



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)  
Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 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.*

### Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

**Let your light shine** - The season of Epiphany invites us to revisit three key moments in Jesus’ life when his glory is revealed: the visit of the Magi, the first miracle at Cana and the moment Jesus is proclaimed as God’s beloved Son at his baptism. Whenever a baptism takes place today, the newly baptised are given a candle at the end of the service and invited to “Shine as a light in the world”.

As people of God, we are being sent out into the world to love, to witness, and to shine, as Jesus invites his first hearers to do in today’s reading. We are called to be calm and bright all year round.

In baptism we are called to love and trust in God, to love our neighbour as ourselves, and seek peace and justice – this is how we can shine as God’s light. We shine brightly as we become a blessing to others and make a difference in the world around us. We help other people to see what God is like, simply by being the people God creates us to be.

**PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME**

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### Dates for your diary

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Show and Tell 2.45pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 at Young Voices
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>POSTPONED - Solihull Understanding your child workshop</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Winter Concert 5.30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evenings
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	KS1 Storytelling evening 5.00pm – 6.00pm
WB 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Ventures residential (some Y4/5 children)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	HPAF Celebration Concert 5.30pm in Kingsland Church
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Term ends
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of summer 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:

**How can you be an advocate of positive change?**

# BIG QUESTIONS



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 **Nora** ... Well done!



We invite parents to our Parents' Show and Tell on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm ... a special opportunity to sit with your child and look through their books together.



Governor news: Focus on - **Edward Wallington – Parent Governor**

I joined the Governors in July 2019 as a Parent Governor. As a parent of a young student, I am keen to help our school make a lasting, positive impact on our young people’s lives – academically, practically and culturally - whilst passing on outstanding skills and memorable experiences. I have trained and worked in Montessori nurseries and am aware of the importance of early years development and helping to provide young people with a foundation for their future achievements.

I have an extensive management and leadership background specialising in data analyses, planning, resourcing, finance, marketing, and staff development opportunities gained from working across academia, charities, and public and private sector organisations. I aim to put my experience to best use in support of our School across a variety of areas, and to enhance the impact that our school has on our community and the young people we cherish.

**House Tokens**

**Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!**

<b>Ambrey</b>	<b>Berrington</b>	<b>Croft</b>	<b>Mortimer</b>
Ava Cora Bethan	Emily Ebby Riley	Eleanor	Bella

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

**Isabelle, Jasmine, Myla and Helen** for super writing about Theseus and Ariadne – well done!

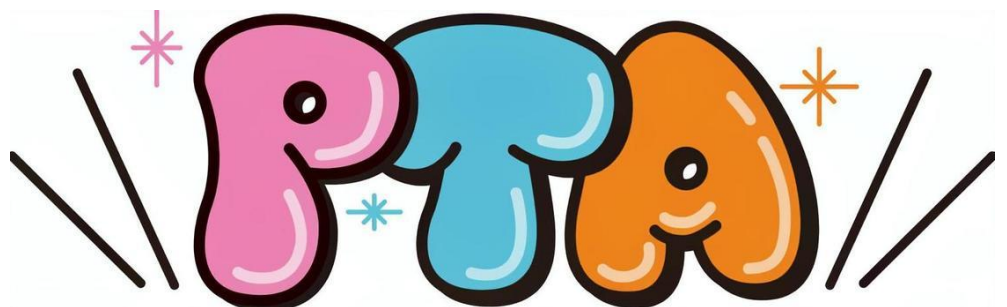
**Solihull Understanding Your Child Workshop**

We regret to inform you that Lieke Blondeel is unable to deliver the planned session for KS1 parents on 21<sup>st</sup> January due to personal reasons. Hopefully we will be able to rearrange the session for a future date. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value

**PTA Treat Friday –  
24<sup>th</sup> January!**



# Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Class 1!					
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
98.91%	96.25%	97.58%	98.11%	95.7%	97.23%

## Reduction in Persistent Absence!

CONGRATULATIONS everyone – we have received a congratulatory message from Herefordshire Local Authority for our 6.8% reduction in Persistent Absence in the Autumn term, compared with the Autumn term 2023.

Persistent Absence is when a child has less than 90% attendance.

A link to the school's Attendance Policy can be found [here](#).

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



On Tuesday, Rev Rosie led us with Epiphany Blessings of the school and of other buildings in the village, including the Rectory and the church. Can you remember what  $20 + C + M + B + 25$  means?



# 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.

We would love to know who would like to be involved in this year's performing arts festival which will take place 3rd - 6th March at Hereford Racecourse. The school choir will also take part.

Please complete this online form by **Monday 13th 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 Wednesday 12th March at 5.30pm in Kingsland Church** - an opportunity for ALL those children who take part in the HPAF to perform in front of a live audience. Please save the date in your diaries.

Click on this link to complete the online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/kHyDr0zga8>



Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival

2025

# What is JUSTICE?

In Worship Time this week, Miss Williams challenged the children to consider our new Christian value – JUSTICE. What is justice? What is fairness? What is equality? What is equity?

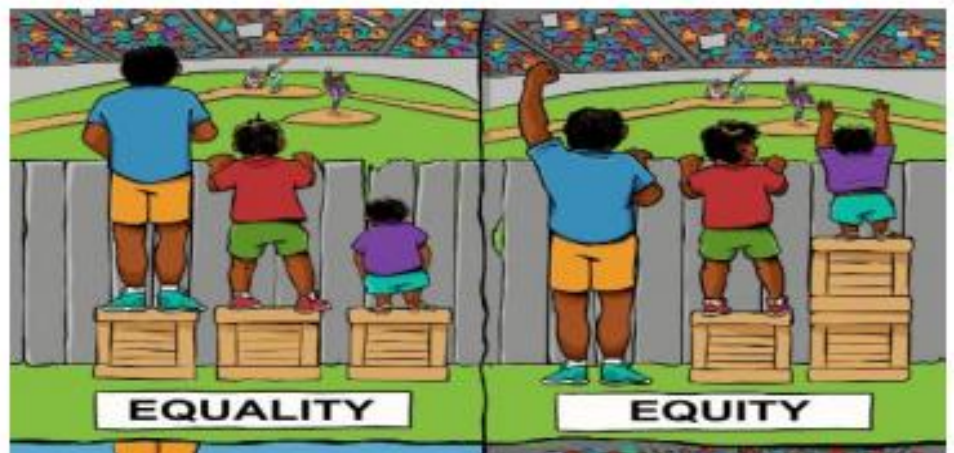
To help you consider these deep questions, take a look at these images ... what do you notice?



*Imagine a world where everyone is treated the same, no matter what.*

*Is this a world you would want to live in?  
Why or why not?*

*Did God create everyone equally?*



## A Prayer for Justice

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us all equally and for making us all special in different ways.

Help us to treat everyone fairly, showing kindness and respect to everyone we meet.

Teach us to understand that being fair sometimes means helping others in the way they need most.

Show us how to stand up for what is right and make sure everyone feels included and valued.

Let us work together to build a world where fairness, equity, and justice bring peace and happiness to everyone.

Amen.

*"Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need."*

*Rick Riordan, [The Red Pyramid](#)*

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Reception admissions for 2025-2026

Do you have a child born between  
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

If so you will need to apply for a school place  
by 15 January 2025  
(to commence September 2025)

Applications can be completed from  
**16 September 2024** online  
(scan QR code) or visit:



[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions](http://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](mailto:schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Did you know ...  
Jacqueline du Pré was  
born in 1945 and  
died in 1987, aged  
just 42.



Use the QR code  
to listen to  
Jacqueline play  
Elgar's famous  
cello concerto.

# Musician

## Jacqueline du Pré

Making  
Connections ...



Jacqueline was  
married to famous  
pianist Daniel  
Barenboim. Use the  
QR code to listen to  
Jacqueline play  
Haydn's famous cello  
concerto, conducted  
by Daniel Barenboim.



Jacqueline du Pré was a British cellist – she was regarded as one of the greatest cellists of all time. Her career was cut short by multiple sclerosis, which forced her to stop performing at the age of 28; she died 14 years later at the age of 42. Her Stradivarius cello was made in 1673, and is worth well over £1 million.

What else can  
you discover  
about Jacqueline  
du Pré?

Did you know  
that, as a cellist,  
Jacqueline was a  
very  
inspirational  
person for Mr  
Debenham as he  
learned the  
cello?

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to listen to  
Jacqueline play  
Dvorak's famous  
cello concerto.



# of the Month

if she was still alive, it would be Jacqueline's  
80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.





UK Health  
Security  
Agency

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



# 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>.

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**  
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**  
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**  
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**  
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free\* NHS service

Visit your  
**Pharmacy First!**

\*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

## Standard - Primary

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



# Courses for Parents

## Triple P

### Positive Parenting Programmes

#### Teen Triple P

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

Once a week for 6 weeks, starting:  
Tuesday 21 January to 25 February  
10:00- 12:00  
Virtual

#### Standard - Primary

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

Once a week for 6 weeks, starting:  
Monday 20 January to 24 February  
10:00- 12:00  
Virtual

#### Stepping Stones

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

Once a week for 6 weeks, starting  
Tuesday 21 January to 25 February  
10:00 – 12:00  
Virtual

#### Fear Less

For parents of 6-14 years, the programme aims to help parents support their children with anxiety.

Once a week for 3 weeks, starting:  
Friday 24 January to 7 February  
10:00- 12:00  
Face to face, Plough Lane



[parentinggroups@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:parentinggroups@herefordshire.gov.uk)




Children's Help and Advice Team on  
01432 260 261

Self-Referrals Only

Groups may be cancelled if take up is low



[herefordshire.gov.uk](http://herefordshire.gov.uk)



**Remembering key  
knowledge and  
vocabulary**

**Maintaining excellent  
learning behaviours**

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*'Let Your Light Shine'*



**What are our aims for this year?**

**Developing  
sequential curriculum  
planning**

**Improving school  
attendance**



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(Matthew 5:16)



This half term's Christian value is:

## JUSTICE

Educating for Dignity and Respect



### A prayer for JUSTICE

Father God, You take care to listen well to people, especially those that are vulnerable. You are passionate about seeking JUSTICE for everyone. Give us wisdom when we need to make decisions. And when we get it wrong, give us the humility and courage to say sorry. 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: **JUSTICE**

#### A reflection on JUSTICE by Wendy Maddocks, Foundation Governor, Kingsland Church

It's not fair! It's not fair that I have to go to bed first just because I am the youngest. It's not fair that my friend finds reading really easy but it takes me half an hour to read a page. It's not fair that she always gets picked for the football team but when I kick a ball my football boot comes off and goes further than the ball ever does! It's not fair!

We all feel injustices in our everyday life and sometimes they are just because we are impatient to grow up or we want to be good at everything.

I want to remind you about a girl called Malala. She was born in Pakistan and when she was 11 years old, new rulers took over in her region of Pakistan and decided that girls could no longer go to school. She spoke out, doing a blog to tell everyone how unfair it was. In 2012, when she was just 15, a masked gunman got on her bus and shot her. These are Malala's words:

'I woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told me about the attack — and that people around the world were praying for my recovery.'

We sometimes feel as children that nobody listens to us and we can't do anything to change things. But Malala spoke out about injustice. Even though she was just a child, people all over the world listened to her. In fact, BECAUSE she was 'just a child' it made her message even more powerful.

We read a story in Mark's gospel in the Bible of people bringing children to Jesus:

'... the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them'.

God hates injustice, as these verses in Psalm 82 remind us:

'You must stop judging unjustly. Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans, be fair to the needy and the helpless'.

Brave people all over the world stand up for JUSTICE. Men and women, black and white, rich and poor, old people and children. Never think that your voice will not be listened to because you are not the right type of person. From local things, like someone being bullied in the playground, to global things like animal cruelty, we all have a voice and need to speak up if we see things that are unfair. Malala's actions changed the law in Pakistan. **How will you be a change-maker today?**