



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 28th November 2025

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 **KINDNESS and HONESTY**

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)

As we hurtle towards the festive period, it has been another busy week in school. Mr Luke Palmer visited school on Wednesday in preparation for him teaching Class 5 from January; he has an incredible skill of remembering names and could recall all the children’s names in Class 5 by playtime! Also, children in Stay and Play Club have been very busy creating messages of hope and welcome on orange hearts for refugees and asylum seekers as commissioned by Leominster Food Bank, which will be displayed in the coming weeks in Leominster. Next week we look forward to the Rudolph Run on Friday in aid of St Michael’s Hospice – thank you for your kind donations via the Just Giving page. We also anticipate much fun at the PTA discos on Friday.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Friday 5 th December	PTA Discos, and Rudolph Run
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas dinner and pantomime – party clothes can be worn
Monday 15 th December	Parents' Show and Tell 2.45pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity performances at 2.15pm and 5.30pm
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Carol Service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm
Wednesday 7 th January 2026	Start of term
Wednesday 14 th January	Togetherness Workshop for YR – Y3 parents 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th February	Winter Concert 5.30pm

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:

When have you experienced moments of awe and wonder?



Governor news: this week the Learn to Love committee met to discuss areas of school life such as the Admissions Policy, RE monitoring and planning for Christmas.



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 **Lexi** ... Well done!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Harry Henry	Sophi Emily James Effie Grace Mabel	Sarva James Olivia Eadie Harrison	Aidan Leah Arlo Iris Camila Archer

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>

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

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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.**

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

Class 2 Design and Technology

Children in Class 2 have been making incredible paper windmills.



School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 3!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
99%	98%	97%	100%	95.4%	97.8%	96.2%	97.6%

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:

Finley, Rory, Roman and Holly for super writing in RWI; **Sammy, Gili, Isabella, Tabitha, Stanley, Bella and Evie** for super writing about Kipper's Party – well done!

We will be participating in **Christmas Jumper Day** on Friday **12th December** – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day in exchange for a monetary donation to Children in Need (please bring donations in on this day).



Donations of black leggings and black long sleeve tops

Class 2 are seeking any donations of black leggings and black long sleeve tops ages 5/6, 6/7 and 7/8. If you're able to make any donations of leggings or tops, please deliver them to Mrs Wilson or Mrs Jones in Class 2. Thank you in advance.

All children will be taking part in the Rudolph Run on Friday, 5th December, in support of St Michael's Hospice.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so using the following link.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/kingsland-primary-school-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you for your support.



Class 5 Design and Technology

This week, Class 5 have been designing and creating polytunnels as part of their learning about land use in Herefordshire.



PTA



Jumpers, T-shirts & Shorts £1

Girls Skorts £2

PE Hoodie £3



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PAY ONLINE.**



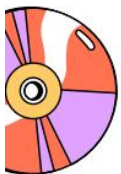
PTA Online Shop



PTA DISCO



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**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
5:15-6:15PM YR R - 3
6:30-7:30PM YR 4 - 6**

Please place £5 per child in a NAMED envelope (inc. class), in the PTA post box in reception by **WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 3.15pm.** After this date we can not except any child.

Christmas PTA FUNDRAISER



Short Shop Re-Opening!



21st November to 1st December

Order with the same codes. All designs remain exactly the same as they were before.

For split families, please photocopy the Parent Order Card so each parent receives their child's design codes.

LOST CODE

Scan the QR code and fill in the form.



Aretha Franklin was an American singer, songwriter, actress and pianist. She also spent most of her life campaigning for equal rights for women and Black people, writing songs which became important parts of social change.



Use the QR code to listen to RESPECT.

Musician

Aretha Franklin

Making Connections ...



Use this QR code to listen to Aretha sing 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee' at President Barak Obama's Inauguration in 2009.



Aretha Franklin was a U.S. singer and songwriter. She defined the golden age of soul music in the 1960s and was crowned the "Queen of Soul." Aretha's music career continued for nearly 60 years during which time she released 112 songs which hit the charts and sold more than 75 million records worldwide. Aretha also received many awards for her music, including 18 Grammy Awards.

Aretha Franklin was born on March 25, 1942, in Memphis, Tennessee. Her mother was a **gospel** singer, and her father was a nationally known minister at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Franklin sang in the church's choir and was recognized as a vocal prodigy (an unusually talented child).



Use the QR code to listen to 'I say a little prayer'.

of the Month

Use the QR code to listen to 'Think'.



In 1981, she was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and even had an asteroid in space named after her by NASA. In 1987, she became the first woman to be added to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In 2005, Aretha was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest civilian award of the United States, for helping to shape America's artistic and cultural heritage.



Class 4 French

This week, Class 4 have been creating French booklets containing their learning about animals. They have been writing sentences using nouns and adjectives to describe different animals. Their booklets have been sent to our French pen-pals in the south of France.





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OPEN MORNINGS

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026?



You would be most welcome to visit school on one of our Open Mornings:



Thursday 18th September at 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd October at 9.30am

Tuesday 25th November at 9.30am

Please contact the school office to book a place
(bookings are essential): 01568 708436

admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk



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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



UK Health
Security
Agency



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

No

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

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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

Christmas dinner and pantomime day Thursday 11th December 2025

Dear parents,

This year the Christmas dinner and pantomime day are on **Thursday 11th December 2025**.

Party clothes can be worn on this day. To join in with the festivities we would encourage you to order your child the hot Christmas dinner.

Christmas dinner is available to order online on Arbor (Any previous meal choice made for Thursday 11th December 2025 have been removed, a new choice **must** be made).

Orders need to be made by **12.00noon Thursday 4th December 2025**, if the deadline is missed then you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Roast Turkey

Bacon and Sausage Roll

Fresh carrots, broccoli, cabbage

and creamed potatoes

Stuffing and gravy

Or

Seasonal Vegetarian Parcel

Fresh carrots, broccoli, cabbage

and creamed potatoes

Festive Sponge



Hereford Symphony Orchestra
St Peter's Church
St Peter's Square, Hereford HR1 2DL
3pm Saturday 6 December 2025

HSO Family Concert

PROKOFIEV Peter & The Wolf
Narrated by Kate Bliss

film music including
The Sound of Music,
Frozen & Star Wars

Conductor Michael Bell MBE
Leader Lesley Newing

TICKETS

£12 (adults) £5 (students) under 12s Free
Available on the door and online ticket sale via website link
For more information visit www.herefordsymphonyorchestra.co.uk or
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Early Help in the Community Roadshow

Explore, connect, and share support for families in Herefordshire.



We're excited to host a series of Early Help Roadshows this autumn to continue our Herefordshire's Families First Partnership programme. Families, Community members, partner agencies, schools, voluntary and faith sectors are welcome to attend.

Dates & Venues:

Monday 17 November

2pm – 4.30pm,
Kindle Centre, Hereford

Wednesday 3 December

4.30pm – 6:30pm,
Earl Mortimer College, Leominster

Each event will feature:

- Marketplace stalls showcasing local Early Help partner agencies.
- Opportunities to learn about the wider “Family Help” offer.
- Networking with schools, statutory, voluntary, and faith partners.
- A chance to share your views and ask questions about local support.

**To book your place or a stall, email:
FamiliesFirstPartnership@herefordshire.gov.uk**



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- With professional translations in Urdu, Modern Standard Arabic and Welsh

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Book your slot* BETWEEN 10AM AND 3PM

£10 PER CHILD*

13 DEC, 2025

Book online

Follow the elves and snowballs through our exhibition as you answer questions and join in activities on your way around. Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

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ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD
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AS OUR NUMBERS GROW, SO MUST OUR TEAM!

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to join our small team of Practitioners.

Based in the Village Hall with fantastic outdoor spaces, Kingsland Pre-School is a 'pack away' setting offering term time child care for 2 - 4 year olds.

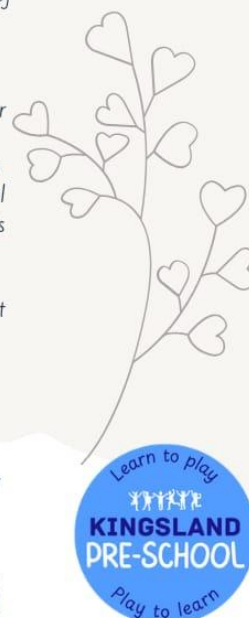
Initially inspired by Anna Ephgrave's 'In the moment planning' we take a child led approach to play and learning. A minimum qualification of Level 2 in Early Years is essential and an enhanced DBS will be required for this role.

Minimum of 14 hours per week, with the potential to increase throughout the year. Term-time only. This position is temporary until July 2026.

For an application form or to arrange a visit please contact Georgie or Donna – enquiries@kingslandpreschool.org.uk / 01568 708560

In line with our safer recruitment policy references will be requested prior to interview. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our website www.kingslandpreschool.org.uk

Closing Date 10th December 2025



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEOMINSTER

LIVE NATIVITY TRAIL

a free event for all ages



Follow the Nativity Trail

to Find Mary and Joseph!



MEET THE CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS - STEP INTO THE STORY!

Saturday 29th November - In the Secret Garden

Entry through

Leominster Information Centre

Corn Square



Visit from 4-pm. Last admission 5.30pm

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

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Christmas

LIGHT SWITCH-ON

Saturday
29th November

Craft Activities

Entertainment

Fair Rides

Food Vans

In Corn Square from 2pm

Ready for the

BIG SWITCH-ON

at 6PM!



Advent Crown

Why not make an advent wreath as a family at home. You could make one for class too. You will need 5 candles (electric nightlights are fine too) and a plate to arrange them on. Put four of the candles around the edge and one in the centre. Collect pieces of evergreen foliage to decorate it with. If using real candles you must ask an adult to help you. Each week light one of the candles as you reflect on the meaning of advent. To find out more and suitable prayers please visit: [Prayers for an Advent Wreath \(spiritualchild.co.uk\)](http://Prayers for an Advent Wreath (spiritualchild.co.uk)).

Jesse Tree

Another tradition you could explore is a Jesse Tree. This is a tree branch that has decorations added for each day of Advent. The decorations tell the big story of God leading up to the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse Tree: A Guide to the Advent Tradition | Faithward.org.



For Advent the Archbishops Youth Trust has released Advent materials to use in worship. Find them here: <https://www.nse.org.uk/ayla/advent>



FROSTY FOOTPRINTS

Go for a Winter walk outside in the frost and snow (if you have any). As you walk notice the footprints that you leave behind. People can follow your footprints to find you. Take a moment to pause and to ponder: when Jesus came to earth as a baby what did he leave behind in heaven? Why do you think he did this? Also whilst he was living on Earth what do you think he left behind so that people could follow him today?



Paper Chain of Peace

After learning about how Advent and Lent are linked, you could make a paper chain of peace.

Use strips of paper, ask everyone to write a prayer for peace on a strip. Use tape or glue to make it into a long paper chain, linking up all your prayers.

What does Advent mean to you?

What do you think would be different about the world if Jesus did come back as King?

Which part puzzles you the most?

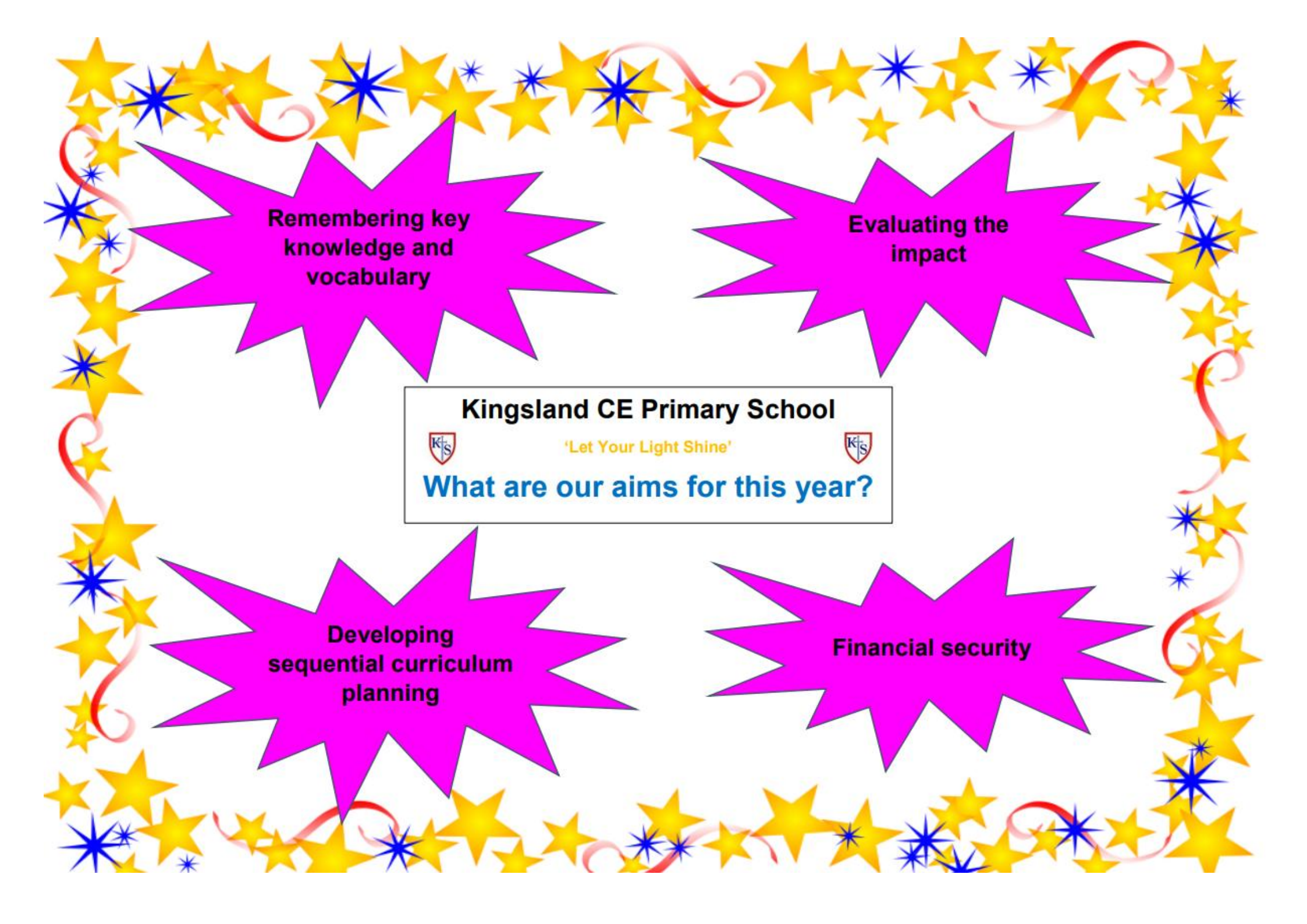
Big Questions

Which part of the Christmas story fills you with wonder?

What message would you put into everyone's Christmas crackers?

When could you make some time to pause and ponder during Advent?





**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:

KINDNESS and HONESTY

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for Kindness and Honesty

Dear God, Help me to be kind and caring to everyone I meet. Please give me the strength to be a good friend, and to make choices that are good and fair. Help me to remember that we should treat others how we would like to be treated. 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: **KINDNESS** and **HONESTY**

A reflection on Kindness and Honesty by Wendy Maddocks (School governor)

The lady looks sad. I don't know why. I don't know what she is thinking about but she looks like she might cry. I watch her for a bit. I look across at where she is sitting and she sees me looking. I smile and offer her one of my sweets. She shakes her head but she does give me a little smile back.

That story could have been from the TV advert for Cadbury's chocolate, where a child sees a lady on the bus. Or it could be you, sitting beside the swimming pool waiting for your little sister to finish her swimming lesson, or at the supermarket checkout, waiting whilst your parent packs and pays for the shopping ... a little act of kindness that brightens someone else's day.

Jesus was very good at being kind, noticing people who were sad or lonely or not liked by other people. The Bible tells us of a man who lived in a town called Jericho. He wasn't liked as he worked as a tax collector; this meant he worked for the Romans and tax collectors were often dishonest. One day, Jesus visited the town. Jesus was quite famous by then - people had heard of the amazing things that he did, and the inspirational talks that he gave, and a crowd had gathered to get a glimpse of him, to hear what he had to say, much like we would do if a famous pop star or a member of the royal family came to Leominster. The tax collector was not very tall and could not see past the crowds so he ran on ahead and climbed a tree, a sycamore tree. The Bible tells us his name was Zacchaeus. Jesus spotted him and called out to him, 'Can I come to your house, please?' Everybody else in the crowd grumbled because they didn't like Zacchaeus as he was a tax collector, but with those few kind words, we are told Zacchaeus was filled with great joy! (Luke 19)

Kind words can make all the difference to someone's day, like telling your friend that their painting is really good or you like playing football with them, or their joke was funny. It might be like the example at the beginning ... being kind to a stranger, like Jesus was to Zacchaeus. And kindness spreads ... and spreads ... and spreads. When we are kind to someone, they are more likely to be kind to the next person they meet. I think the Bible sums it up very well, in the book of Ephesians, chapter 4: 'Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.'