



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)  
Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

Friday 23rd January 2026

## Let your light shine

**“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16**

**Let your light shine** on our vision:

*As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.*

Our Christian value for this half-term is **SERVICE and HUMILITY**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value

**Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness (John 10:10)**

**The PTA are seeking active helpers** ... if you are able to help in any way, please contact Marie Lloyd on [pta@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:pta@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk) We are extremely grateful for the positive fundraising work that the PTA do to support the school. Any help of any sort would be very gratefully received.

Thank you in advance for your support.

This week has seen the restart of the After School Clubs. There are still spaces available in most clubs – please use the Arbor app to book places.



**PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME**

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### Dates for your diary

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	After School Clubs start
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Winter Concert 5.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Cluster Beats and Voices singing workshop
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evenings (Class 4 Parents' Evening also on 10 <sup>th</sup> February)
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
WB 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Day of Prayer 2pm (Y6 children) Kingsland Methodist Chapel
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	HPAF Celebration Concert 5.30pm Kingsland Church
WB 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science week

The full 2025 - 2026 term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

<https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

### Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

**What is the difference between hearing and listening?**



Governor news: we are delighted to have received multiple nominations for the vacant parent governor role. This means that a vote will need to be conducted. More information to follow shortly.



Every Friday, a child is awarded with "The Maths Rock" – this is given to a child who has worked especially hard in maths during the week. This week's winner is **Harvey** ... Well done!

**Congratulations go to the following children who have received Headteacher's Awards:**

**Bella** for super work about 'That's not my teddy'; **Pixie** for super perseverance when multiplying and dividing fractions this week – well done!

## House Tokens

**Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!**

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Roman Freddie Ivor Darcy Thomas Poppy	Renee Esme Dinky Holly William Ava Oscar Harriet Ben Ellie Emmy	Eadie Ava Rory Lilly Otilie	Elsie Iris Minnie Dotty Hector Nora

# School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 6!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
93.2%	98.3%	90.4%	97.7%	99.2%	97.3%	100%	96.8%

The school encourages all children to attend school for every session of every day the school is open to them. Thank you for your support with this.

Having excellent attendance at school is essential for children to be fulfilling their potential and flourishing with every opportunity on offer.

MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.



## Forest Church

**9.30am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Aymestrey Church and Churchyard**

### Gather Round the Fire

Come and join us for an outdoor service to connect with nature and share our concerns for the environment. Join in refreshments before a short time of prayer and worship outside.

Gather round the fire on a cold January morning and remember Jesus who came as a light to the world.

*Next service: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026*

For more information contact:

[wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk](mailto:wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk)

# Volunteer Parent Readers

Dear Parents,



**We are seeking volunteer parent readers for Class 4 children.**

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Do you have 30 minutes to spare after school drop off?

Do you have a passion for reading?

We are looking for a team of volunteers to read with the same children each week on a

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND/OR THURSDAY MORNING**

**8.45 AM – 9.15 AM**

If these timings do not suite you, any afternoon support will also be very gratefully welcomed.

- Enhanced DBS check will be required (this will be covered by school)
- Attend a short 15 min workshop on how best to support listening to readers with follow up support from staff
- Enjoy building a rapport and watching a child's reading progress

We are looking to start this project after half term; week beginning 23rd February 2026.

If you are interested in helping, please email: [admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk)

Marked for the attention of Miss Powis, Class 4.

Thank you.

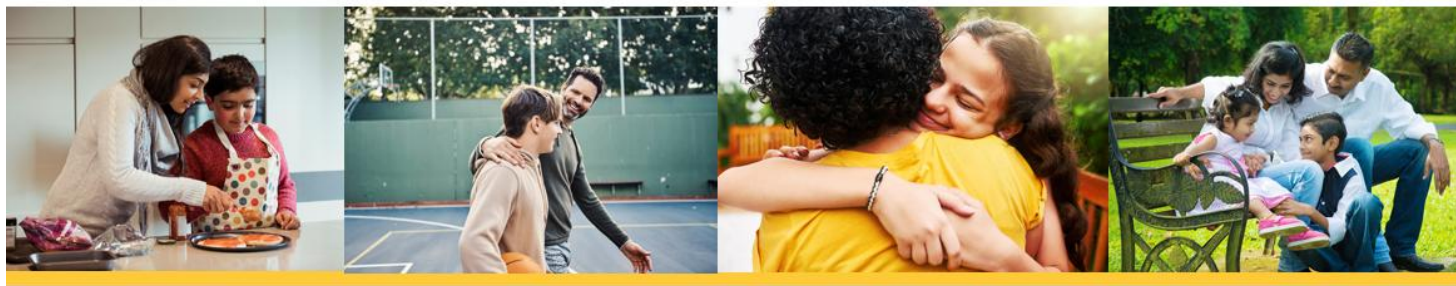


# Togetherness Workshop

Last week, we hosted a Togetherness workshop for YR – Y3 parents. This was extremely well received by the parents who attended, with EVERY attendee rating it with the maximum score on the evaluation form. We are glad you found it useful and informative.

We are delighted to have been able to arrange ANOTHER Togetherness workshop – this time for Y5 and Y6 parents, considering the onset of the teenage brain and the transition to secondary school.

Please do put the date in your diary:



## Supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of your teenager during transition to High School

*A workshop for parents and carers*

No matter your family setup, the important relationships in your child's life help shape their emotional health and wellbeing at every age. This transformative workshop offers a reflective space to think about your child's development, the changes in their brain and what behaviour to expect once they start High School.

We will explore the following topics:

- Brain development and the importance of relationships and interactions.
- What changes are taking place in a teenager's brain.
- Why teenagers are sensitive to peer pressure and rejection.
- Why teenagers are often reactive and respond emotionally.
- Why teenagers like to sleep so much (!)
- Screen time, social media and gaming.
- How you can support your teenager through these changes.

This workshop will take place in **Kingsland CE Primary School** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026, 5.30 – 7.30pm.**

### Message to Kingsland parents from Lieke Blondeel, Togetherness lead:

I wondered if some parents might be interested in being part of reviewing the new pathway that Togetherness is working on: Understanding your child in a changing world.

It features topics like social media, gaming, ai and technology, friendships, natural disasters, war, our planet and more.

Parents who are interested in reviewing this pathway as part of the pilot can use this form to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/xT4j6dx0DF>

Please note the deadline to provide feedback is Thursday 12th February.

# Class 3 Science – rocks

This week in science lessons, Class 3 have been investigating different rocks. They carried out experiments using water, sandpaper, vinegar, and a nail to test how soft or hard each rock was. They tested chalk, granite, slate and marble.



Many of Elgar's musical pieces are still played in concerts all over the world today. Some of his most well-known works include the Enigma Variations, the Pomp and Circumstance Marches, and concertos for violin and cello. He also wrote two symphonies.



Use the QR code to listen to Elgar's cello concerto with rising star Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

# Musician

## Edward Elgar



Elgar composed the 'Enigma Variations'. An enigma is a puzzle. The piece is a puzzle as he wrote a main tune, and then a series of variations on the tune. Each variation describes one of his friends, but he did not say which friends they were: he only put their initials or nickname at the top of each variation. Listen to Nimrod from his Enigma Variations:



Use the QR code to listen to Elgar's Serenade for Strings.

### Making Connections...



Have you seen this statue of Elgar outside Hereford Cathedral? Use the QR code to listen to his Introduction and Allegro which he composed in Hereford.



Edward Elgar was an English composer. He was born in 1857 and died in 1934, and lived during the late Romantic musical period. Edward Elgar's father was a musician who tuned pianos, owned a music shop and was employed as a church organist. The young Edward learned to play the organ and violin at a young age, and composed his first short piece at the age of 10. His first job was as assistant organist to his father but his main love was composition.

# of the Month

Use the QR code to listen to Pomp and Circumstance March.



Elgar was born in Broadheath in Worcestershire. This is a picture of Elgar's house in Worcester.





**UNIFORM SALE!**

Plenty of stock!  
Friday, 30 Jan, 3:15  
in the playground



**KINGSLAND SCHOOL PTA**



*PTA*



*Treat Friday!*



**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**50P**

## Spiritual Thinking



Where could you demonstrate meekness?

What humble heroes inspire you?

What would it mean to inherit the earth?

# meek

Illustrate the outline of the word 'meek' with examples of people who you admire for their meekness.



### Meekness Dodgeball

Set up a dodgeball game with two teams.

One team can only defend (not attack) modelling meekness.

The other can attack but not defend.

Swap over teams. Have a discussion about how they found practicing being meek and not being able to attack.

### Spiritual Sounds

This song by Brenton Brown describes how Jesus was humble another way of describing meekness.

Humble King



### Inheritance?

What kind of world would you want to inherit?

Make a class collage of the earth, using green and blue scraps of paper. Write on them a reflection about the world you would like to inherit.



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Kingsland Amateur  
Theatrical Society  
Presents...



**Robin Hood**

**The Panto**

by Alex Jackson

Fri 20th Feb 7pm

Sat 21st Feb 2pm and 7pm

Adult £10      U18 £5      U5 Free

Kingsland Coronation Hall

Tickets From Kingsland Shop & Markhams Garage

Script kindly presented in agreement with [www.alexjacksonpantomimes.com](http://www.alexjacksonpantomimes.com)



### Second hand skeleton costumes wanted!

The KATS panto is coming up, and we hope to have some scary skeletons wreaking havoc stage on the stage! Our costume team would be extremely grateful if any parents have any skeleton costumes (ages 7 - 12) we could borrow or buy. Please contact Hannah at [katskingsland@gmail.com](mailto:katskingsland@gmail.com) or 07931 560742 if you can help us.

### Holiday Club Update

Thank you to all those parents who completed the recent Holiday Club consultation. Analysis of the results showed a clear demand and positive reaction to a possible Holiday Club.

However, after initial exploration of establishing a Holiday Club, the school is, unfortunately, unable to offer this provision for February half term, due to staffing problems. We wanted to give you as much notice of this as possible so that alternative arrangements could be made.



The school will continue to investigate further options for a possible Holiday Club to be established for future holiday periods.



## HEREFORDSHIRE FA TRAIN LIKE A LIONESS

*Following the incredible success of our Train Like A Lioness camp, we're excited to announce the launch of our next series coming this February!*

Get ready for more high-energy sessions, expert coaching, and the chance to develop your skills like never before. Players will be grouped based on age and ability. Spaces will be limited, so sign up early to secure your place.

 Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February 2026  
 The Herefordshire FA, HR4 9NA (3G Pitch)

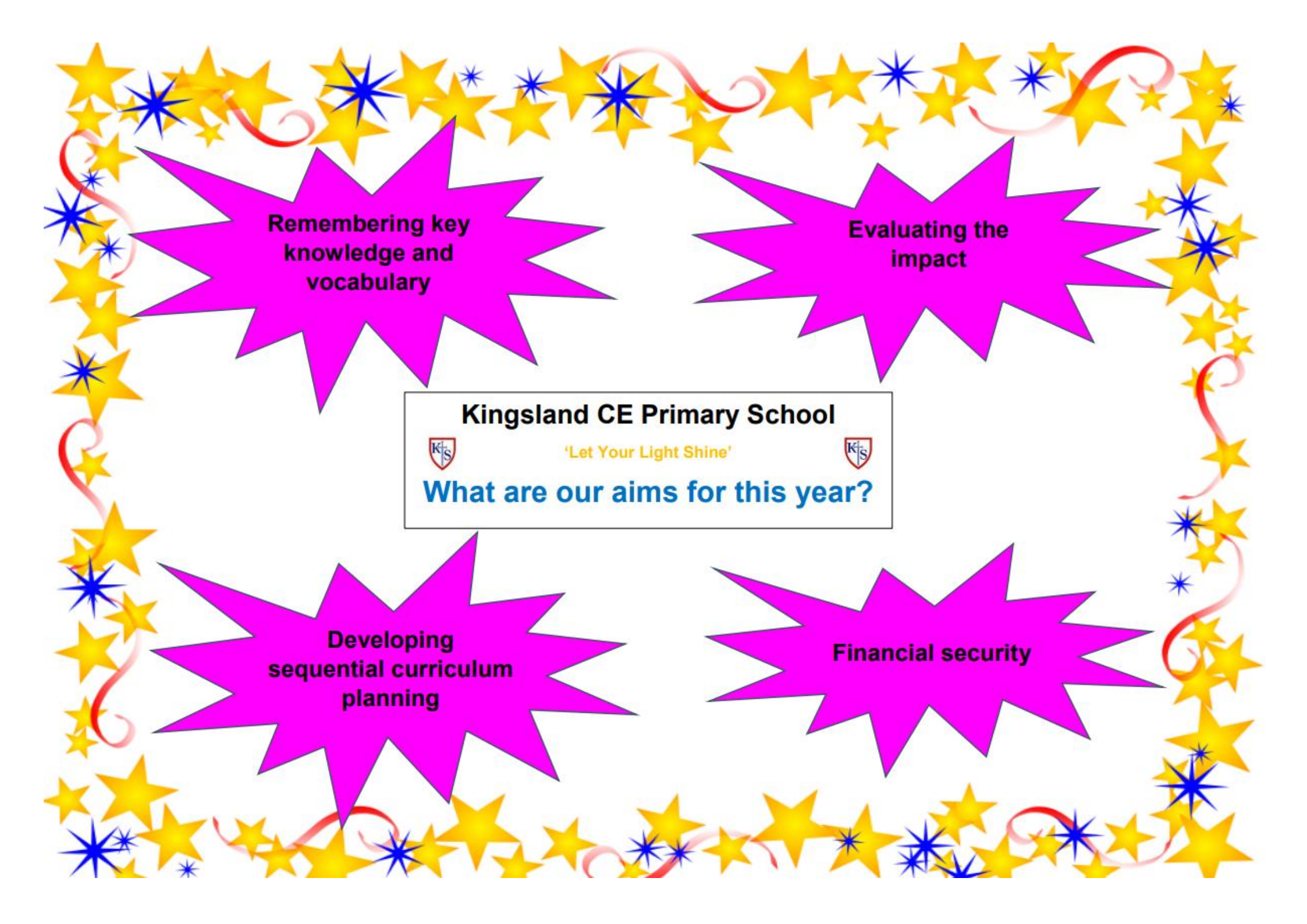
#### Sessions:

6 - 16 Year Olds | 09:00 - 15:00  
£25 per session or £40 for both days



*For further details and to confirm your attendance, please use the link in the caption.*





**Remembering key  
knowledge and  
vocabulary**

**Evaluating the  
impact**

**Kingsland CE Primary School**



**'Let Your Light Shine'**



**What are our aims for this year?**

**Developing  
sequential curriculum  
planning**

**Financial security**



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(Matthew 5:16)



This half term's Christian value is:

## SERVICE and HUMILITY



### A prayer for Service and Humility

Father God,

Help us to use our gifts to serve others. Let our lights shine before others so we can set them the example of how to serve others with compassion, courage and humility. Amen.

### Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **SERVICE** and **HUMILITY**

A reflection on **SERVICE** and **HUMILITY** by Shelley Connop, Foundation Governor, Eardisland Church

“Thank you” I said as the door was held open for me, and although this took little effort, I was grateful as my arms were full with shopping. I have taught my children to be kind and humble and remind them their actions may be small but could make someone’s burden lighter. The Bible shows us the importance of a servant’s heart, teaching us to prioritise others’ needs over our own desires. By applying this, we not only grow closer to God but also foster a community rooted in love and compassion.

Living in Eardisland which has a thriving community, I volunteer and help where and when I can, including the community shop which is run and staffed by volunteers. There is also the village hall committee who have just received over £100,000 in grants for upgrading facilities. They do not look for recognition but give freely of their time to benefit the wider community.

Humility is a grateful and spontaneous awareness that life is a gift and also a realistic view of your own abilities and true service is not about recognition. It’s about responsibility. It’s about seeing a need and responding, even when no one is watching; understanding that your talents, time and opportunities are not for personal gain, but for the good of others. To listen more than we speak, we learn more than we assume, and we will then lead by example. Let us remember the example of Jesus who humbly served others and showed true meaning of greatness through servanthood.

Some of the most impactful people in our lives are not the loudest or the most celebrated. They are the ones who show up consistently, the ones who help without being asked, the ones who lift others without expecting anything in return. Their strength is in their purpose. Think of the school’s incredible PTA who raise money for the extra things around school and the discos they hold. Think of the mums, dads, grandparents and the wider community who come in to read with you every week in school. Think of Kingsland Fire Brigade ...

In today’s world that encourages self-promotion, choosing humility is a **courageous** act and a powerful one. Do you think you can choose commitment over convenience?

Maybe a simple way of showing this would be to make a Humility / Service jar and place slips of paper in with simple humility challenges such as: “Let someone else choose the game” or “Help to clear up without being asked.”