Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for the **Welly Walk**. It really is a lovely morning, with the whole school outside, walking the school grounds and chatting with friends. We've currently raised just over £3,500.

A real focus for us at Kingslea is providing opportunities for the children's personal development. One of the ways we do that is providing roles of responsibility for the children. In each classroom, children are given jobs such as handing out the books, reading with younger children, or taking and collecting the packed-lunch crates to the dinner hall. Other whole-school roles include litter-picking, House Captains, Pupil Governors, PE monitors, Digital Leaders, Play Leaders and Little Leaders.

At the start of this term, we were delighted to host a successful training event for our **Little Leaders**, bringing together five of our experienced Year 5 Play Leaders and 12 enthusiastic new recruits from Year 2.

The session was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop leadership skills while embracing our core values of respect, creativity, perseverance and collaboration. Our Year 5 Play Leaders showed great responsibility and respect as they helped guide and support the younger pupils throughout the training. Meanwhile, our new Little Leaders impressed us all with their enthusiasm and willingness to learn, demonstrating real perseverance as they practised new skills.

Throughout the session, pupils worked collaboratively to explore how to deliver fun and engaging Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) activities. There was plenty of creativity on display, with pupils sharing ideas for games and thinking about how to encourage others to get involved.

As a result of this training, our Little Leaders are now ready to support the Play Leaders during lunchtimes. They will play an important role in setting up activities and encouraging their peers in Key Stage 1 to take part in more FMS sessions, helping to keep everyone active and engaged.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils involved. Their commitment to developing their leadership skills and supporting others reflects the positive sporting culture within our school, and we look forward to seeing the impact they will make on the playground/field.

Congratulations to our new **House Captains** who were voted in by their Year 6 peers following a presentation to the year group. Two children are chosen for each house. This term, the House Captains are Mariam and Luke for Dragons, Afiyah and Freddie for Griffins, Zac and Isabella for Phoenix, and Tom and Jasper for Unicorns. On a weekly basis, House Captains count the house points and redistribute the tokens to classrooms. The house point results are then shared with classes every Monday. The House Captains also help at events such as parents' evening, grandparents' afternoon, represent the school at Remembrance Day and support when we have visitors and events at school.

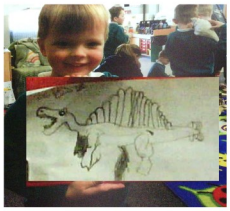
Talking of representing the school—it's that time of year again! We're after the talented musical pupils of Kingslea to perform on the **Kingslea Fest** stage on Saturday 13th June. We will be holding some informal auditions on Friday 15th May for pupils to ensure performances are ready for the event. Please fill in this form if your child wishes to audition, and speak to Mrs Payne on the gate or contact the office if you have any questions about this.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

Artist of the Half Term

Each half term, a piece of art work is selected from each year group which showcases an aspect of artistic excellence. It's always a very difficult decision! Miss Davey (Art Lead) reveals the 'Artists of the Half Term' in assembly and explains why each have been chosen with their work shown to the whole school and then displayed in the main corridor. Last half term's winner were:

RR- Elliot



Spinosaurus drawing, great shading and definition along the dinosaurs sail

Phoebe-2D

Fantastic Aboriginal artwork, using Aboriginal symbols and painting techniques such as dot art.

Govinda-4W

An Amazing drawing of national flowers. I particularly like the detail on the leaves.

Ethan-6C

Fantastic example of using like to creative perspective. Can see the skill and hard work that went into creating this.

Lillie-1HU

The great fire of London tissue paper collage, I love the buildings that have been cut out at the bottom.

Libby-3BW

Wonderful water colour painting. Great use of layering paint to create darker shades and dimension.

Erin-5C

Amazing portrait of Marco Polo. Great detailed work.

Keeping Children Safe Online

A quick reminder that we are a Smartphone-Free School—this means that no smartphones are allowed on school site, regardless of their capabilities. Instead, children can bring retro phones and/or trackers to support them to walk home alone. Any devices on site should be registered through this link. Since launching in September, we have noticed a significant decrease of phone related issues. Thank you for your support in this.

Sports Update

The Spring Term 2 has been another exciting and successful period for sport at Kingslea, with pupils demonstrating our core values of respect, creativity, perseverance, and collaboration in every event they took part in.

The half term began with a fantastic badminton competition, where our teams delivered outstanding performances to finish in 1st and 2nd place. Pupils showed excellent respect for their opponents and great collaboration on court, supporting one another throughout each match.

A series of football cup events followed, bringing plenty of excitement and competitive spirit. Our Year 6 team showed perseverance in a challenging competition, eventually finishing in 6th place. The Year 5 team worked brilliantly together, earning a well-deserved joint 3rd place alongside Southwater in their competition. Meanwhile, the Year 5&6 girls' team demonstrated creativity and determination to secure an impressive 2nd place finish. The Year 4 team also had a fantastic run, reaching the final and finishing in 2nd place after a closely-fought match.

Netball continued to be a strong area for our pupils, with the final event of the season resulting in another excellent 2nd place finish. The team displayed great collaboration and respect, as well as creative play and resilience under pressure.

Spring 2 also saw the final two indoor athletics events take place. Both the Year 3 and Year 4 teams performed fantastically, each finishing in 4th place. These events required great perseverance, with pupils pushing themselves in a variety of track and field activities.

Our most successful event of the term involved our cross-country teams. Christ's Hospital hosted the event which saw over 10 Horsham schools participate this year. Our pupils showed that hard work and dedication to training pays off, both our Year 5&6 boys' and girls' teams won this year's event after some very strong individual running performances. The Year 3&4 girls' team also ran out winners with all 6 runners finishing inside the top 20. The Year 3&4 boys' team couldn't quite complete the clean sweep but finished in a very respectable 3rd place to round off a brilliant cross-country event for all the pupil's involved.

The term concluded with an exciting Year 5&6 tag rugby competition. Once again, our pupils showed outstanding teamwork and determination, reaching the final, and finishing in 2nd place after a hard-fought match.

Overall, it has been a term full of achievement and growth. Across all sports, our pupils have consistently embodied our core values, showing respect to others, creativity in their play, perseverance in the face of challenges, and collaboration as effective team members. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to more sporting success in the Summer Term.

SUMMER TERM	
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 Y4 Sutton Hoo Online Workshop 4.00pm Y5&6 Team Tennis Competition @ HTC
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 12noon Kingslea Fest Auditions 4.00pm Team Tennis Competition @ HTC
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**	
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 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	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 District Sports 12.45pm Y5&6 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
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