



✦ Learning together, aiming high ✦

Kington St Michael C.E. Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 2

Thursday 9th October 2025

As the season changes and the Autumn mornings arrive, it has been lovely to see cheerful faces and happy chatter at the school gates each day. The children have settled back into the rhythm of school life beautifully, showing enthusiasm for their learning and setting themselves goals and targets for the year ahead. It is a joy to celebrate our shared commitment to trying our very best.

We have been delighted to receive such wonderful feedback from our recent new parent 'show-arounds'. Our visitors have commented especially on the children's excellent manners and the warm, welcoming feel of our beautiful village school. They have also mentioned our lovely classroom spaces, surrounded by greenery and the neat handwriting in books!

It was a pleasure to welcome Reverend Marc Terry from St. Michael & All Angels Church, who joined us for tea this week and enjoyed meeting a number of staff and pupils. Our Class 'Star Jar' awards continue to be a great success, with children working hard and showing kindness and determination as they build up towards their class treats.

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to our Harvest donations for Doorway in Chippenham, your support makes such a difference. Our rehearsals are now well underway for our Harvest Assembly, and we are all looking forward to sharing some of our new songs with you, including the very catchy, Harvest Samba!

With best wishes,
Mrs. Victoria O'Brien
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday 10 th October 10am	Blackbirds Class Stay and Play
Tuesday 14 th October 9-10am	Parents' Coffee morning
Thursday 16 th October AM	School photographer – website photos
Friday 17 th October	Non-uniform day – £1 donation to Friends
Friday 17 th October	Last day for Harvest Festival donations
Monday 20 th October	Sparrows Class and Blackbirds Class Trip to Westonbirt
Wednesday 22 nd October 2pm	Harvest Festival Church Service – parents of Blackbirds, Sparrows and Eagles Classes are welcome
Wednesday 22 nd October	Last day of term 1
Monday 3 rd November	First day of term 2

September 2026 Admissions

Applications for September 2026 can be made online through Wiltshire Council's website or you can download a paper application.

The recommendation is for parents to apply online: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>

The deadline dates are:

Primary School Reception 2026 entry – 15th January 2026

Secondary School Year 7 2026 entry - 31st October 2025

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all your wonderful donations to our Harvest Festival collection!



We are so grateful for all the items we have received so far, which will be donated to the Doorway Charity in Chippenham. There is still time if you still want to donate food items – please bring them to the table outside reception before Friday 17th October.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held in St. Michael and All Angels Church on Wednesday 22nd of October at 2pm. We would like to invite the parents of Blackbirds, Sparrows and Eagles classes to join us in this celebration.



School Trips and Visits

Last Wednesday, our Blackbirds and Sparrows classes took part in an exciting welly walk through the woods. The children enjoyed exploring the woods, identifying trees, collecting conkers, stomping through the leaves and appreciating the Autumn feel.

The walk ended at the playground where the children enjoyed a ten minute playtime on the play equipment.

Thank you to all our amazing parent helpers who helped to make this trip possible.



The Nest Wraparound Care

Welcome back to The Nest!

The children are very excited to be back with their friends at The Nest for after school and breakfast clubs.

The children are especially excited for the recent purchase of a shiny new snooker table. The table was funded by the money raised from our craft stall at the summer fayre in July. Your kind generosity shone brightly this summer, and we raised an amazing £108.00!

We are excited to announce that The Nest staff are organising a **Pool and Snooker Tournament** on **Wednesday, 15th October, from 3.45pm to 5pm**. In advance of this we will be organising pool lessons most evenings to help the children hone their skills and get ready for the big event!

There will be plenty of prizes and snacks on offer, it is set to be a fantastic and competitive event, and we look forward to seeing our skilled players in action!

Please book your child's place to play on Scopay or email the School Office.

Best wishes,
Miss Hayley



Other School News

Worship and School Council

The children have been voting in class and have agreed on this year's Worship Council and School Council members. Congratulations to the following children; we know you will do a fantastic job this year.

Worship Council

Hazel S
Sophia P
Joshua K
Ben K
Robin R
Rose RJ
Phoebe R
Kayla J
Bella R
Phoenix S



School Council

Aubrey H
Henry B
Ana P
Oliver S
Phoenix RH
Joel A
Martha B
Isabelle P



ELSA Room



We have taken the time to redecorate our ELSA room to make it a relaxing, calm and safe space for children who require emotional support or a quiet space to speak to a member of staff.

We hope that you like it as much as our children do!

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a new part-time Clerk to Governors – if you are interested or know someone who may be, then please see our school website for more details.

Gentle reminders

Contact Details

If any of your contact details change, including phone number, email or home address, then please remember to let the school office know in writing by sending a brief email. This enables us to keep our records up to date should we ever need to contact you.

Medical / Allergies

It is your responsibility to let school know if your child's medical needs change. This also includes updating us if your **child's allergies or medications change**. It is imperative we have up-to-date records regarding your child's health so we can ensure they are cared for.

Term 1 Wall of Fame

A huge well done to the following children whose outstanding work has been selected by their class teacher and Mrs O'Brien for the Term 1 Wall of Fame. You are all amazing!

Blackbirds – Joseph B
Sparrows – Jasper B
Eagles – Matthew F
Kingfishers – Phoebe R
Hawks – Harvey P



Make Our School Colourful!

We'd love to brighten up our green spaces with some beautiful blooms! Do you have green fingers or just enjoy pottering in the garden? Are you a parent / grandparent who enjoys gardening and can spare some time?

We are looking to recruit volunteers to help us plant bulbs around school ready for Spring next year– tulips, daffodils, crocuses and other Spring flowers. If you can help then please email Tracey Davis at admin@ksm.wilts.sch.uk or call into the office.

If you have any bulbs you would like to donate then we would be most grateful – all donations can be dropped off at the School Office. Many thanks for your support!



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware that we have been notified of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site. We recommend using this as an opportunity to talk with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

