



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School



The Kingsland Times

Friday 2nd October 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 **LOVE**

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 enjoyed a thought-provoking and inspirational Education Sunday service last week, where we gave thanks for all the incredible staff who work in all our local schools.

A reminder that the Parents' Evening booking system on Arbor goes live on Tuesday 6th October, ready for our Parents' Evenings on 21st and 22nd October (and 20th October for Classes 4 and 5).

Have you seen our school vision webpage on the school website? You can find it [here](#).
Our school vision of 'Let your light shine' drives all aspects of school life.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14 th October	YR/1/2 visit to Queenswood
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival in Kingsland Church 1.30pm all welcome
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents' Evening Classes 4 and 5
Wednesday 21 st October	Open Morning for prospective new YR parents 9.30am
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evening all classes
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening all classes
WB 26 th October	Half term
Tuesday 10 th November	Flu vaccinations in school – more details to follow
Tuesday 24 th November	Open Morning for prospective new YR parents 9.30am
Monday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and panto performance
Wednesday 16 th December	KS1 nativity performances 2.15pm and 5.30pm

Term dates for 2026 – 2027 can be found [here](#).



Governor news: please have a look at the governors' webpage on the school website – click [here](#).



Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

What do you value the most?

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

George for super hard work with his number formation – 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 **Sarva** ... Well done!

School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year R!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
99.5%	92.6%	96.7%	94.4%	98.5%	95.8%	96.7%	96.4%

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.**

House Tokens			
Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!			
Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Anthony	Xander	Tom	Arthur
Henry	Gili	Tabitha	Dougie
Evie	Esme	Flynn	Isabella
Bella	Grace	Rory	Camila
Sophie	Oliver	Ava	Nellie
Freddie	James	Alexander	Alfie
Ben	Emmy	Hattie	Nora
Ruby	Sophia	Devon	Hattie
Arthur	Helen	Robyn	Hector
Arthur	Ben	Harry	Lucie
Scarlett	Oscar	Ottilie	
Ellis	Ava	James	
Madeline	Harriet	Isabelle	

Drop-off and pick-up routines

Please remember NOT to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the front of the school either at drop-off or pick-up times, including Breakfast Club and after school club timings.

This is to ensure the safety and safeguarding of all children. Please also assist children in crossing the road safely as required.

**Statutory
Inspection of
Anglican and
Methodist Schools
– SIAMS**

SIAMS Inspection

For those parents who are new to the school, you may be interested in reading our recent SIAMS inspection report, which was conducted in April 2026. Please click [here](#) to access the report.

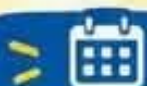
Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

England

New rules mean more families could now be eligible for free school meals.



From the start of academic year **2026 to 2027**, your child will qualify for free school meals if your household receives **Universal Credit**, regardless of household earnings.



Eligibility for expanded FSM will be checked annually.

Who can now qualify?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if your household receives:



Universal Credit

All household earnings qualify for expanded FSM.



Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)



Guarantee element of Pension Credit



Certain families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to the relevant rules.



Targeted FSM remains linked to the £7,400 annual household earnings threshold and can qualify families for additional support such as Pupil Premium and HAF.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also receive universal infant free school meals.

How to apply

You can check if you're eligible and apply online at:



www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



Your local authority or school will check your eligibility.



Eligibility is checked annually.



You may need to provide information to verify your claim.



Eligible children can receive free school meals; targeted FSM may also unlock other support.



These changes apply to **England**.



If you think you might be eligible, please visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

It only takes a few minutes to check what support may be available.





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OPEN MORNINGS

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?



You would be most welcome to visit school on one of our Open Mornings:



Thursday 17th September at 9.30am

Wednesday 21st October at 9.30am

Tuesday 24th November at 9.30am

**Please contact the school office to book a place
(bookings are essential): 01568 708436**

admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming families to visit our flourishing school, meeting our incredible staff team and experiencing our rich and vibrant learning environment:

- ✓ **Observe the children thriving and flourishing as they let their lights shine**
- ✓ **Experience our warm welcoming school**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2027-2028

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2027
(to commence September 2027)

Applications can be completed from
14 September 2026 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

Dolly Parton was born in 1946 in Locust Ridge, Tennessee, into a poor farming family. She displayed a passion for music at an early age, and as a child she was a featured singer and guitarist on local radio and television shows.



Use the QR code to listen to 9 to 5.

Musician

Dolly Parton

Making Connections ...

Dolly is a devoted Christian. Her faith has inspired many of her songs.



Dolly Parton, born on January 19, 1946, was an American singer, songwriter, actress, and businesswoman. She is also known for her generous charity work. She has created over 50 albums and sold over 100 million records worldwide. Often called the "Queen of Country", Dolly Parton is one of the most celebrated female country music performers ever.

Dolly can play many instruments, even though she doesn't read sheet music. She plays the dulcimer, autoharp, banjo, guitar and piano.



Use this QR code to listen to Jolene.

of the Month

Use the QR code to listen to I will always love you.



Dolly created the Dollywood Foundation, an organization with the aim of providing educational resources to children. The foundation's Imagination Library was created in 1995. Inspired by her father's inability to read and write, Parton launched the project as an effort to promote children's literacy. It has donated hundreds of millions of children's books to children around the world.



Use the QR code to Coat of many colours.



Sowing Seeds

What helps you to grow and flourish?

Where do you see yourself in the parable of
the sower? Which seeds are you like?

How can you tell if you're in good or bad soil?

Parable prayer stations

Create four stations
representing the four soils:

**Path - A hard surface or
tray with stones.**

Prayer: "God, help me to
listen when you speak."

**Rocky Ground - A bowl of
pebbles.**

Prayer: "Help me keep
following you when things
are difficult."

**Thorny Ground - Some
twigs or artificial vines.**

Prayer: "Show me what
distractions stop me
growing closer to you."

Good Soil - A tray of soil.

Prayer: "Make my heart
ready to receive your love
and teaching."

Children can move around
the stations quietly
reflecting and praying.

Planting Faithfulness

Using recycled pots or cardboard tubes,
and compost plant seeds together. As they
plant, encourage them to pray or reflect
on the theme of faithfulness. For example, "Help me
to be faithful in small things." or "Help me to stay
close to you every day." Finish by reminding them that
growth takes time, just as faithfulness develops day by
day.



Faithfulness Footprints

Cut out paper footprints. Ask the children to write
or draw one way they can be faithful this week:

- Being kind
- Telling the truth
- Praying
- Helping at home

Create a pathway of footprints leading to a cross
or candle and pray together: "Jesus, help us to
follow your footsteps faithfully."



'Seeds of faith' is a musical
retelling of the parable
from this week's video.

<https://youtu.be/FfjJhBJx>

[Bwg2](https://youtu.be/FfjJhBJx)

[si=JnnfPHT2fsMgb93_](https://youtu.be/FfjJhBJx)



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>.

The Mortimer's Cross Churches



**Messy[®]
Church**

**Come along to Messy Church!
For all ages: children and adults.
Come as you are.**

We begin with creative activities like crafts and games, before a short informal act of worship. Then, we share breakfast with sausages, cocoa pops and more! Messy Church lasts about an hour. Free to attend, donations welcome.

**1st Sunday of the month
9.30am at Kingsland Church, HR6 9QW**

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

Messy Church is part of the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered charity. brf.org.uk

**Mortimer's Cross Churches &
Kingsland Methodist Chapel**

Youth Group

for Young People in Secondary School & Year 6

**Activities, food, games and chat - a chance to
spend time together and discuss Christian faith**

Autumn 2026

Saturday 5th September: "Old enough?"

Saturday 3rd October: "Fair enough?"

Saturday 7th November: "Good enough?"

Saturday 5th December: "Man enough?"

**All sessions 3-5pm
at Kingsland Methodist Chapel**

Newcomers welcome! First session free.

Contact Maggie: 07514 785568

maggie@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk

PTA 

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd October	Treat Friday / Uniform – Doughnuts 
6th November	Movie Night – 3.30pm KS2 
23rd November	Non-Uniform Day for bingo donations 
27th November	Wreath Making 
30th November	Christmas Bingo 
4th December	Christmas Disco 

PTA 
Kingsland CE Primary School
Parents ♥ Teachers ♥ Friends

Christmas WREATH MAKING
at Kingsland School

 **27th November**
6.30pm
£30 per person
KS2 children welcome accompanied by an adult

Maximum 30 spaces
Deadline 21st October

 Please pay online (scan the QR code)
OR
PTA postbox at reception

 All materials supplied  Please bring garden scissors

Come along for a fun evening and create your own beautiful Christmas wreath!

TREAT FRIDAY

Sugared Ring Doughnuts



2nd October

50p

On the playground, 3.15pm

Fortified Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Calcium Carbonate, Iron, Niacin, Thiamin), Water, Palm Oil, Sugar, Dextrose, Rapeseed Oil, Yeast, Emulsifiers (Mono- and Diglycerides of Fatty Acids, Mono- and Diacetyltartaric Acid Esters of Mono- and Diglycerides of Fatty Acids), Cornflour, Raising Agents (Calcium Phosphates, Sodium Carbonates, Potassium Carbonate), Salt, Wheat Protein, Flour Treatment Agent (Ascorbic Acid), Processing Aids (Fortified Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Calcium Carbonate, Iron, Niacin, Thiamin) Rapeseed Oil). Suitable for vegetarians



PRE-LOVED

UNIFORM FOR SALE

Your guide to buy pre-loved uniform!

- **Click & Collect**

Order on FB online, pay at the online shop, leave a message as to the sizes/item you require. When your order is confirmed, it will be in a bag in the PTA drop box at reception once a week.

If you need an item urgently please mark URGENT.

- **Any PTA event!**

Treat Fridays, Sports day, cake sales, parents evening.

**Jumpers, T-shirts,
Grey Uniform &
Shorts £1**

Girls Skorts £2

PE Hoodie £3

**SCAN ME!
PAY ONLINE.**



JOIN OUR TEAM

WE ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT AN ENTHUSIASTIC INDIVIDUAL
TO JOIN OUR SMALL TEAM OF PRACTITIONERS.

Based in the Village Hall with fantastic outdoor spaces, Kingsland Pre-School is a 'pack away' setting offering term time child care for 2 - 4 year olds.

Initially inspired by Anna Ephgrave's 'In the moment planning' we take a child led approach to play and learning. A minimum qualification of Level 2 in Early Years is essential and an enhanced DBS will be required for this role.

Start date 6th January 2027. Minimum 14 hours per week. Term-time only. Temporary until the end of the summer term (July 2027).

For an application form or to arrange a visit please contact Georgie or Donna - enquiries@kingslandpreschool.org.uk / 01568 708560

In line with our safer recruitment process, references will be requested prior to interview.



CLOSING DATE 30TH OCTOBER 2026





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(Matthew 5:16)



This half term's Christian value is:

LOVE

Educating for Hope and Aspiration

A prayer of LOVE

Creator God, Thank you that each of us is precious in your sight, and loved. Help us to feel that love each and every day. May we find that same love for everyone within our class at school and at home so that no one is left out; in Jesus' name. 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: **LOVE**

A reflection on LOVE by Rev. Julie

Did you know that our word LOVE has 4 different Greek words ...?

1. storge (meaning affection) is the everyday care we have for each other, the people we share our class with, or the people who work with us
2. philia (meaning friendship) and the love of friends, the ones we choose to share our time with outside of school hours, or who carry on after we have left school and moved onto other things
3. eros (meaning romantic love) and the pull that draws couples together to share their whole lives and set up home together
4. agape (meaning charity) and is the unconditional love that God the Father gives us in sending his Son, Jesus, to show us how to live, how to be, what is important. It is love that forgives when things go wrong, and is the most precious type of love that there is.

St Paul sums up this last kind of love in these famous words that we often hear at weddings, and they tell us what God is like, for God is love. Here is the beginning of 1 Corinthians Chapter 13:

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, IT IS NOT BOASTFUL OR ENVIOUS OR ARROGANT OR RUDE, IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY, IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL, IT DOES NOT REJOICE IN WRONG DOING, BUT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH...

I often say that this is the ideal that we should hold up, but realise that we often find it difficult. I know that I wasn't always patient with my teenage children.... When are times that you find it difficult to love?

Jesus told a story, a parable, about love, making sure that everyone is included, everyone is looked after, everyone is safe. It was about a farmer, well a shepherd really, who had 100 sheep, and every night he would call them into the sheepfold (his specially made stone-walled safe place) and count them in ... 97, 98, 99, 100. One evening, he counted them in ... 97, 98, 99 ... but there was one missing. What do you think he did? Did he think "Oh well, I have 99 sheep, that's pretty good, I need to care for them"? No he left the 99 safely shut up for the night and went out to look for the lost sheep. As the night fell, he found it caught up in a bramble and, prizing it loose, he put it over his shoulder and carried it home. THAT IS LOVE, making sure that EVERYONE is safe, and that EVERYONE lives well ... exactly what we aim to do at school.

I wonder if you can look out for everyone in your class as we start the new school year... making sure that everyone is safe, and doesn't get lost in their lessons, everyone has someone to play with, everyone is happy, and perhaps the words that you say to someone could be "HOW CAN I HELP?"