



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School



The Kingsland Times

Friday 22nd 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)

We wish everyone a relaxing and peaceful half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 2nd June. Please remember that school is closed on Monday 1st June.

As we head into the final half term of the school year, please could we remind families not to take photographs at school events to ensure the safety and safeguarding of all our children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We look forward to our Sports’ Day on Thursday 4th June.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Monday 1 st June	Staff INSET day – school is closed for pupils
Tuesday 2 nd June	First day back after half term
Thursday 4 th June	Sports' Day - KS2 at 9.15am; KS1 at 1.15pm
Tuesday 16 th June	iSingPop Concerts for all children 2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Togetherness workshop for Y5/6 parents 5.30 – 7.30pm
Thursday 25 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service in Hereford Cathedral
25 th / 26 th June	Y3/4 to Oaker Wood
Thursday 2 nd July	Secondary school transition day and class swap morning
Friday 3 rd July	Music on the Move concert in school for all children
Monday 13 th July	Parents' Show and Tell 2.45pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Celebration Evening 5.30pm
Friday 17 th July	End-of-year 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 responsibilities do I have for others?



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

Aria, Dotty, Minnie, Kit and Holly for super writing about the giant's castle; **Phoebe, Molly, Emmy, Oscar, George, Arthur and Ben** for their fantastic printing of illuminated letters in art; **Thomas** for incredible joined handwriting – well done!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Henry Otilie Ffion Sophie Roman Mary Freddie	Mabel Tommy	Ronnie James Olivia Rory Hattie Toby	Aidan Niamh Arthur Leah Arthur Holly Nellie Camila

Congratulations to Mortimer who have won this half term's house competition!

School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 6!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
95.2%	97.5%	93.7%	94.7%	95.8%	97.2%	98.1%	96.1%

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.

To attend, please complete this online form: ['Understanding Your Child' Togetherness Workshop for Y5/6 parents – Fill out form](#)

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

Class 2 Visit to Kingsland Motte and Bailey Castle



We walked and saw where the moat would have been. We “swam” around the moat. Historians think Kingsland Motte and Bailey castle had 2 moats.



This was probably the site of the fishponds.

We saw where the bailey would have been. The people would have lived on the bailey, looked after animals, grown vegetables and fished in the ponds.



We then marched up the motte to where the keep would have been. Historians think that the Kingsland keep was an octagonal shape. We pretended to protect the keep from the enemy.



Thank you to Mr Smith for letting us come onto his land. We had an amazing time visiting the Motte and Bailey Castle.

Police Academy Sports Stars



Free Event!!

Calling all 8–14-Year-olds

Join us on **Tuesday 26th May 2026** at 13:30-15:30 for some fun filled sports activities at Halo Leisure Centre, Bridge Street, Leominster, HR6 8EA

Free Drinks and snacks will be provided. All you need to do is turn up and have suitable PE clothing.

Scan the QR code below to book a place today or email Leominster.snt@westmercia.police.uk to request consent form



School Dinners – 2nd Half Summer Term

To order school meals for the 2nd half of Summer Term starting **Tuesday 2nd June 2026**, please place your order by **12 noon Friday 29th May 2026**.

If the deadline of **12 noon Friday 29th May 2026** is missed, a packed lunch will need to be provided.

Class 4 Voces8 Workshop

We are delighted to have been able to arrange a fantastic singing workshop on Tuesday 9th June for Class 4 children in Kingsland Church with professional singing ensemble Voces8. This is during the school day, so specific parental consent is not required. No preparation is required, and we know the children will have a fabulous learning and musical experience.



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 **Ffion** ... Well done!



Governor news: this week, the Full Governing Body met to finalise the 2026-2027 school budget, review a number of school policies and celebrate the school’s recent SIAMS inspection report. Governors have also been fully involved in the YR teacher recruitment process – **we are delighted that Miss Mina Vale will be joining the Kingsland team in September as our Class 1 teacher, subject to all the required pre-employment checks. She will be a fabulous asset to our school.**

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 ...

Tickets are now on sale via the school office.



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 8th, 9th and 10th 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 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)

Half term fun



Design a shield!

Age 7+

Wed 27 May 2-3 & 3-4pm @ Ludlow Library

Thu 28 May 2-3 & 3-4pm @ St.Laurence's Church

Fri 29 May 10-11am & 11-12pm @ Assembly Rooms

Book your **FREE**
place here





Oaker Wood
NATURALLY ADVENTUROUS

MAY HALF TERM - OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
Children's Holiday Club, for 7 - 11 year olds
Available 26th 27th & 28th May | Book Online



Teen Adventure Day: Paintball & High Ropes | 27th May
Outdoor adventure & fun for all the family
Birthday Parties available
Get in touch to plan your next adventure!



Visit www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk

The Mortimer's Cross Churches

Forest Church!!!

An informal outdoor worship
gathering for all ages

Starting with hot drinks and croissants,
come along to hear a Bible story, explore
an activity and spend time outdoors

When

Sundays 26 April, 24 May, 28 June, 26 July
9.30 am

Where

Meet in the churchyard at Aymestrey Church
HR6 9SU

To find out more email wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk



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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

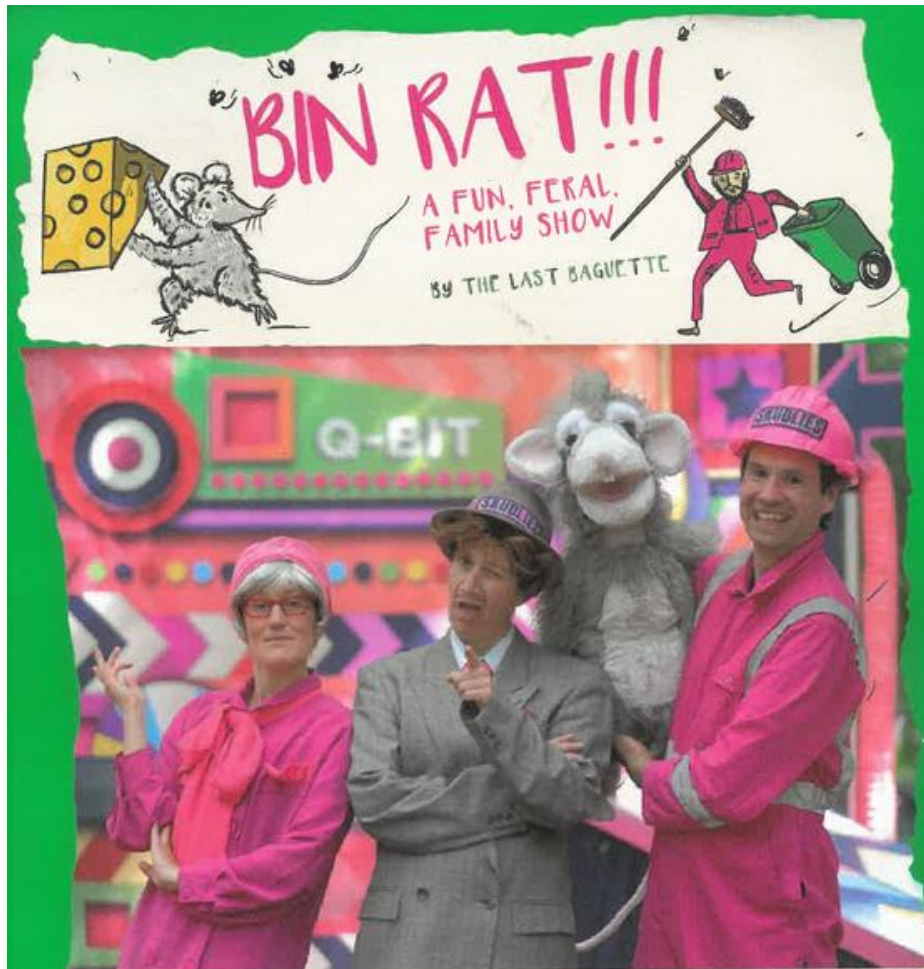


SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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


The school has kindly been given 10 pairs of FREE tickets to the event below in Leintwardine. If you would like a pair of free tickets, please collect them from the school office (first come, first served).



BIN RAT!!!
A FUN, FERAL, FAMILY SHOW
BY THE LAST BAGUETTE

★★★★★ "Funny, charming and thought-provoking" -
CreativeReviewsUK on The Bird Show

Leintwardine Community Centre
Friday June 5th 4.30pm
Tickets £5 (U-2 free) from
Griffiths Garage or online at artsalive.co.uk



BIN RAT!!!
A FUN, FERAL, FAMILY SHOW

A rat-astic and realistic look into refuse and recycling. Rummage through the rubble with Bin Rat and her friends to discover where all the junk goes!

Scrape scraps off the streets and find out what literally happens to litter in this fun, feral, family show.

With Last Baguette's zany style & absurd humour & lots of disco dancing, this show asks you to think before you throw - where is away?

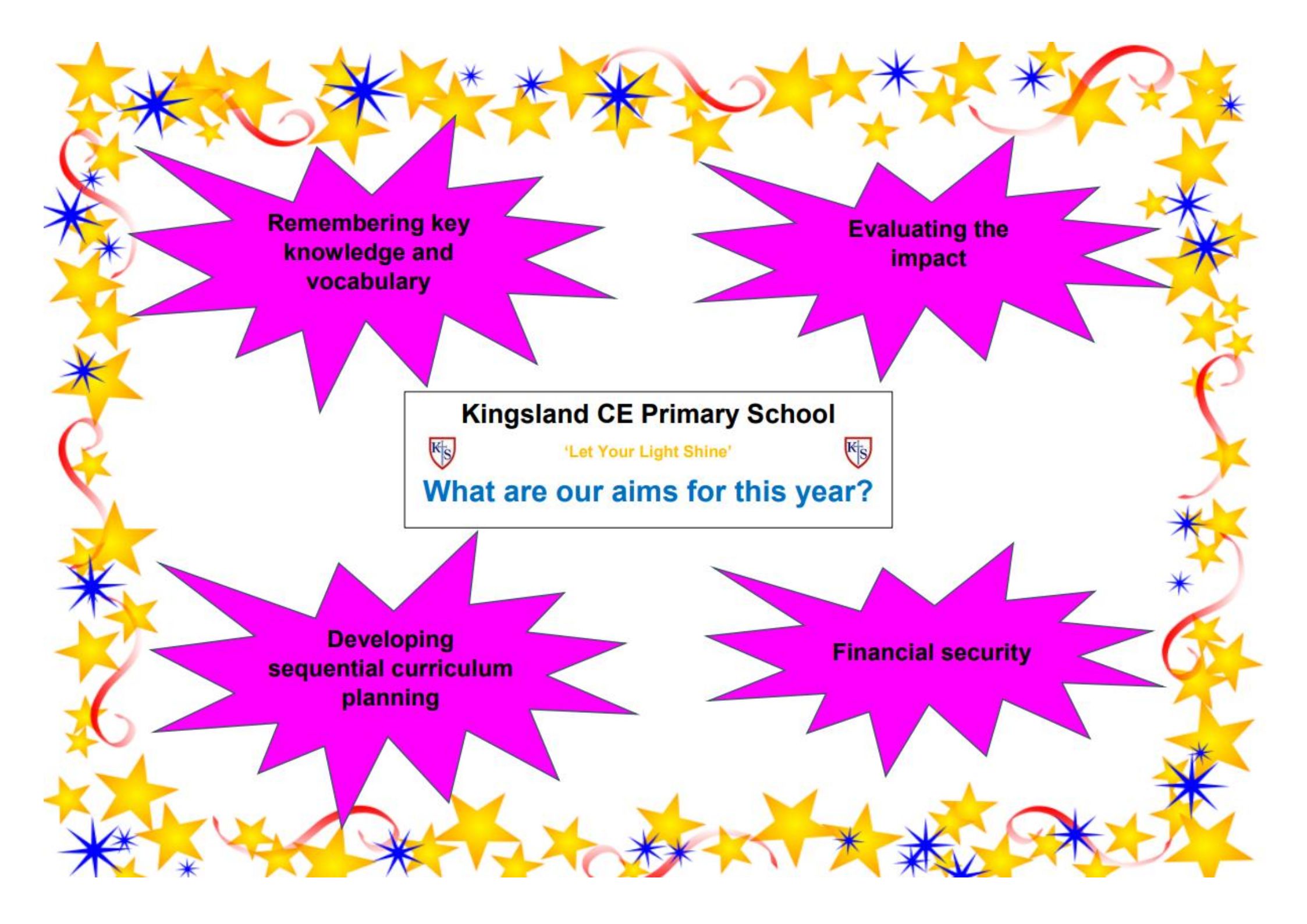
The Last Baguette makes entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences and uses live music, physical comedy, puppetry, visual storytelling & silliness to talk about important issues of our times.

Running time: 50 minutes

OUTDOOR SHOW SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Tour dates on thelastbaguette.com

Email contact: thelastbaguette@gmail.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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(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.