Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Kingslea we want every child to be proud of attending our school. We want every child to have something about school that they feel proud of, inspired by and excited by. This could be something in the classroom, such as their achievement in solving science experiments or calculating challenging maths problems. It could be the joy they get from reading with a younger child in the morning. It may be being outside, exploring in our woods, training for cross-country, taking part in 'Lunchtime Karaoke' on a Friday or being a Play or Little Leader.

One of our aims is for every child to represent Kingslea by the time they leave Year 6, something that has been achieved over the last few years. We believe that representing the school helps to develop life skills including the Core 4 values, develops the children's confidence and puts them into new situations and experiences. It also helps contribute to a shared sense of self-identity and community, something that as a school we try to develop.

At Kingslea, when a child represents the school, we award colours. This may be at an event such as a sporting competition, dance festival, choir performance, drama production or academic competition. To be awarded the colours the children must show the Core 4 values of respect, perseverance, collaboration and where relevant creativity. We award the colours in assembly, with the children's names read out for them to stand, a short clap given and the physical colour handed out for the children to sew/iron on to their hoodie. There is a different colour for each year group, so you can collect four colours for the same event over a number of years. Over the last two weeks we have handed out colours for maths, tennis and basketball. The awarding of colours can be traced back to the University Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge in 1836, at Kingslea it can be traced back to 2016.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team.

Year 5 at the QM Music Studios

One of our music units involves the Year 5 children writing a rap, practicing and developing it in school and then visiting the QM Music Studios, behind the Drill Hall, to record their song. Earlier this term the two Year 5 classes visited the studio, gained an understanding of the equipment and set up used to record tracks. In their groups the children were given time in the sound-booth recording their songs which will be edited and burned onto a CD for the children to keep. Quite a unique opportunity for our children.

Year 1 DT Houses

During Design and Technology Year 1 stepped back in time to 1666 and became master builders of Tudor houses. They explored existing models, looking carefully at the different Tudor house features and evaluated what they liked and would use in their own model. The children had to work in teams to build their Tudor house and focused on technical skills in folding paper, cutting and joining materials together. The teachers were blown away by the children's impressive team work and their ability to translate their historical knowledge into amazing Tudor houses. There is now a mini Pudding Lane down the Key Stage 1 corridor.

Great UK Waterblitz

The other week, as part of their Rainforests and Rivers Learning Journey, 5C took part in the Great UK Waterblitz. This is a national, citizen science project run by Earthwatch Europe, aiming to build a picture of fresh water quality across the UK. They visited Harwood Pond and carried out testing in order to measure phosphate and nitrate levels in the water. They were pleased to discover that the water in Harwood Pond has low levels of chemicals and is therefore in good health.

Sports Week - Week beginning Monday 8th June and Sports Day — Friday 12th June

During Sports Week we will be running a variety of activities on the field each morning, starting at 8.15am.

- Monday—Dance fitness
- Tuesday—Sport Activities
- Wednesday– Yoga
- Thursday –Wellness activities

On Sports Day (Friday 12th June) all children should come to school in PE kit. Please ensure they have a hat, water bottle and sunscreen applied before they arrive at school.

The children will be out on the field for a 9.00am start. Parents, family members and friends are welcome to spectate - please remain outside the track. Feel free to bring a picnic rug or chair.
The finish time will be weather dependent, but we are usually on the field for 2-2.5 hours. Nearer the time we will send you a copy of the layout of activities and the starting point for each class.

Smartphone-Free Workshop for Children and Parents

Following on from our Smartphone-Free Community, we would like to invite you to our next parent and pupil workshop. On Tuesday 9th June at 5.00pm we will be holding a workshop for Year 4, 5 and 6 children with their parents/carers. Children will stay with their adult(s) for the workshop which will have activities and discussion points based around smartphone use, technology use and staying safe online. It will be 45 minutes for you to focus with your child on their online access, as well as your own. Please sign up on the link here to confirm your attendance. This workshop is a repeat of the one offered in January which some of you attended.

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

Notes from the School Office

Changes to Collection Arrangements

- **If there are changes to collection arrangements for your child please ensure you let the Office know no later than 2.00pm on the day (or by 3.00pm for a change to pick up from a club). We cannot guarantee that messages received after this time will be passed on.**
- **If the Office have not been informed about someone different collecting your child, we cannot release them until we have contacted a parent to confirm arrangements.**
- **Please remember it is the parent of the child being collected that we need to hear from, not the person collecting!**

SUMMER TERM	
Monday 18th May	Y6 Swanage Residential Trip (Monday to Friday)
Wednesday 20th May	9.30am Y3-6 Alternative Sports Festival @ Kingslea
Thursday 21st May	Y3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop
Friday 22nd May	9.15am Governors Resources 4.00pm Y5&6 Individual Tennis @ HTC Y4 Camping Night
HALF TERM : MONDAY 25TH—FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026 Holiday Club : Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May	
Tuesday 2nd June	3.45pm & 6.15pm New Intake Parents' Meetings
Wednesday 3rd June	Y5&6 Stoolball Competition @ Kingslea
Thursday 4th June	Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles Visit
Friday 5th June	10.00am Y5&6 Golf Competition @ Rookwood 2.00pm Grandparents' Afternoon
Tuesday 9th June	Y4 Viking Workshop 5.00pm Smartphone-Free Workshop 6.00pm Full Governing Body
Wednesday 10th June	2.00pm Trampolining Masterclass @ Forest (selected children)
Friday 12th June	9.00am Sports Day
Saturday 13th June	Kingslea Fest
Monday 15th June	2.00pm Y6 Day of Art
Tuesday 16th June	9.00am Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	12noon Y5&6 Girls Cricket @ Southwater CC
Friday 19th June	Y2 Bee Day
Wednesday 24th June	9.30am Y5&6 Rounders B Team @ Heron Way 12noon Y3&4 Cricket @ Billingshurst CC 2.00pm YR Day of Art
Thursday 25th June	Aspirations Day
Friday 26th June	**INSET Day** 9.30am Y3&4 A Team District Sports 12.45pm Y5&6 A Team District Sports @ The Bridge
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 YR-Y5 Reports Home to Parents
Sunday 5th July	Horsham Children's Parade (Y5)
Monday 6th July	Y1 Banquet
Tuesday 7th July	1.30pm Governors Curriculum Y6 Reports Home to Parents
Wednesday 8th July	Y5&6 Cricket Festival @ Kingslea 3.30pm Open Afternoon
Thursday 9th July	2.00pm Y2 Day of Art
Friday 10th July	9.30am Y3&4 B Team District Sports 12.45pm Y5&6 B Team District Sports @ Leechpool
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	
Thursday 3rd September	First Day of Autumn Term