



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)  
Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

Friday 8th May 2026

## 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.*

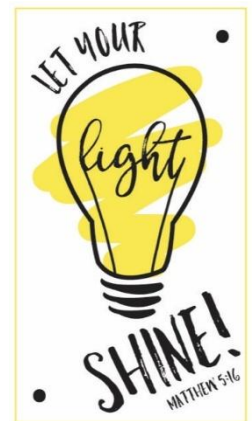
Our Christian value for this half-term is **RESILIENCE**

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)

Next week our fabulous Y6 children are going to be letting their lights shine as they embark on their KS2 national assessments in reading, grammar and maths. They have worked incredibly hard throughout their time at school. We know that they will be a fantastic credit to themselves, the school and their families! Well done!

Please find below information about our upcoming iSingPop project as well as our Togetherness workshop for Y5/6 parents.



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

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### Dates for your diary

WB 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 national assessment week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of the Summer term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff INSET day – school is closed for pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports' Day - KS2 at 9.15am; KS1 at 1.15pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	iSingPop Concerts for all children 2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Togetherness workshop for Y5/6 parents 5.30 – 7.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers' Service in Hereford Cathedral
25 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 to Oaker Wood
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Secondary school transition day and class swap morning
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Show and Tell 2.45pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Celebration Evening 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?**



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

**Bertie** for super independent writing of his News; **Rose, Grace, Leah, Charlie** and **Alexander** for creating a super leaflet about dogs; **Olivia, Renee, Freddie, Arthur** and **Arlo** for excellent effort and work on fractions; **Elsie, Cora** and **Ffion** for excellent character descriptions of the Giraffe, the Pelly and Me – well done!

### House Tokens

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

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
	Helen Bella Ava Harriet Holly Grace Emily Esme Charlie	Alexander Harrison Scarlett Sarva	Poppy Arthur The Class 1 Team

# YR class teacher advert

It is with great sadness that Miss Corrick has decided to move on to pastures new at the end of this academic year. We are, therefore, advertising for a YR class teacher for Class 1 to start in September.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please do ask them to contact the school.

## Kingsland CE Primary School

**EYFS Class Teacher: Permanent / Variable**

**Salary / Rate:** M1 – M3 (ECTs are welcome to apply)

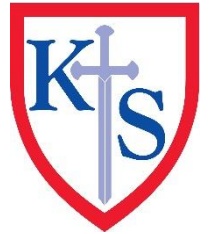
**Hours:** Full-time

**Location:** Kingsland CE Primary School, Kingsland, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9QN

**Commencing:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**Closing date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 9am

**Interview date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026



Are you looking for a unique opportunity to 'let your light shine'?

Kingsland CE Primary School is a popular, innovative, high performing, rural school set in an idyllic Herefordshire village, 3 miles west of Leominster. The school provides children with firm foundations based on a strong Christian ethos which permeates everything that we do, aiming for both children and adults to 'let their lights shine'. Kingsland CE Primary School strives to offer all its pupils every opportunity to live life in all its fullness; it has a consistently high academic record with additional strengths in sport and the arts – we are proud to hold the School Games Platinum sports' award and the International School Award, as well as being a Lead Music School.

The governors and headteacher require an inspirational and highly motivated EYFS classroom teacher to join our committed team, and teach our Reception children. The successful candidate will have excellent subject knowledge, a passion for teaching and learning, high expectations for all children, will support the Christian ethos of the school, and will be willing to go the extra mile.

We can offer excellent CPD opportunities, supportive mentorship, and are eager to encourage all teachers to develop as effective school practitioners and leaders.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure Barring Service confirmation.

Visits to our fantastic school are welcomed.

For further information, to arrange a visit or to request an application pack, please telephone 01568 708436 or email Sue Lewis at [slewis@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:slewis@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk)

# School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 3 and Year 4!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
93.2%	99.0%	94.7%	100%	100%	99.0%	96.4%	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.**

## Togetherness Workshop

We are delighted to have been able to arrange another Togetherness workshop – this time for Y5 and Y6 parents, considering the onset of the teenage brain and the transition to secondary school. Please do put the date in your diary:



### **Supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of your teenager during transition to High School** *A workshop for parents and carers*

No matter your family setup, the important relationships in your child's life help shape their emotional health and wellbeing at every age. This transformative workshop offers a reflective space to think about your child's development, the changes in their brain and what behaviour to expect once they start High School.

We will explore the following topics:

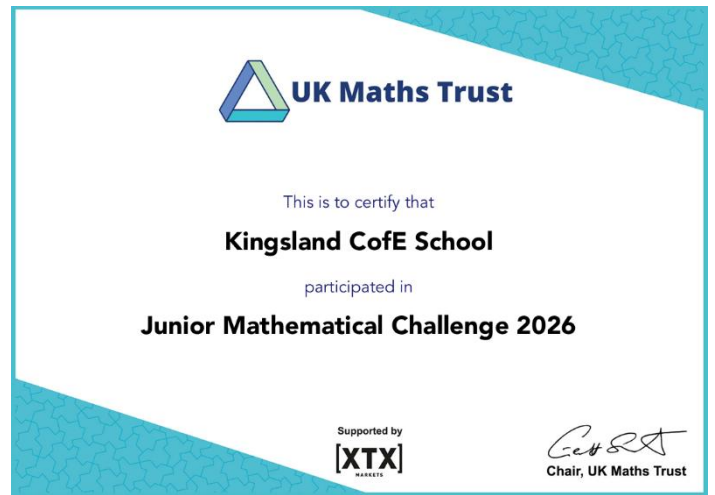
- Brain development and the importance of relationships and interactions.
- What changes are taking place in a teenager's brain.
- Why teenagers are sensitive to peer pressure and rejection.
- Why teenagers are often reactive and respond emotionally.
- Why teenagers like to sleep so much (!)
- Screen time, social media and gaming.
- How you can support your teenager through these changes.

This workshop will take place in **Kingsland CE Primary School** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026, 5.30 – 7.30pm.**

# UK Maths Challenge

Last week, 8 of our Y6 children entered the UK Maths Challenge. This really is a CHALLENGE as children up to Y8 can enter! They were fantastically resilient whilst solving a number of tricky mathematical problems – a huge congratulations to them all – Wilf, Connie, Arthur, Henry, Aidan, William, Gilbert and Toby.

Gilbert, Arthur and Henry managed to secure a score worthy of a BRONZE award! Well done!



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 **Archer** ... Well done!



Governor news: this week, governors have been preparing for the YR class teacher recruitment process – the closing date for applications is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Byrd wrote many different kinds of music. This included sacred (religious) and secular (non-religious). He also wrote music for keyboard instruments, like the harpsichord, and for groups of instruments called consorts.



Use the QR code to listen to Ave verum corpus, one of Byrd's most famous pieces of music.

# Musician

## William Byrd

Making Connections...



Use this QR code to listen to a song by Henry Purcell, one of Byrd's peers.



William Byrd (born around 1540 – died 4 July 1623) was a famous English composer from the Renaissance period. Many people think he was one of the greatest composers of his time. He had a big impact on other composers in England and across Europe. He is often seen as one of England's most important early music composers.

Even though he wrote religious music for the Church of England, he became a Roman Catholic in the 1570s. After that, he also wrote Catholic religious music.



Use the QR code to listen to Fantasia for harpsichord.

# of the Month

Use the QR code to listen to the Galliard in 6 parts.



Little is known of Byrd's early life except that he may have been born in Lincolnshire. A pupil and protégé of Thomas Tallis, Byrd was an accomplished organist and was appointed organist of Lincoln Cathedral in 1563. Nine years later he moved to London.



# A reminder about our upcoming iSingPop project ...



Dear Parent/Guardian

In June 2026, iSingPOP is coming to Kingsland CE Primary School where ALL the children will be involved in a singing and performing project. The school has taken part in a number of previous iSingPop projects, and it will be a very exciting event in the school calendar.

iSingPOP helps children and families engage in Collective Worship in school, church and at home. They will be learning and performing a number of special songs with actions, which support the school values.

For more information about the iSingPOP experience visit: <https://www.isingpop.org>

Rehearsals will take place in school on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**On 16th June 2026, there will be 2 concerts in Kingsland St Michael's and All Angels Church, where we can join together as a community to celebrate the children's achievements. The first concert will begin at 2pm. The second concert will begin at 6pm. Please ensure you arrive at the venue no later than 15 min before to ensure a prompt start. Each concert will last under an hour and we look forward to welcoming you.**

**Tickets for each concert will be available from the school office in due course – more information to follow shortly.**

*For the first concert at 2pm, children are to wear full school uniform.*

*For the second concert at 6pm, children are to wear school skirts / dress / shorts / trousers with an iSingPOP top or another PLAIN brightly coloured T-shirt (no logos), and black school shoes.*

**ALL children will be participating in BOTH concerts.**

iSingPOP clothing and CDs can be purchased in advance of concert day by visiting [www.isingpop.org/shop](http://www.isingpop.org/shop) and following the instructions on screen. A CD or digital download is available to purchase on the website which includes the songs the children will be learning.

## Special Offer

Use code **KINGSLAND26** to receive free delivery on your order, sent direct to the school. We guarantee your items will be delivered to the school in time for the concert when ordered by **10th June 2026**.

Orders received after this time or without the code will incur postage charges and may not arrive in time for the concert. Please note, iSingPOP is a not-for-profit organisation and any income from sales goes back into the charity.

The children are sure to have a brilliant time learning the songs and actions and we hope to see you at the concerts on **16th June 2026**.

**Mr S Debenham (Headteacher)**

# Donations needed

please!



Breakfast Club and Stay and Play Club are looking for donations of board games, puzzles, a wooden car garage and Barbies with accessories that you may no longer use. Any donations for the children to enjoy whilst attending the clubs would be hugely appreciated.

THANK YOU!

## The Ascension - A Promise Kept - Sum 5



### Spiritual Thinking

Should you always keep your promises?

What is the most important promise you can make?

Why do you think Jesus went back to heaven, why didn't he stay?

Where do you think heaven is, if you think there is one?



Thy Kingdom Come

### God with us

14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

[thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)

TKC is an annual ecumenical (lots of different types of churches) prayer event for the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost.

There are lots of resources for schools and churches including a free Pentecost songs and worship guides from iSingPop and the Cheeky Pandas.

[Access children's resources here](#)



### Spiritual Sounds

Waymaker is a modern worship song by Sinach, from Nigeria. It reminds us that **God is a Promise Keeper.** [Watch this live version.](#)

### CLOUD WALK

Go for a cloud walk. See what different types and shapes of clouds you can spot.

Can you name any?

I wonder if the disciples kept looking up at the sky for the rest of their lives to see if they could see Jesus returning.

What do you think?

*The Mortimer's Cross Churches*

# Rogation Day outdoor service

Join us as we 'beat the bounds' around Eardisland village and ask God's blessing on the land and our communities



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am**

Starting and ending in St Mary's churchyard, Eardisland HR6 9BP. The service will last about an hour and end with communion, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in Eardisland Village Hall.

**All ages and mobilities  
welcome!**

Parents must be responsible for their children's safety on roads and near the river.

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Dance**

And Performing Arts

## DANCE PARTY

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY

9AM - 12PM | AGE 4-7 | £15PP

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"WE'RE WILD AND WE CAN'T BE TAMED"



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# 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...

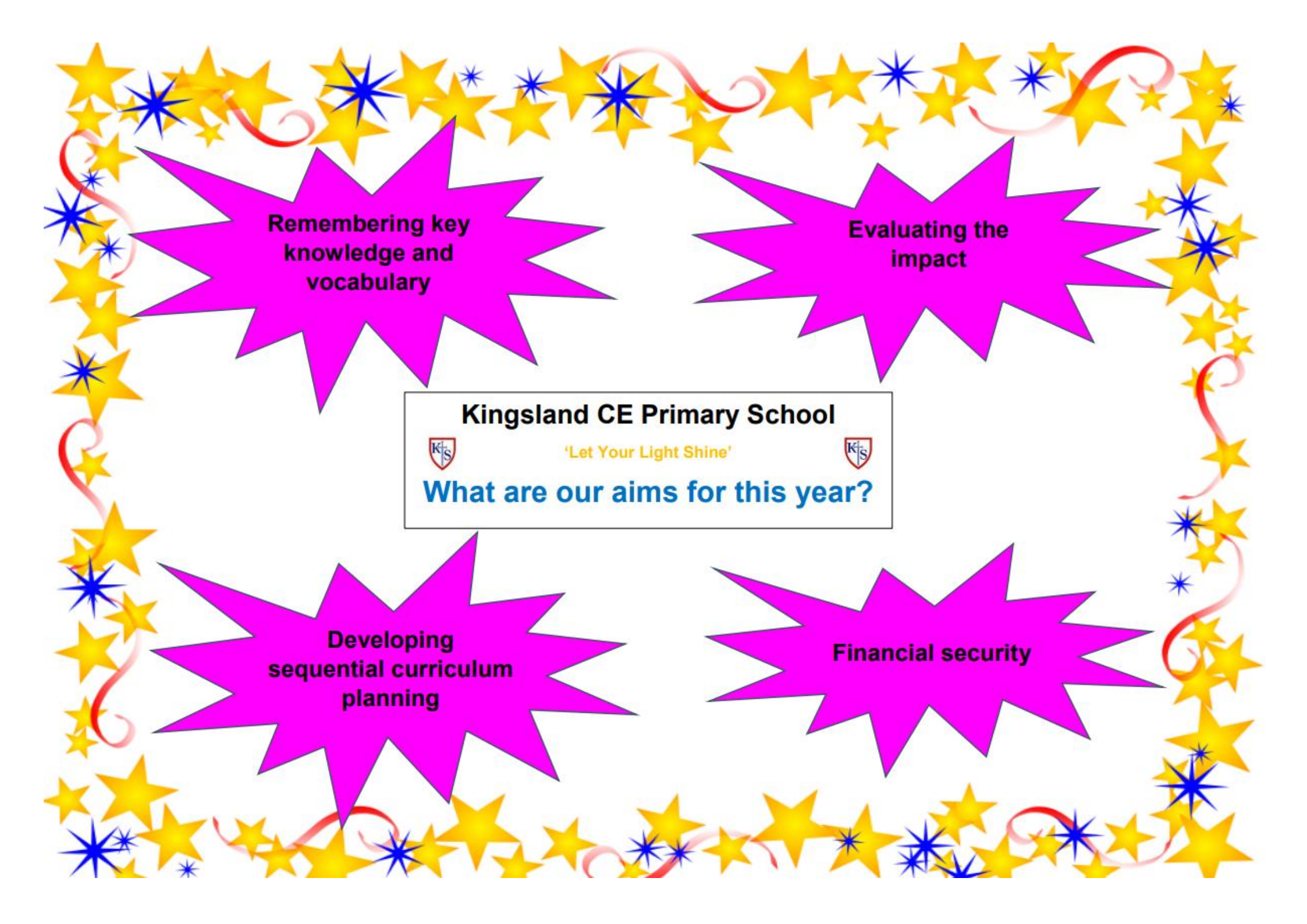
Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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>.



**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**



# Kingsland CE Primary School

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)



*Giving children strong roots to stand tall.*

This half term's Christian value is:

## RESILIENCE

Educating for Community and  
Living Well Together



### A prayer for RESILIENCE

Dear God, Grant me resilience that is rooted in truth, wisdom, and the strength that comes from You. When adversity comes, help me to adapt, to overcome, and to trust that You are guiding me with resilience even through the shadows. 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: **RESILIENCE**

### A reflection on RESILIENCE by Mrs Helen Webb, Chair of Governors:

When I was seven years old my mum gave me an illustrated story book called 'The Pilgrims Progress', by John Bunyan. It was a children's version of a famous story. It had exciting pictures of a man fighting dragons, climbing mountains, struggling across a marsh, and trying to find his way out of a maze.

The story begins with a man called Christian whose hometown is going to be destroyed, so he packs a rucksack and sets out on a quest to the Celestial city. During his journey, he finds himself sinking in a bog, fighting demons, and lost in a labyrinth. He comes to a place called Vanity Fair where everything is exciting and full of fun; he is tempted to stay there and not continue with his quest. Sometimes his rucksack is very heavy, and sometimes it is light and he hardly notices it. Sometimes he wants to give up but he keeps on going despite all the hardships he encounters.

I am not going to give you too many spoilers and tell you the ending, but it is a story for everyone, adults and children. It is allegorical, it has hidden meanings - it is clever ... it is about all the things we try to do as Christians, but also about problems that we face too, about struggles and fears but also about friendship, help and kindness. It is also about resilience; Christian's resilience to finish his quest.

Resilience is not just about bouncing back from challenges or turning the other cheek if someone is hurtful or unkind. It is not about pretending that everything is fine and ignoring problems. Resilience is about the ability to adapt positively in the face of adversity, overcoming trials, and setbacks, trusting in God, having hope, faith and wisdom, and staying strong in difficult times. Some people consider it as bouncing FORWARDS rather than bouncing BACK, so that something positive can be found even through challenging times.