



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 14th 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)

Thank you for ensuring children come to school each day in black school shoes – this makes a huge difference in supporting the children to attend school in smart school uniform.

This week, our Y5/6s spent a very enjoyable, if a little soggy, few days at Manor Adventure outdoor activity centre, taking part in a range of outdoor activities such as zip wiring, rock climbing, obstacle courses and fencing. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to challenge themselves in a variety of different ways, letting their lights shine, not just through the physical activities, but through building close friendships, displaying kindness, empathy and understanding towards others, and developing independence. A huge THANK YOU to the staff members and governors who went with them.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

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| Wednesday 19 th November | G4 concert in Hereford Cathedral |
| Friday 21 st November | PTA treat and uniform sale (after school) |
| 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 |

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 does wearing a poppy mean to you?



Governor news: this week, Wendy Maddocks came into school to lead our Remembrance Day worship on Tuesday, including a poignant 2 minute silence. Through our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant bronze award, the school continues to support the armed forces and their families.



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 **Ruby** ... Well done!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

| Ambrey | Berrington | Croft | Mortimer |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Ben Mary Ivor Harry | Renee James Wilf | George Devon Bertie Ava Rory Scarlett | Leah Holly Aria Poppy Arthur |

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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Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

Free online course for all parents, carers, and grandparents.

- Reading your child's behaviour and understanding their feelings
- Effective communication techniques
- Reflecting on your relationship and how to nurture your child's emotional health
- A transformative journey that can strengthen your bond with your child at every age

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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.**

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

Early years relationships lay the foundation for our long term emotional health



Understanding early brain development helps you to nurture the important relationships that get the best out of babies and young children.

togetherness.co.uk

- Online learning, follow in your own time
- Easy reads and video resources
- Tailored learning to understand babies and childhood development



For early years practitioners and parents, carers and grandparents
Sign up for your free account and start your learning journey

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School Attendance

| This week's attendance – well done Year 1! | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| YR | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | School total |
| 95.6% | 100% | 98% | 97.9% | 99.6% | 96.3% | 95.7% | 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:

Robyn, Cora and James for great questioning and listening during history lessons for a great effort in learning his spellings; **Iris, Ed, Renee and Ffion** for excellent presentation and showing the features of a poster; **Darcy** for working really hard to develop her understanding of finger spaces when writing; **Lilly** for super effort with her reading; **Dinky** for a super effort with her number formation; **Freddie and Eadie** for a super autumn poem using capital letters and full stops perfectly – well done!



Holiday Club Consultation

We are considering the possibility of setting up a Holiday Club – wrap-around childcare provision during part of the school holidays. We are seeking parents' views of this possibility through this online consultation. Costs to access the Holiday Club would be on a daily rate, to be confirmed.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this consultation - your views are greatly valued. Please note, this is a consultation - the school will carefully analyse the results, and will then review whether to set up a Holiday Club, dependent on demand.

Please click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/MW8iCTEy1s>

Thank you to everyone who has replied already.

Thank you for all the kind donations towards the PTA Bingo event. Please do join the Bingo event on Wednesday 19th November in Leominster Sports and Social Club.

Encore Enterprises (Herefordshire Music Service) have started hiring out digital pianos/keyboards. The cost is £10.50 a month. Please contact Encore Enterprises on 01432 853219 if you are interested.

Optional Art Competition – Ellie Chowns MP ... for children in YR – Y3

Ellie would like to invite you to take part in a competition called 'Christmas in Herefordshire'. She is looking for what Christmas means to you and if there is anything special that you look forward to at Christmas...? Ellie likes colourful pictures and, while not everyone can win, she is really looking forward to seeing your creativity.



How to get involved:

- What
 - Any medium, theme is Christmas in Herefordshire, any interpretation welcomed.
- Who
 - Students should be in Reception or years 1,2,3.
- Submissions
 - Send artwork by 24th November to 9 The Buttercross, Leominster, HR6 8BN.
 - Please write the student's name, school year and school on the reverse of any artwork, or on a sticker if it is a 3D item.
- Judging
 - Entries will be judged during Parliament Week by Ellie and her team.
 - [Parliament Week](#) is an annual event that aims to spread awareness about Parliament, its function, and how the public can engage with it.
- Winners
 - Announced on 28th November.
- Prizes
 - Students' work will be displayed in the window of the constituency office.
 - Lovely prizes (eg colourful, useful stationery items or books) will be sent to the winner and runner up in each school year group.

Manor Adventure 2025

Y5 and Y6 children enjoyed a fabulous 3 days at Manor Adventure this week, taking part in a range of outdoor activities. More photos to follow in next week's newsletter.









HEREFORD
CATHEDRAL

THE HEREFORD NATIVITY

Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 November | 7.30 pm

Tickets: Adult £10, Children £6

www.herefordcathedral.org/event/hereford-nativity-2025

This production has been kindly sponsored by The Friends of Hereford Cathedral

PHOTOGRAPHY: CAROLINE POTTER



Christmas BINGO

at

Leominster Sports & Social Club

Doors open 6.30pm

Eyes down 7.45pm

19th November

in Aid of



KINGSLAND CHURCH of ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Let your light shine



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DRINK & SNACK INCULDED

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 recption by
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 3.15pm.

After this date we can not except any child.



Christmas
**BINGO
RAFFLE
TICKETS**
For Sale
on the play ground
17th, 18th & 19th 3.15pm



WIN WIN WIN

2nd Prize
£80 voucher

3rd Prize
Luxury alcohol

**£200
CASH**

£2 PER TICKET



**PRE-LOVED
UNIFORM
SALE**

Friday 21st November
3.15pm on the Playground



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 Barack 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.





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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



School of
SANCTUARY AWARD
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary



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 |

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>.

Hereford Symphony Orchestra

St Peter's Church

St Peter's Square, Hereford HR1 2DL

3pm Saturday 6 December 2025

HSO

Family Concert

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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
phone **07971 963565** / email herefordsymphonyorchestra@gmail.com

making
music

registered charity number 1033549

Journey to the West Pole

Where families find the magic of Christmas together.



Sunday, 7th December | 3PM – 7 PM
📍 Westfield School

Step into a magical Christmas adventure – meet Santa, make reindeer food, enjoy hot chocolate, and play in the snow!

Tickets available at: Leominster
Tourist Information
#JourneyToTheWestPole



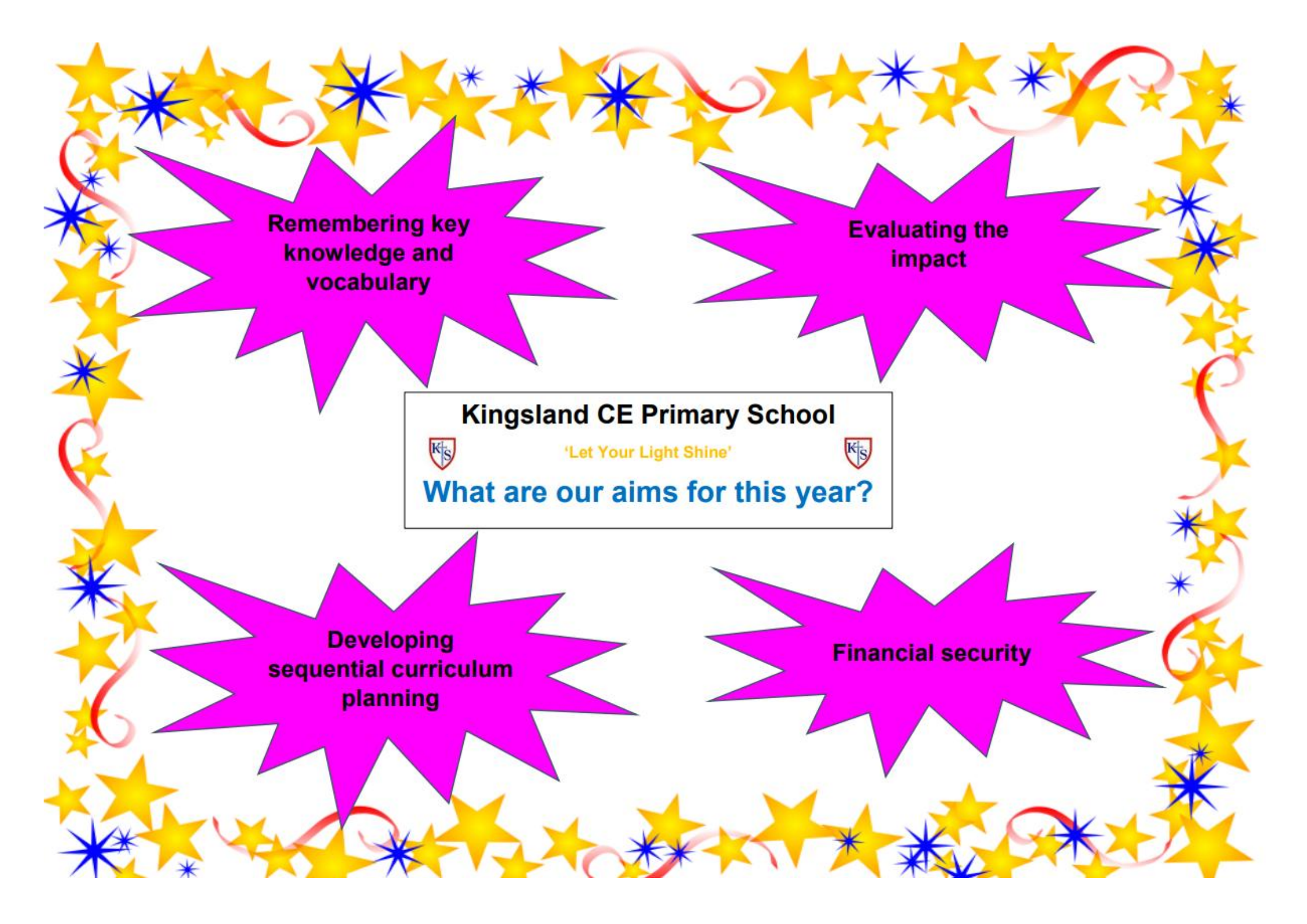
THE LITTLE
Children's Market

BABY & CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW SALE

FOR AGES 0 -11

LEOMINSTER (HR6 8EA)
(Bridge Street Sports Hall)
Saturday 29th November 2025
11:00am - 1pm

BOOK YOUR STALL TODAY
WWW.THELITTLECHILDRENSMARKET.COM



**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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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.'