

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy few weeks it has been since our last newsletter.

It was lovely to see everyone at parents' evening, looking through the children's books, talking with the class teachers, browsing the books at the book fair and watching the video about our new parent portal (see more below). Thank you to the House Captains who did an excellent job helping out during both evenings.

In the last few weeks we had around 150 parents attend the 'Online Safety Workshop' and classroom visits. The feedback we had was very, very positive and, as many of you said 'eye-opening' as to what children and young people are doing, unmonitored online.

Year 1 have been writing fire evacuation instructions following on from our whole school fire evacuation practice last week, Year 2 have been on their Geography walk around Horsham, Year 3 have been taking part in the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch, Year 4 have been visited by a Viking, Year 5 have been learning about puberty and Year 6 have been out on the roads on their bikes completing their Bikeability training (thank you to KLASS for funding this activity), and see the item below to see what Reception have been up to.

The choir have sung at the O2 (see overleaf for more details), the Y5/6 cross-country teams came second in both the girls and boys events, and the Y5 and Y6 indoor athletics teams came second in their respective events.

All in all a busy few weeks.



Reception Space Talk

We have been incredibly lucky recently to have had some expert visitors in to speak to us. On Monday one of our grandparents came in to tell us about her friend Bill Shepherd who is a real life American astronaut who has been into space! She explained to us how Bill flew in a space shuttle out to the International Space Station with two Russian cosmonauts. She showed us an amazing video of Bill and his colleagues inside the ISS and showed them doing lots of jobs in space, including experiments, exercising and trying to eat food without any gravity!

We also have a parent who is a space scientist who kindly came into school to speak to the children about space and particularly animals who have been to space. The children had a fantastic afternoon and having been speaking about the visits ever since.



What to do if there's an issue at home? Tik-tok doesn't always have the answer!

You will have seen the video that we were showing in the Main Hall on Parents' Evening, for our Parent Portal. We have put together the Parent Portal to help signpost you to information and support in areas such as the School Nurse, Mental Health, Finances and Special Needs. Scan the QR to find out more.



Core 4 Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Core 4 competition. We had over 60 entries from Reception to Year 6. We were blown away by the imagination, thought and creativity that everyone put into their entries. In assembly on Monday we showed all the entries to the rest of the school and you will have seen our Core 4 display when you came to Parents' Evening, with photos of all the entries. Well done to everyone who took part. Please scan the QR code to see the entries.



Digital Leaders

This year, we introduced the role of Digital Leaders, Year 6 students have applied, and been appointed to these positions. These students have a keen interest in Computing and play a vital role in maintaining and managing school equipment. One of their key responsibilities is assisting teachers in preparing for Computing lessons by ensuring all necessary equipment is functioning properly beforehand. Additionally, our Digital Leaders can support teachers by modelling and demonstrating specific tasks during lessons. Their reliability and commitment help lessons run smoothly, creating a more engaging and impactful Computing experience each week for everyone.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. During the day year groups will be working together using books and drama to retell and adapt stories. We have also sent the book tokens home, please do use them to get the WBD book or £1 off any other book.

WORLD
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DAY**
6 MARCH 2025

And the question that splits a school community like a Brexit Vote! Are we dressing up or not? The answer for this year is 'We're not!' We thought every other year would be a fair balance.



Horsham FC

We've been again invited to watch Horsham FC, the pride of Sussex, on Saturday 22nd March for their match against Hendon. Put the date in the diary and we will let you know when the free family tickets are in school. It's been another great season for Horsham and for those of you who have been before, you know what a family friendly club it is.



Kingslea Choir's 'Young Voices' Experience at the O2

On an unforgettable day in January, Kingslea choir travelled to the O2 Arena for the spectacular 'Young Voices' concert! It was a long day, but every moment was filled with excitement, joy and incredible music.

The coach journey to the O2 was smooth and enjoyable. As the children chatted and sang along to their favourite songs, their excitement grew. The journey felt like part of the adventure and before we knew it, we had arrived, ready to perform.

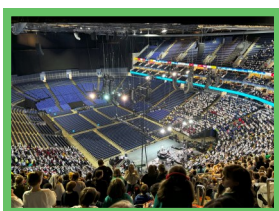
We arrived at the arena full of energy and anticipation. Walking in, we were met with around 8,000 children all ready and waiting for the rehearsals to begin. The atmosphere was electric, and the children were excited to be part of such a massive choir.

The rehearsals were long, but they helped everyone feel confident about their performance. The children practised their songs, danced along to the music, and enjoyed listening to the talented musicians and special guests who would be performing with them. Even though they were a little tired, their enthusiasm didn't fade.

Finally, the moment arrived. The lights dimmed, the audience cheered, and the show began! The feeling of hearing so many young voices coming together in perfect harmony was absolutely magical. Our supporting families clapped along and took part with enthusiasm, in the audience participation sections of the show and had the best seats in the house – front row! The children sang, danced, and enjoyed taking part in the performance. It was a truly spectacular show!

Even though it was a long day, the children behaved impeccably. We were so proud of them for showing respect, kindness, and dedication throughout the whole experience. They all supported each other and made wonderful memories of the day.

As we left the O2, tired but happy, everyone was talking about how amazing it had been. Singing in 'Young Voices' was an experience like no other and we were so pleased that the choir could be part of such a fantastic event!



Notes from the School Office

PE HOODIES SPECIFICALLY (& LOST PROPERTY IN GENERAL)

- Without doubt, the most sought after item at our secondhand uniform sale at Parents' Evenings this week was the PE hoodie. There even seems to be an underground network of parents keeping track of secondhand hoodies that have been donated!
- Rather ironically then, the most common unnamed item in our lost property is.....the PE hoodie! We currently have seven, yes seven, unnamed Kingslea PE hoodies in custody.
- We cannot emphasise enough the importance of putting your child's name in **every item** that comes to school. Please take time over half term to check all your school items, and re-name them if necessary. If it has a name in—it will come back to you.



Please welcome Mrs Sears who has joined the Office Team as our new Receptionist.

SPRING TERM

HALF TERM—MONDAY 17TH-FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

Holiday Club—Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th February

Thursday 27th February	Y3 Horsham Park Trip	10.00am Y4&5 Ultimate Frisbee Festival @ Millais
Friday 28th February	Y2 Arundel Wetlands Trip	4.00pm Y6 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 3rd March	10.00am Dance Festival Rehearsal	12.30pm Y3&4 Football Festival @ Heron Way
	7.00pm Dance Festival @ The Hawth	
Tuesday 4th March	Class 3C First Swimming Lesson @ Pavilions	
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	9.15am Governors Resources Committee
Friday 7th March	4.00pm Y5&6 Girls Cup Football @ Tanbridge	
Thursday 13th March	1.30pm Class 6C Orienteering in Horsham Park	6.00pm Drama Club Performance
Friday 14th March	4.00pm Y5 Cup Football @ Tanbridge	
Monday 17th March	Last Week of Clubs	12.30pm Y5&6 Football Festival @ Heron Way
	2.30pm YR Stay & Play	
Tuesday 18th March	2.30pm YR Stay & Play	
Wednesday 19th March	10.00am Y4 Indoor Athletics @ The Bridge	
	2.00pm Computing Masterclass @ Forest (selected children)	2.30pm YR Stay & Play
Thursday 20th March	Y3 Wakehurst Place Trip	Y5 Greenwich Museum Trip
	1.30pm Class 6W Orienteering in Horsham Park	
Friday 21st March	Y4 Cup Football @ Tanbridge	
Saturday 22nd March	Kingslea Day @ Horsham FC	
Wednesday 26th March	10.00am Y3 Indoor Athletics @ The Bridge	
Thursday 27th March	1.30pm Class 6C Orienteering in Leechpool Woods	
Friday 28th March	4.00pm Y3 Cup Football @ Tanbridge	
Thursday 3rd April	1.30pm Class 6W Orienteering in Leechpool Woods	
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Term	

EASTER HOLIDAY—MONDAY 7TH—MONDAY 21ST APRIL 2025

Holiday Club—Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th April

Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of Term	
Wednesday 23rd April	4.00pm Y5&6 Boys Netball Tournament @ The Bridge	
Thursday 24th April	12.30pm Y3&4 Girls Football Tournament @ Kingslea	
Friday 25th April	Welly Walk	4.00pm Y5&6 Basketball Tournament @ Kingslea
Tuesday 29th April	6.00pm Y6 Swanage Trip Parents Meeting	
Wednesday 30th April	1.30pm Governors Curriculum Committee	
Friday 2nd May	4.00pm Y3&4 Basketball Tournament @ Kingslea	
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 13th May	YR Bocketts Farm Trip	
Monday 19th May	Y6 Swanage Residential (Monday-Friday)	
Thursday 22nd May	9.15am Governors Resources Committee	Y3 Bronze/Iron Age Workshop

HALF TERM—MONDAY 26TH-FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025

Holiday Club—Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th May

TERM DATES 2024-25

Summer Term 2025			
First Day	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Last Day	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	INSET Days	Friday 27 th June 2025