Newsletter

Thursday 25th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our parents, and grandparents, who have visited us over the last few weeks. Grandparents' Afternoon had such a lovely feel to it – a chance for children to show what they do at school and for grandparents to feel very proud of their grandchildren.

Sports Day was a fabulous success. Thanks to those of you who were able to attend and watch your children take part in every event. Our Core 4 values of perseverance, creativity, respect and collaboration were definitely on show.

The next day it was Kingslea Fest. A huge thank you to KLASS for putting on such a fabulous community event and to all of you who helped and volunteered on the day. It was such a brilliantly-organised occasion with such a wide range of activities, great food and strong talent we saw on the stage and in the arena. Be it singing, playing musical instruments, cheerleading or dancing, it was lovely to see over 100 children perform on the day. This year, for the first time, all performers will be receiving 'Kingslea Fest' colours.

We have also started our 'Days of Art' for each year group—another chance to visit your children in school.

Transition Day

On Wednesday 1st July in the morning, children will be visiting their new classrooms, spending time with their new teacher and teaching assistant(s). Our new Reception children will be visiting in the morning and afternoon, and our Year 6 pupils will be spending the day at their secondary schools.

Open Afternoon

Please do come and visit us on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th July for Open Afternoon, starting at 3.30pm. You can see your child's work, speak to their class teacher and teaching assistant, and visit their new classroom. Last year, we had a number of events going on around the school; as they were so popular, we thought we would repeat the format this year. We will have our ever-popular book fair, second-hand uniform for sale, the IT suite will be open for coding, there will be P.E. events on the field, and the woods will be open for outdoor learning until 5.00pm with Mr Gear.

Please note Rocketeers will run in the Small Hall as usual during Open Afternoon, but please pick up children in the usual manner by ringing the bell by the main entrance.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

Staffing for Next Term

Now you've looked at the table below to see which class your child/ren is in, you can read the blurb! This is where I usually write about people leaving, off to live in Dubai or going on maternity leave, but this year it is one big goodbye, well to class teaching. It's goodbye to Mrs Whiteley, who after over 30 years at Kingslea, is retiring from teaching. During Mrs Whiteley's time at Kingslea (and previously Chesworth Juniors as the school was known before it merged with St.Leonard's Infants) she has taught over 1000 children, worked in numerous year groups, led our choir and drama clubs, and been the key driver in ensuring that—whatever the government focus of the parliamentary term—our focus has been on our curriculum, specifically giving the children a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum.

If you are thinking we have a new teacher in Year 6, Ms F Waters is actually Mrs F Cottrell. We will also be welcoming back Miss Nicholls, who will be teaching across the school.

One of our strengths as a school is the consistency and the stability of our teaching team. Many of our teachers trained with us, and we work hard to prioritise providing an environment where all teaching staff feel valued, trusted and recognised for the work they do. This stability then benefits our children.

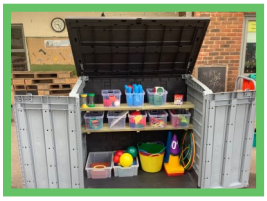
Next year, we will again have a teaching assistant in every classroom. Our teaching assistants are invaluable in allowing us to maintain our high standards meanwhile providing the wide and varied curriculum that we do.

Below are the class allocations for September 2026. As it says in our OFSTED report, we will 'continue to develop exceptionally high standards of teaching across the curriculum so that there is transformational impact on outcomes for all pupils'.

Current Class			Next Year	
Rec	*Miss J Miksaite (RM)*	*to*	*Year 1*	*Mrs J Burnett (1B)*
Rec	*Mrs A Rothwell (RR)*	*to*	*Year 1*	*Miss S Hancock/Mrs K Upton (1HU)**
Year 1	*Mrs J Burnett (1B)*	*to*	*Year 2*	*Miss J Davey (2D)*
Year 1	*Miss S Hancock/Mrs K Upton (1HU)*	*to*	*Year 2*	*Mrs N Ashman (2A)*
Year 2	*Miss J Davey (2D)*	*to*	*Year 3*	*Mrs C Smith (3S)*
Year 2	*Mrs N Ashman (2A)*	*to*	*Year 3*	*Miss Beaven (3B)*
Year 3	*Miss Beaven / Mrs Wassell (3BW)*	*to*	*Year 4*	*Mrs T Wingfield (4W)*
Year 3	*Mrs C Smith (3S)*	*to*	*Year 4*	*Ms R Baldwin (4B)*
Year 4	*Ms R Baldwin (4B)*	*to*	*Year 5*	*Mr R Hill (5H)*
Year 4	*Mrs T Wingfield (4W)*	*to*	*Year 5*	*Mrs L Conway (5C)*
Year 5	*Mr R Hill (5H)*	*to*	*Year 6*	*Ms F Waters (6W)*
Year 5	*Mrs L Conway (5C)*	*to*	*Year 6*	*Mrs K Chadburn (6C)*

*Miss Hancock M/Tu/W Mrs Upton Th/F

EYFS Update



We have been extremely fortunate to receive some exciting new purchases in the Reception garden through your generous donations to KLASS. We are thrilled that our Outdoor Water Area has had a revamp, including some wonderful new resources which we've very much enjoyed exploring. We've also introduced a brand new area of provision called Active Maths. It includes a wide selection of resources that the children can use to extend their maths knowledge through play, for example number tiles, numbered cones, numbered bean bags, skittles, giant dice, hoops and sand timers as well as whiteboards for recording the all-important scores! And finally we have also introduced a Den-Building Area which has been a huge hit with children using tarpaulins, hooks, bungee cords, clips, planks and crates to build dens of all shapes and sizes!

Kingslea Parent/Carer Portal

We invite all parents and carers to engage with our Parent/Carer Portal; this is a Padlet available on the school website.
It provides a wealth of information and support for parents/carers seeking assistance, including resources related to local support services that can assist families with parenting challenges, safeguarding concerns, and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) as well as health and well-being, the school nurse and local health services. Follow the link to take a look: KINGSLEA PARENT/CARER PORTAL

Similarly, West Sussex have their own Padlet which contains seasonal guidance and advice for parents which is updated regularly. Follow the link to take a look: Key Public Health Information: Advice and support for parent and carers

Year 4 Camping

We held our annual Year 4 sleepover just before half term, which was a great success. The aim of the sleepover is for children to stay away from home, in an environment that they know, alongside their friends. This helps prepare some of our children for the Y6 residential to Swanage.

During the evening we played games on the field, had a sing along around the campfire, made smores and drank hot chocolate. We got ready for bed, read a story all together and then went to our tents. Some children fell asleep straight away, whereas others were chatting for a while. Being May, it was an early start, with the dawn chorus and light waking some children up at 5.00am. We were out of tents around 6.00am and enjoyed the thrill of playing on the field, early in the morning before breakfast and home at 8.00am.

Notes from the School Office

'Remember to Bring Everything to School Week'

Monday 29th June—Friday 3rd July 2026

Everyday, we have literally dozens of forgotten items dropped at the School Office for children — homework, lunch boxes, water bottles, wellies, hats etc.

While obviously it is excellent exercise for the Office Team to walk the corridors to reunite forgotten items with their owners around the school, we would like to have a week when we encourage the children to remember everything first time!

So from Monday 29th June for a week, we will be logging all the forgotten items dropped at the Office each day and keep a 'league table' for each class.

We would love it if parents could please support us (I'm sure you could do without the extra journeys to school!) by reading all the ParentMail communications and reminding the children to bring all the items they need each day.

SUMMER TERM	
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	Remember to Bring Everything to School Week (Monday to Friday) 9.30am Y5&6 Stoolball @ Leechpool 2.00pm Y3 Day of Art
Tuesday 30th June	9.00am Y5&6 Rounders @ Millais 2.00pm YR Day of Art
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	
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)
Thursday 17th September	Y5 Blackland Farm Tip
Friday 18th September	Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)
Friday 25th September	2.00pm YR Parents Meeting
Monday 5th October	12.30pm KS1 Conker Competition
Tuesday 6th October	Individual & Sibling Group Photos 1.00pm KS2 Conker Competition
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
Thursday 22nd October	International Day
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day
HALF TERM **MONDAY 26TH—FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER**	