Term

Handover meetings—next week teachers will be meeting with your child's new class teacher to talk through academic, social, emotional, SEN factors and parental support for the class as a whole and individuals. New class teachers and teaching assistants have already been to visit the class and spent time observing the children in the classroom.

Mr Conway's Surprise—Obviously it's a 'surprise', so we can't reveal what's happening on Thursday 16th July, but children should come to school in PE kits, and parents and supervised children are welcome to stay until 4.00pm to partake.

End of year assembly — On Friday 17th July we will hold our end of year assembly when we celebrate our STAR awards for the term, including STAR reader, writer, mathematician, the Arts, Core 4 role model and sports person and, after 39 years, say goodbye to Mrs Whiteley and Year 6.

Sports Update

What an incredible Summer Term it has been for sport! Our pupils have represented the school with enthusiasm, determination and outstanding sportsmanship, achieving fantastic results while demonstrating our core values of respect, perseverance, collaboration and creativity every step of the way.

Our Year 3&4 girls' football team had a brilliant tournament, finishing as runners-up, while our boys' netball team were crowned champions, after securing an impressive first place finish.

We were also proud to host both the Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 basketball festivals, welcoming schools from across the area. Our pupils were excellent ambassadors, showing respect to opponents, collaborating brilliantly as teams and competing with confidence and creativity.

Our Year 5&6 tennis teams battled through a highly competitive event to finish in 3rd and 4th place, while our stoolball teams achieved excellent 2nd and 8th place finishes through determination and perseverance.

To top off an amazing term, our rounders team were crowned champions, ending the season on a high with a fantastic winning performance! On Monday we came 2nd at Y5&6 District Sports, on Tuesday our football team won the Horsham Cup, and the girl's team were playing in their final last night.

A huge congratulations to every child who has represented our school this term. Your commitment, teamwork and positive attitude have made us all incredibly proud. Thank you to our staff, families and supporters for cheering our teams on throughout the season. We can't wait to see what sporting successes next year will bring!

Food Truck

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their recent learning journey about Our Blue Planet. They have been writing campaign messages to local supermarkets to encourage them to become more sustainable. Thanks to a kind offer from a parent, they entered a competition to name one of West Sussex Council's new Food Collection Trucks and Koala Class won! Foodie-the-Dudie visited this week and the children all got to see it. What an exciting journey Foodie has ahead of him!

Staffing 2026-2027			
Mr Conway – Headteacher			
Mrs Barrett Assistant Headteacher/Inclusion Leader/Safeguarding		**Mrs Payne** Deputy Headteacher	
Class	**Class Teacher**	**TA Support**	
RM	Miss Miksaite	Miss Hawkins / Miss Cairns / Mrs Trousdale	
RR	Mrs Rothwell		
1B	Mrs Burnett	Miss Wright	Ms Gundian-Silva
1HU	Miss Hancock / Mrs Upton	Mrs Booker	
2A	Mrs Ashman	Mrs Crooks	Mrs Wassell
2D	Miss Davey	Mrs Carr	
3S	Mrs Smith	Mrs Oram / Mrs Power	
3B	Miss Beaven	Mrs Stephens	
4B	Ms Baldwin	Mrs Khrashchevych	
4W	Mrs Wingfield	Mrs Kayyala	
5C	Mrs Conway	Mrs West	
5H	Mr Hill	Miss Vine	
6C	Mrs Chadburn	Mrs Aiken	Mrs Longdon Mrs Hardwick
6W	Ms Waters	Mr Berry	
Family Link Worker		Mrs Russell	
Inclusion Assistant / Induction Lead / TA Lead		Mrs Howard	
Cover Teacher		Miss Nicholls	
Maths Teacher		Mrs Longdon	
Midday Supervisor Leads		Mrs Booker / Miss Vine	
Sports Coaches		Mr Payton / Mr Berry	
Learning Mentors		Mrs Howard, Mrs Russell	
Outdoor Education		Mr Gear	

Safeguarding during the Summer holidays

During the school holidays, the safeguarding team only monitors their email address periodically. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact West Sussex Integrated Front Door children's services directly on 01403 229900 or here: IFD Portal

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111.

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 crisis support. Parents wanting advice can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544.

SUMMER TERM		
Monday 13th July	6.00pm Drama Club Production	
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	
SUMMER HOLIDAY **Holiday Club : 8.45am-4.00pm on the following dates:** Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th July Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th August		
AUTUMN TERM 2026-27		
Tuesday 1st September	INSET Day	
Wednesday 2nd September	INSET Day	YR Home Visits
Thursday 3rd September	First Day of Autumn Term (Y1-Y6)	YR Home Visits
Friday 4th September	YR Home Visits	
Monday 7th September	YR First Day	
Tuesday 8th September	Class 3S First Swimming Lesson	
Wednesday 9th September	6.00pm Full Governing Body	
Thursday 10th September	Y6 World War II Workshop	3.20pm Y5 Play Leaders Training (selected children)
Monday 14th September	Autumn Term Clubs Start	
Thursday 17th September	Y5 Blackland Farm Trip	
Friday 18th September	Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)	
Friday 25th September	2.00pm YR Parents Meeting	
Monday 5th October	12.30pm KS1 Conker Competition	
Thursday 1st October	Aspirations Afternoon	
Tuesday 6th October	Individual & Sibling Group Photos	1.00pm KS2 Conker Competition
Thursday 8th October	Y1 African Drumming	
Wednesday 14th October	1.30pm Governors Curriculum	
Friday 16th October	Y4 Maidstone Museum Trip	
Monday 19th October	3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair	
Wednesday 21st October	3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair	
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day	
HALF TERM **MONDAY 26TH—FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026**		
Tuesday 3rd November	1.00pm Governors Afternoon	
Thursday 5th November	6.00pm Kingslea Fireworks Night	
Friday 20th November	9.15am Governors Resources	
Tuesday 24th November	Y5 Greek Workshop	
Friday 11th December	9.30am Y2 Christmas Production	
Monday 14th December	2.15pm Y1 Christmas Production	
Tuesday 15th December	9.30am Reception Christmas Production	2.00pm Y2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 16th December	9.30am Y1 Christmas Production	2.30pm Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dress Up Day & Christmas Lunch TBC	
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term	
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY **Monday 21st December 2026–Friday 1st January 2027**		
SPRING TERM		
Monday 4th January	INSET Day	
Tuesday 5th January	First Day of Term	