



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School



The Kingsland Times

Friday 7th 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)

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing half term break. It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school. We enjoyed a fabulous KS1 Storytelling evening on Tuesday, and were lucky to have welcomed Sarah Spinks, local author, to school to read her new publication ‘Little Cat Lost’.

TRAINERS – it is noticeable that a number of children have been wearing trainers to school this week instead of school shoes. Children should wear black school shoes please – plain black boots are acceptable in the winter months. We are also aware of a limited number of children who require specialist shoes for medical reasons – this is, of course, absolutely fine. Thank you for your support with this matter.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Monday 10 th November	G4 concert rehearsal at Withington Village Hall
Tuesday 11 th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for PTA bingo donations
12 th – 14 th November	Y5/6 residential at Manor Adventure
Friday 5 th December	PTA Discos
Wednesday 19 th November	G4 concert in Hereford Cathedral
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas dinner and pantomime – party clothes can be worn
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

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 small act of kindness could you do today?



Governor news: this week, Wendy Maddocks came into school to monitor the teaching and learning of Religious Education (RE), interviewing a selection of pupils and looking through children's books. She will report back her findings to the full governing body.

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Ruby	William	Olivia	Arthur
Sophie	Finley	Eadie	Arlo
Darcy	Charlie	Hattie	Nellie
Lucy	Esme	James	Iris
Scarlett	Harriet	Sarva	Hector
Henry			Archie
Henry			



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 **Imogen** ... Well done!

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
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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.**

KS1 Storytelling Evening



THANK YOU to
Mrs Wilson and
the staff team for
organising such a
fantastic event.



School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 2 and Year 3!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
91.4%	96.0%	99.5%	99.5%	99.2%	99.3%	99.0%	97.7%

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:

Ivor for a great effort in learning his spellings; **Mary** for a great effort with reading regularly and always being ready to learn; **Imogen** for having great self-motivation, using initiative to enhance her learning – well done!



Kingsland CE Primary School would like to support Children in Need ...

... on Friday 14th November 2025.

We invite children to come to school in usual uniform or PE kit (as required) but they may add **spots** to their uniform and bring in a **donation** on the day.

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.



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

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PTA DISCO



DRINK & SNACK INCLUDED

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.

WIN WIN WIN

£200 CASH

£2 PER TICKET

PTA Wreath Workshop

**THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
KINGSLAND SCHOOL HALL, 6.30PM**



**£25 ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED, MINCE PIE,
TEA/COFFEE.**

FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME

Please bring your own secateurs.

To secure your place(s), please pay in full and place your money in a named envelope in the PTA postbox at reception. **DEADLINE 4TH NOVEMBER.**

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

The letters 'PTA' are written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Above the letters is a string of colorful Christmas lights in red, green, and white.

The PTA have again been invited to host a Bingo night at Leominster & Sports Social Club on Wednesday 19th November. This is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, with **£2508.80** raised last year. This money has contributed to transport costs, Christmas pantomime and lots more activities.

To make this a success we rely on your generosity and are asking children to bring in items on **TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER** to make up hampers.

In exchange for a **NON-UNIFORM DAY!**

To ensure a variety we suggest:

Class 1 – Toiletries

Class 2 – Chocolates

Class 3 – Christmas items (e.g. minces pies, Christmas cake, cards, crackers, decorations etc)

Class 4 – Luxury biscuits (e.g. sweet or savoury)

Class 5 – Bottles (e.g. wine or spirits)

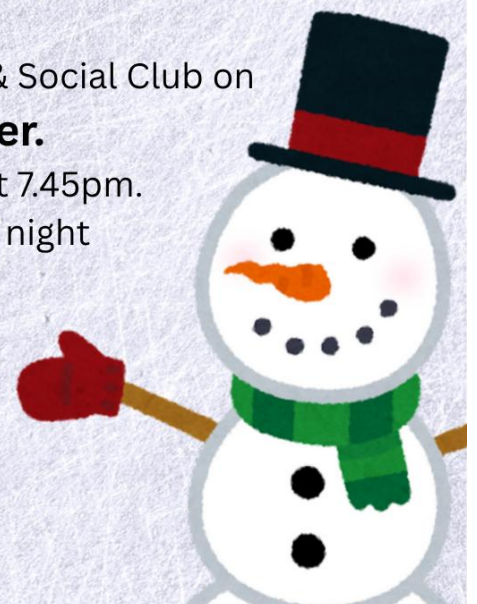
We would also welcome any raffle prizes, if you have a generous employer or know a contact in a local business who would be willing to donate a voucher or gift.

The bingo will be held at Leominster Sports & Social Club on
Wednesday 19th November.

Doors open 6.30pm with eyes down at 7.45pm.

We would love your support on the night
and hope to see you there.

Many Thanks
Marie Lloyd & the PTA



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



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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



Courses for Parents

Triple P and Solihull Positive Parenting Programs

Teen Triple P

For parents of 11-16 years, helping you to support your teenager effectively.

Dates: 20th January – 25th February – Tuesday

Times: 10:00 – 12:00

Place: Virtual (online)

Standard Triple P

For parents of 2-11 years, helping you support your child effectively.

Dates: 20th January – 24th February – Tuesday

Times: 10:00 – 12:00

Place: Virtual (online)

Stepping Stones Triple P

For parents of 2-11 years with SEND, focusing on effective parenting skills and problem solving.

Dates: 20th January – 24th February – 10:00- 12:00

OR 17th March – 14th April Tuesday - 18:00 – 20:00

Place: Virtual (online)

Fear-Less Triple P

For parents of 6-14 years with anxiety, focusing on effective strategies to support them to manage their anxiety.

Dates: 21st January – 4th February

Times: 18:00 – 20:00

Place: Virtual (online)

Solihull Parenting Group

For parents of 0+, focusing on developing nurturing relationships with your children and improving your parents-child relationship.

Dates: 13th January – 17th February

Once a week for 6 weeks

Times: 09:30 – 11:30

Place: Riverside Primary School, Hereford

parentinggroups@herefordshire.gov.uk



Children's Help and Advice Team - 01432 260 261



Self-referrals only

Groups may be cancelled if participant numbers are low.





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>.



£3
PER SESSION



Make Friends



#LET
GIRLS
PLAY



So, what is Wildcats? Well, it's non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends.

We have two available sessions each week.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 17:00-18:00

SUNDAY

&

Sunday 10:00-11:00

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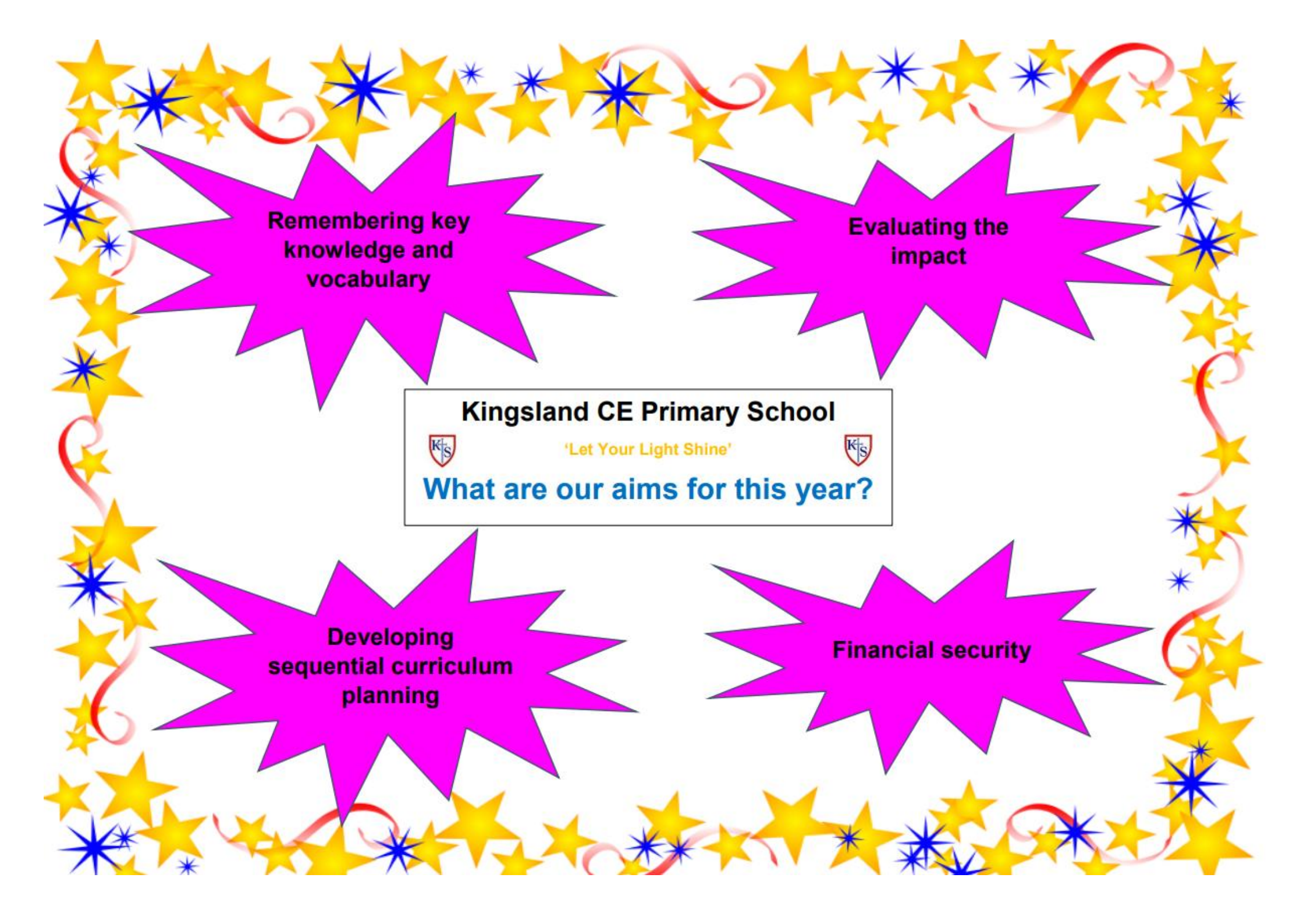
Learning in Class 2 this week

On Tuesday Class 2 visited Kingsland Fire Station to complete our learning about The Great Fire of London. Three firefighters showed us around the fire station and fire engine. We learnt how they can rescue people and animals and how they keep us all safe. We saw their protective uniform and helmets too.



Later on, we set up the houses that we had made at home to make London. Then we set fire to the house in Pudding Lane where the fire began. We watched as the fire started to burn the houses. The wind made the fire spread just like it did in London in 1666.





**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:

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.'