



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 9th 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)

Welcome to the new school term! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful Christmas holiday. We look forward to the diverse events and activities this term which allow every child’s lights to shine brightly, including the Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival, the Winter Concert, Science Week, and a fantastic interfaith learning visit to Wolverhampton for our KS2 children.

We warmly welcome Mr Palmer to our school community as our fabulous Class 5 teacher.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14 th January	Togetherness Workshop for YR – Y3 parents 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th February	Winter Concert 5.30pm
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
11 th and 12 th February	Parents' Evenings (Class 4 Parents' Evening also on 10 th February)
16 th -20 th February	Half term holiday
WB 2 nd March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
Friday 6 th March	World Day of Prayer 2pm (Y6 children) Kingsland Methodist Chapel
Monday 9 th March	HPAF Celebration Concert 5.30pm Kingsland Church
WB 9 th 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 makes a good friend?



Governor news: focus on **Helen Webb, Chair of Governors**: I have been an active member of Kingsland Church for the last 20 years. During this time I have been a Sunday school teacher and actively involved in the youth of Kingsland Church helping out at many of the Children's workshops. I have had three Children who are now grown up and have always been involved in their education and development. I have been a parent governor of another school in Herefordshire. I am currently on the Parochial Church Council. Professionally I have a training and financial background. I worked for two Charities in Ludlow and Hereford.

I believe I have a number of skills to offer, from a religious and financial perspective. I would like to promote a closer relationship between the Parish Church and the school, as well as contributing to the continued educational successes of the children at the school.

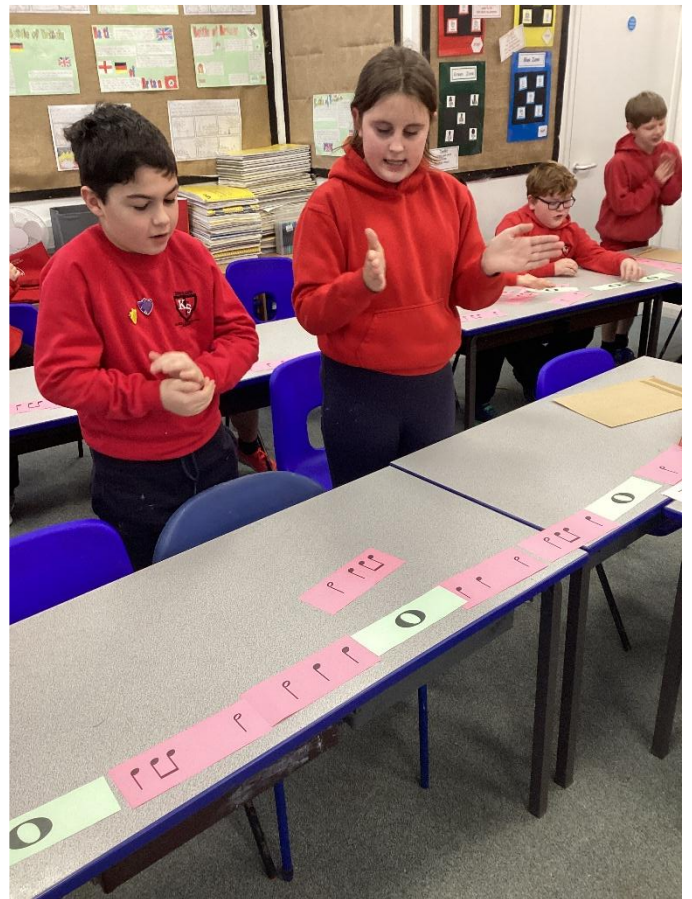
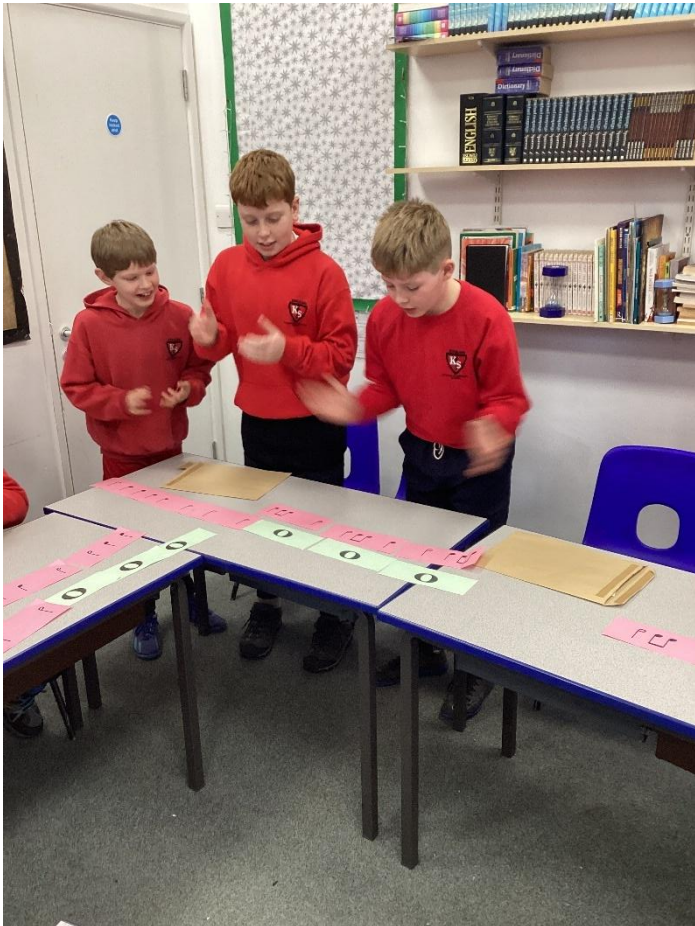
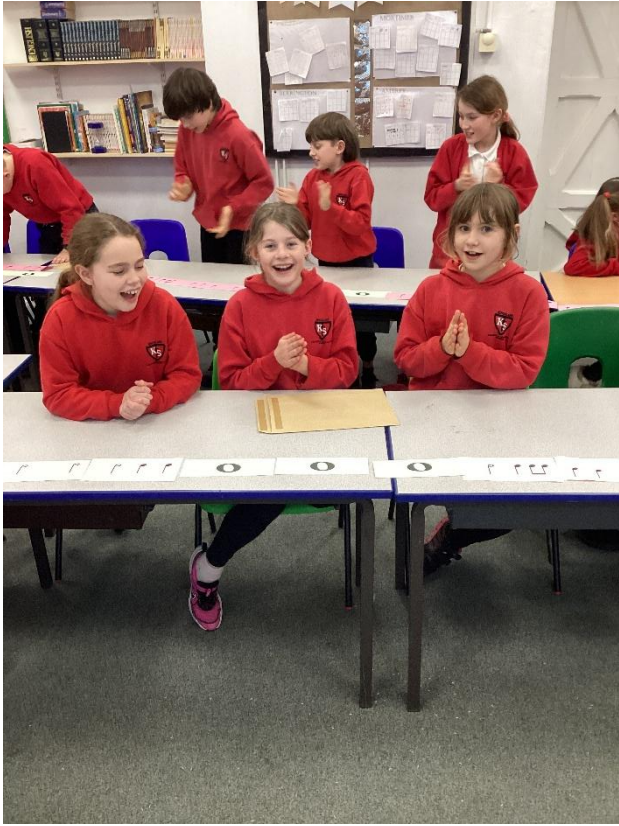
House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Henry Oliver Madeline	James Effie		Archie

Class 5 Music

Children in Class 5 are learning about musical notation, this week reading rhythm notation and patterns.



Invitation to all YR – Y3 parents about our upcoming Togetherness 'Understanding your child workshop'. Please use the link below to sign up.

TOGETHERNESS

Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

We are delighted to be able to offer a brand NEW opportunity for YR – Y3 parents, to learn about the Togetherness approach to 'understanding your child'. This was formally the Solihull approach – and now has a new name!

On **Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 5.30pm – 7.30pm**, we are thrilled to welcome Lieke Blondeel to school to host a workshop purely for YR – Y3 parents / carers. Lieke is the Togetherness Approach Lead for Herefordshire Council. The workshop will focus on '**understanding your child**' - brain development and the importance of healthy and stimulating interactions, with an aim of raising children's emotional wellbeing. There will be opportunity to ask questions and share ideas on topics which are important to you, such as 'How can I best support my child at home and in school?'. It is anticipated that these sorts of questions will be being considered by many parents / carers, and this will provide a safe space to ask questions and think through what is best for each individual family circumstances. The workshop is for parents, and is not for children to attend.

Further, the workshop is described: 'During this workshop we look at brain development. Our brain continues to form new synapses and prune away unused connections throughout life so there is always potential for change. However, critical pathways developed during the first years of life can continue to exert a strong influence and may be hard to change.'

We would encourage ALL YR – Y3 parents / carers to attend this fantastic new opportunity. Please complete this online form by Thursday 8th January to confirm your attendance:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MBdM8QmXFj>

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For the school, this workshop has been long coming ... it was arranged for November 2024, but unfortunately had to be cancelled. The staff team have undertaken extensive Togetherness training last year, in order to generate a common and shared understanding across the school community. We are really excited about the intended and expected impact of this workshop.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to school for the workshop on **Wednesday 14th January.**

21 parents are already booked onto this fantastic workshop! Please don't miss out on this opportunity.

School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 2 and 6!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
98.4%	97.3%	100%	91.2%	98.6%	94.8%	100%	97.2%

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.

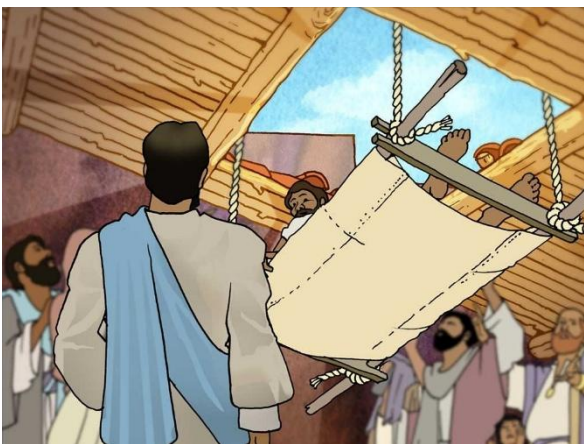
**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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

Freddie for super non-fiction writing about the Vikings – well done!

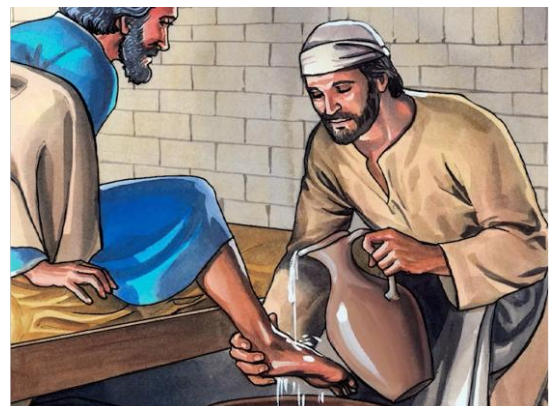


Every Friday, a child is awarded with "The Maths Rock" – this is given to a child who has worked especially hard in maths during the week. This week's winner is **Rose** ... Well done!



In Worship Time this week, we have begun to explore the Christian values of SERVICE and HUMILITY, considering how Jesus models these values in the Bible through the stories of healing the sick and of washing his disciples' feet prior to the Last Supper.

The children considered how they could show SERVICE and HUMILITY at home through, perhaps, helping out with the washing up or including a sibling in a game.



Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival



The HPAF is back! Like in previous years, we are very much hoping that we will be able to enter children into the poetry classes (Y1 - Y6).

We would love to know who would like to be involved in this year's performing arts festival which will take place 2nd - 6th March at Hereford Racecourse.

Unfortunately, due to changes to the HPAF by the festival organisers, the school choir will be unable to take part this year. However, the choir WILL be taking part in the school's HPAF Celebration Concert on Monday 9th March at 5.30pm in Kingsland Church.

Please complete this online form by Monday 12th January if your child would like to take part.

We are immensely grateful for the continuing support from the festival "team" – a group of parent helpers who coach the children in learning their poems.

If any parent is able to volunteer their time and expertise in coaching children to learn poems, any help would gladly be received. Please speak to Mr Debenham if you are able to help. We are looking for some new coaches this year!

Our volunteers are only able to work with a limited number of children each – opportunities to take part are therefore at a premium and children are required to show a full commitment towards their performance. Please note too that there is an entry fee for all children, which the school will fund. Depending on the number of volunteer coaches available, numbers of entries may need to be limited. Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the venue.

The school will be holding a HPAF Celebration Concert on Monday 9th March at 5.30pm in Kingsland Church - an opportunity for ALL those children who take part in the HPAF to perform in front on a live audience. Please save the date in your diaries.

Please click on this online form to sign your child up to take part in the HPAF:

[Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Prayer Tree

Both the school and Kingsland church have a Prayer Tree each, where children and adults can display a prayer which is important to them. This week, as we start a new year and New Years' resolutions are being considered, some children wrote prayers for the Prayer Tree.

“Dear God, This year please help me to do my maths.”

Dear God, This year please help me to help my mummy.”



PTA

Treat Friday!



FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY
50P

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.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2026-2027

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2026
(to commence September 2026)

Applications can be completed from
15 September 2025 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk



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



Spiritual Thinking

How do you become wiser?

What or who do you follow?

How do you know who to trust?

Who do you follow?

Write or draw it on the star. You could make a class collage of your stars.



3 wise people

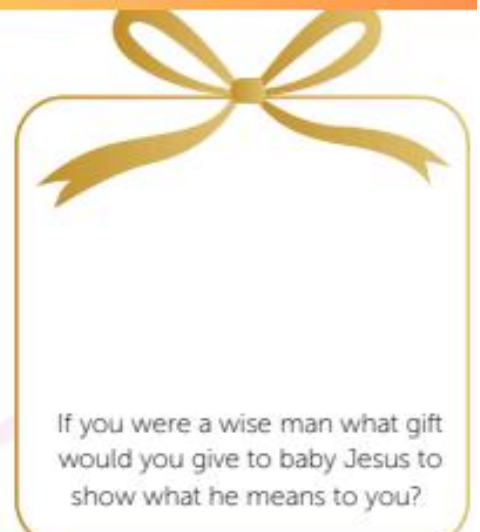
Think of 3 people you think are wise today. Make these three figures look like them. You could pray for them and ask God to give you wisdom like them.



Spiritual Sounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFvGaXWDqgw4&t=158s>

Listen and watch a folk rock version of 'We three kings (We're not lost)' by Rend Collective



If you were a wise man what gift would you give to baby Jesus to show what he means to you?

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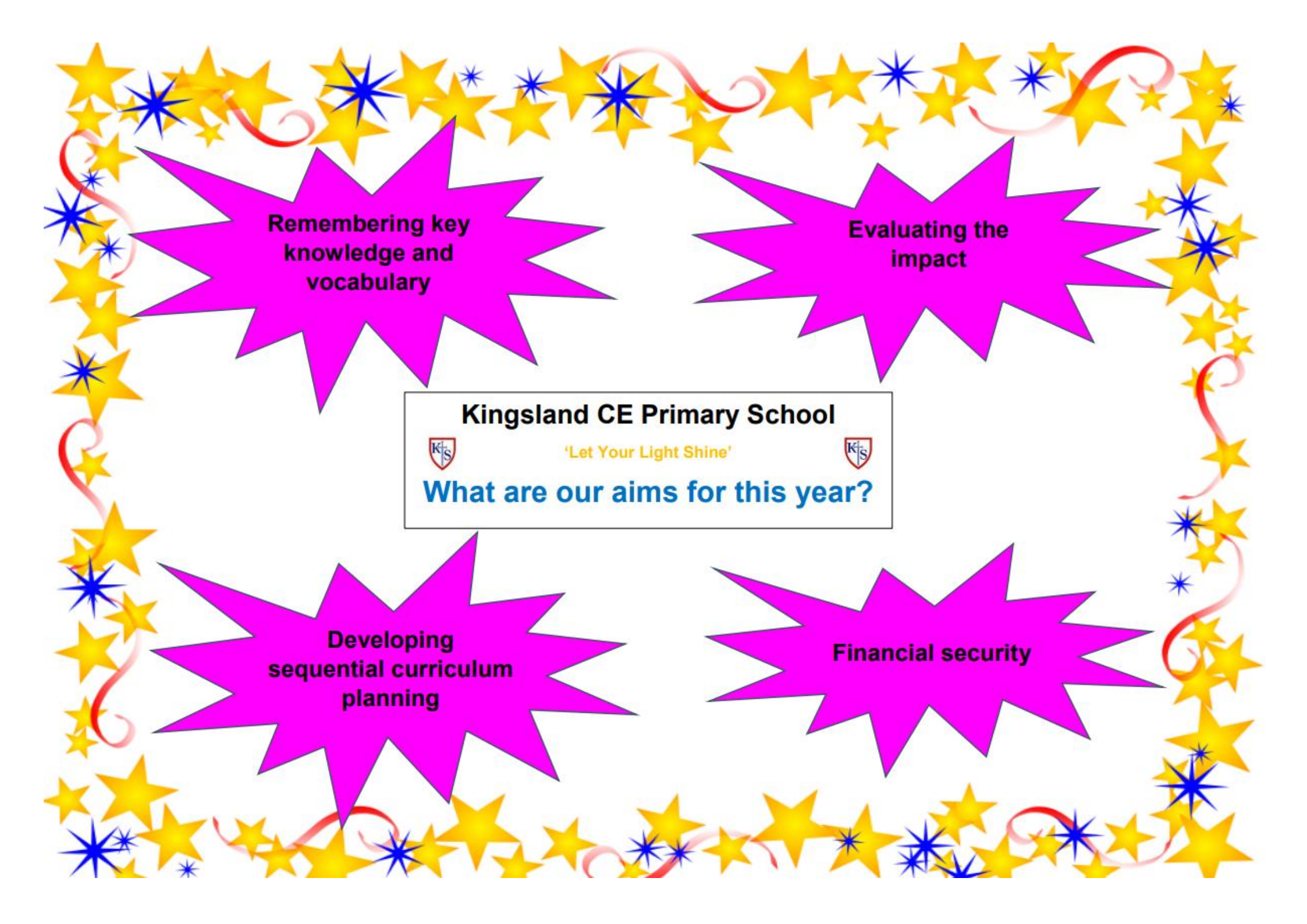
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**Remembering key
knowledge and
vocabulary**

**Evaluating the
impact**

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'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.”