



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 2nd May 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.

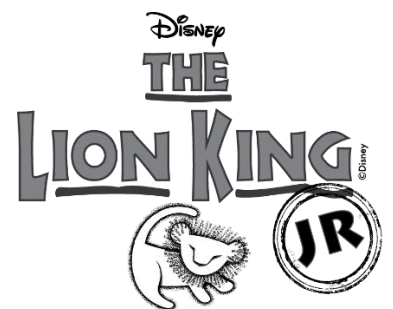
Our Christian value for this half-term is **FORGIVENESS**

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 had a relaxing Easter holiday – welcome to the summer term! Over the coming weeks, the school builds to a crescendo of activity ... including national assessments, numerous sporting fixtures, an Interfaith Day, a concert in Hereford Cathedral, an array of activities for our Y6 leavers, welcome events for our new YR children starting in September, as well as a Y5/6 production. This year, we shall be performing The Lion King, on 9th and 10th July in the Coronation Hall – more details to follow.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday Monday!



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day celebrations – see details below
WB 12 th May	KS2 national assessment week
WB 26 th May	Half term
Monday 2 nd June	Staff INSET day – school closed
WB 2 nd / 9 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
WB 9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening check
Thursday 19 th June	Sports' Day – KS2 at 9.15am; KS1 at 1.15pm
Thursday 3 rd July	Y6 transition day to high schools
9 th and 10 th July	Y5/6 production performances
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers' celebration evening 5.30pm
Friday 18 th July	Last day of term

The full 2024 - 2025 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:

Is God fair?

BIG QUESTIONS



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

A huge THANK YOU to Mr Juson and the PTA for our fabulous new playground benches.



Governor news: Have you seen the governor page on the school website? You can find it by clicking on this link: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/meet-the-governors/>

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!


Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Ffion Sophie Ruby Cora Henry	Helen Ebby Renee Grace Oliver Charlie James Oscar Hugh	Pixie Hattie Hadley James	Arthur Bobby Leah Elsie Arlo Iris Hector

Dear Families,


We are excited to invite all children to take part in our VE Day Celebrations on Thursday 8th May 2025!

Dress in Red, White or Blue

Children are encouraged to wear clothing in the colours of the Union Jack to show their patriotic spirit.

 *Special Assembly*

We'll be holding a special assembly where children will learn about the significance of VE Day and why it is still remembered today.

 *Class Party*

Each class will enjoy a party with WWII-themed music and cake to celebrate! A big thank you to the PTA for providing this.

School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Class 2!

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
96.67%	99.68%	97.42%	98.48%	97.81%	98.08%

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.**



Dear families,

We have signed up for the **Rags2Riches4Schools** recycling scheme to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good-quality unwanted clothes and shoes. The money we raise from every kilo of clothes we collect will go towards resources for the children. We would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home.

Please take careful note of the items that **can** and **cannot** be sent in.

You can add to the bag:

- Good-quality clothes and accessories.
- Adults', children's, and babies' clothing, such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes, and other footwear.

Please do not add the following:

- Worn-out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in them.
- Curtains, pillows, duvets, bric-a-brac, or books.
- Personalised items.
- Work uniforms, school uniforms, or school sports kits.

What happens to the clothes?

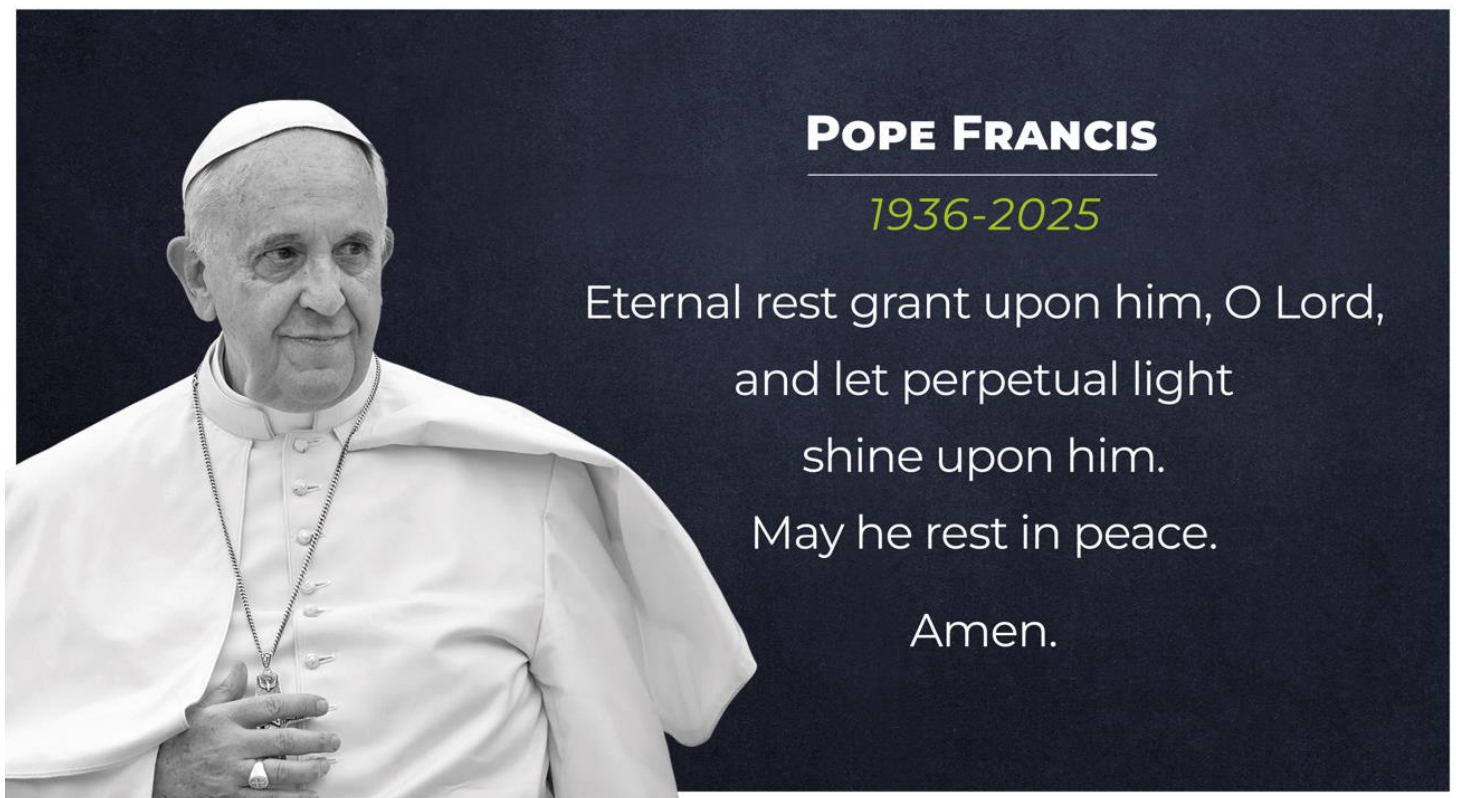
The clothing becomes affordable apparel for people around the world. Right now, donations are being sent to Ukraine. The clothes need to be **clean, dry, and in good condition—something you would wear yourself**. They **should not** be worn out or outdated.

A full bag would be approximately the size of a Morrisons reusable bag. House points will be awarded for every full bag brought into school, as well as House Tokens for the Houses collecting the most bags (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place).

Bags should be brought into school on 15th May please.

Pope Francis

In Worship Time this week, we learnt about the life of Pope Francis and the inspirational person he was to millions of Catholic people around the world.



Kate Rusby has just released a song called 'Let your light shine' ... very appropriate for making connections with our school vision!



Use the QR code to listen to 'Let your light shine' which Kate wrote for her two daughters.

Musician

Making Connections ...



Kate Rusby is married to Damien O Kane who plays guitars and other 'strumming instruments' in her band.

Kate Rusby



Kate Rusby is an English singer-songwriter who comes from Barnsley, Yorkshire. She is 51 years old. After learning to play the guitar, the fiddle and the piano, as well as to sing, she joined the all-female Celtic folk band the Poozies. In 1997, Kate Rusby recorded and released her first solo album, Hourglass.

As early as 1999, aged just 26, Kate was named as one of the Top Ten Folk Voices of the Century. She is also a 1999 Mercury Prize Winner - almost unheard of for a folk singer. She has always stayed true to her folk and acoustic roots.



Use the QR code to listen to 'Underneath the Stars'.

of the Month



Kate has made a number of Christmas albums - Sweet Bells is one of her most popular Christmas albums. Coming from South Yorkshire, she often likes to include brass band instruments in her songs.



Messages from Kingsland Church:



Sunday 4th May 9.30am, Kingsland Church

Messy Gifts

Come and join us as we hear Jesus' story of the gifts and talents that we have been given. What do we do with them? There will be Messy activities outdoors before we worship together, with songs, the message from the bible story and prayers. We will then share breakfast of sausages, cocoa pops and more!

All children with any members of their families welcome! We meet for about an hour. Please let us know if you have any food intolerances, allergies or dietary requirements so that we can cater accordingly. This helps us keep food wastage to a minimum as well.

For more information: wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk



Our Digital
Ancestors

Kingsland Churchyard Open Afternoon

Sunday 11th May 2025 from 12pm - 4pm

Join the team Our Digital Ancestors team from Caring for God's Acre to explore the history and heritage of Kingsland's churchyard and learn more about the memorials of those buried here. All activities are free and there is no need to book—just drop in!

- A self-guided churchyard tour. Discover a builder of bridges, Queen Anne's seamstress and the Bloodhound of Herefordshire!
- A self-guided children's trail—find signs and symbols in the churchyard!
- 'Then and Now' stations, where you can see old photographs from the spot where they were taken and compare it with the current view!
- Memorial photography workshop (12pm-1pm)
- Memorial transcription workshop (2pm-3pm)



Taylor Swift Tribute



Tickets
include a
meet and
greet

Refreshments
available

So Taylor and Disco

Sunday 4th May

2pm – 4pm

Tickets £10 per child, £5 per adult

@ Leominster Sports and Social Club

**Tickets available from Hintons Leominster
or contact Kath Tisdale on Facebook**

All proceeds going to Westfield School PTFA



UK Health
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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



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Advice and guidance

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



**Remembering key
knowledge and
vocabulary**

**Maintaining excellent
learning behaviours**

Kingsland CE Primary School



'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

**Developing
sequential curriculum
planning**

**Improving school
attendance**



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This half term's Christian value is:

FORGIVENESS

Educating for Community and
Living Well Together



A prayer for FORGIVENESS

The things I ought not to have done, dear Lord,
I bring to the river of your forgiveness. I throw
them into the torrent of your love and wait for
them to be carried far from sight. 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: **FORGIVENESS**

A reflection on FORGIVENESS by Helen Webb, Chair of Governors

Forgiveness is one of the easiest and hardest of our Christian values. 'Sorry' can be easy to say but often we do not really mean it. Sometimes we cannot say it when we should because deep down inside, we are not sorry. By saying we are sorry we hope that we will be forgiven for something we have done wrong.

Someone bumps into you in the playground, 'sorry' they say and then run off. The next day the same person collides with you again and this time knocks you over, 'sorry' they say and run off again. Are they sorry? How many times should you forgive them? Can we forgive someone for hurting us when they are not really sorry?

We should all say sorry for things we have done wrong, or if we have hurt or upset someone. We all like to be forgiven.

I like cooking chocolate cakes. My children loved them. One day I baked a delicious chocolate cake but when I came to decorate it, all the flakes and the chocolate buttons in my pantry had disappeared. 'Why haven't you decorated the cake?' my family asked at teatime. I explained that the decorations had vanished. Silence from around the table; everyone looked guilty. Later, as I was washing up, my oldest daughter, Rachel, came into the kitchen; she was very sorry she had eaten the sweets with her friends when they had come around to play. 'That's OK, but next time ask first' I said and forgave her.

Easter usually means a lot of chocolate eggs! I had an 'Easter egg' cupboard where they were kept and eaten on the days following Easter. After the chocolate decorations' incident, Rachel's final Easter egg disappeared. She had saved it until last as it was an extra special one. Everyone else had finished theirs. She insisted someone had eaten her egg and was very cross. Eventually, after a heated family conference, her little sister, Ruth, admitted eating it and said sorry. Rachel was furious and refused to talk to her for a whole week. She would not forgive her little sister even though I had forgiven her for eating the decorations.

Sometimes it can be very hard to forgive, even someone you love. Ruth could not give the chocolate back to her sister because she had eaten it. Just saying sorry does not always make it right, but we still like to be forgiven.

There is a story in your Lion Storyteller Bible on pages 108 and 109 about forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how many times you can forgive someone. Jesus tells a story about someone who is forgiven but cannot forgive when someone hurts them. When Jesus was dying on the cross, he cried out to God for forgiveness, not for himself, but for all of us, not just for those who had crucified him, but for all of us to be forgiven for our sins: 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing' (Luke Chapter 23, verse 34).

I have said 'sorry' to God many, many times. I hope he is not counting how many times I have asked for forgiveness!

How do you feel inside when you forgive someone who has hurt you?