



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)  
Primary School**



# The Kingsland Times

**Friday 9th 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)

It was a joy to gather the whole school together for our 4-yearly whole school photograph on Wednesday – thankfully the weather just about held out! Details of how to order the photograph will be sent out soon.

Next week, KS1 children look forward to their visit to Queenswood, as well as our whole school Harvest Festival on Friday. Details of donations to Leominster Food Bank can be found later in the newsletter. Class 5 welcome Roger Morgan to school on Monday to lead another Pupils2Parliament debate, with feedback of the children’s views and opinions being sent directly back to parliament.



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

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### Dates for your diary

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

**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 **Arthur** ... Well done!

# School Attendance

| This week's attendance – well done Year 6! |       |       |       |       |       |      |              |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------|
| YR                                         | Y1    | Y2    | Y3    | Y4    | Y5    | Y6   | School total |
| 94.2%                                      | 94.2% | 99.2% | 94.4% | 99.5% | 97.5% | 100% | 97.2%        |

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                |
| Stanley<br>Kit<br>Bethan<br>Poppy<br>Phoebe<br>Thomas<br>Arthur<br>Henry | Patrick<br>Jaxon<br>Bertie<br>Henry<br>Harvey<br>Ben<br>Harriet<br>Helen | Monty<br>Olivia<br>Ed<br>Meghan<br>Daisy<br>Ronnie<br>George<br>Yarna | George<br>Leah<br>Molly |

## Harvest donations for Leominster Food Bank

We would like to collect donations for Leominster Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival. Any donations would be very gratefully received, to be brought into school on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. The food bank is particularly requiring the following items:

Cereal (but not porridge); Tinned soup; Tinned meat; Tinned fruit; All tinned vegetables; Long-life whole milk; Cooking oil; Tinned tuna; Pasta sauce; Sanitary products; Toilet rolls; Coffee; Tea bags; Surface cleaner; Squash; Rice pudding; Shampoo



This week in Worship Time, Rev Maggie helped us to think about the love that God has for our world, told through the story of Noah ... with the help of some Y5s who were surprisingly good at making animal noises!

### Kingsland School's Bedtime Story Event

#### Invitation

**Who:** Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are invited to Kingsland School's Bedtime Story Event

**Date:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Place:** Class 2



**Dress code:** Please wear your pyjamas, slippers and a dressing gown. Make sure you bring your teddy along too, to enjoy the evening.

Parents / Carers,

You are invited to bring your child to this year's Bedtime Story Event. **Whilst your child is enjoying various stories including a hot chocolate and a biscuit, parents and carers will be served refreshments in the school hall.** At the end of the evening, you will be invited to join us to listen to a special story shared by **our very own Mrs Green.**

Tickets will be available to collect from your class teacher at Parent's Evening. Please let us know, when you collect your child's ticket, if your child has any dietary requirements so we can cater for all.

We look forward to seeing you there,

From

The Early Years and Key Stage One Team



#### **Secondary School applications**

Reminder to Y6 parents that secondary school applications must be completed by **31st October** via the Local Authority website.

#### **Parents' Evening and SENCo Surgery**

Thank you to all those who have booked onto our upcoming Parents' Evenings – if you haven't yet booked an appointment, please do so via the Arbor App. Thank you.

#### **Class 1 tractors and wheelbarrows**

Class 1 children are asked to bring in ride-on tractors and wheelbarrows on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** as they will be using them to deliver the Harvest donations to the church.

#### **Nutty Foods**

With the current focus on the new Benedict's Law, we ask and remind parents to please avoid putting nutty foods into lunch boxes, to reduce the risk of allergies in school – thank you for your support.

# 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](https://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](https://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 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am**

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

**[admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk](mailto: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](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)

No-one knows for sure exactly when Scott Joplin was born. According to the United States census taken in July 1870, Scott Joplin was two years old. And no one is sure where Joplin was born, either — it was probably in northeast Texas.



Use the QR code to listen to Maple Leaf Rag.

# Musician

## Scott Joplin



Scott Joplin was an American composer and pianist. He became very famous for his ragtime music. People called him the "King of Ragtime." One of his first and most popular songs was the "Maple Leaf Rag." This song became the first big hit in ragtime music and helped make the style of music popular.

Scott Joplin's father was born into slavery in North Carolina. Both his parents were musical. He taught himself to play the piano.

### Making Connections ...

Ragtime uses syncopated rhythms — the accents in the melody are shifted away from the strong beats.



Use this QR code to listen to Elite Syncopations.



Use the QR code to listen to The Entertainer.

# of the Month

Use the QR code to listen to Pineapple Rag.



As a teenager, Joplin started traveling. In Missouri, he played piano in saloons; for the 1893 World's Fair, he headed to Chicago, and played the cornet in a band. After spending some time in college, Joplin moved on to St. Louis, the hotbed of ragtime music. Eventually, he lived in New York City.



## WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

**What holds you up in stormy times?  
How do you know if you are building your life on solid ground or on sand?  
Is rushing and not putting effort in always the worst in the end?**

### The Building Block Collective Prayer

Ideal for EYFS / KS1

Place a large container of plastic building blocks at the front of the room.

Invite small groups or individual children to come up and snap a block onto a shared foundation baseboard.

As they add a block, they think of one positive value that helps keep their classroom or home to be safe and supportive (sturdy). (e.g., sharing, listening, being patient).

Dear God, thank you that your words are a rock for us. As we build our school community together, help us add blocks of kindness, listening, and honesty today so we can stand strong together. Amen.



### The Wobble & Balance Prayer Game

Ask the children to stand on one foot or close their eyes and try to balance. Then, have them stand with both feet planted firmly wide apart on the ground (or kneel solidly on the floor).

Reflection: Talk about how hard it is to stay up when the ground is shaky versus when we are planted.

Pray together: "Lord, when things get stormy or confusing around me, help me stick close to You so I don't wobble away."



### Prayer Foundations

Cut out basic house templates from card or paper.

On the roof/walls of the house, write prayer requests for something currently facing a "storm" (e.g., a sick relative, a global issue, or a personal worry).

On the solid rectangle baseline of the house (the foundation), they write down a promise or a truth they can depend on (e.g., "My family loves me," "God is always listening," or "I am capable"). You could make them into a display by taping the houses side-by-side along a corridor or classroom wall to build a "Firm Foundation Town".

**"Thank you, God, that you hold all our worries in your hands, and that your love underneath us never moves. Amen."**

### Pebble Values Reflection (KS2)

Provide each child with a small, clean pebble and a permanent fine-liner or metallic pen.

Ask the children to think about a piece of solid advice or a school value they want to anchor themselves to this week (e.g., Perseverance, Compassion, Integrity).

Write that single word onto their pebble.

Hold a minute of silence where the children hold their stones.

"God, we hold these stones as a reminder of what is true and strong. When things around us shift like sand, help us to practice these good values so our character stays rock-solid. Amen."



'The Rock' by Nick and Becky Drake is a modern all age worship song that explore how God can be our rock in the storm.

<https://youtu.be/rnMyj46IMKo?si=IVmHEufjZhbuwVJ>



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<br>(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**

# **POP UP CHURCH**



**with iSingPOP**

**“We were made to be different,  
made to be curious, made to belong”**

*This is the Day by iSingPOP*

**Join us for songs, games, craft  
& an interactive story from the Bible.  
Followed by refreshments, all welcome.**

**2nd Sunday of the month  
9.30am at Eardisland Church, HR6 9BP**

Parking available in the Village Car Park, next to The Cross Inn

To find out more email [wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk](mailto:wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk)



# THE MORTIMER'S CROSS BENEFICE

*Sowing faith and  
sharing God's love  
in the parishes of  
Kingsland  
Eardisland  
Aymestrey &  
Leinthall Earles*

*Leominster Deanery*

*Diocese of Hereford*

*Church of England*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

OCTOBER  
2026

**4th  
Oct**

*Generous  
being*

9.30am - Messy Church  
Kingsland

9.30am - Holy Communion  
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion  
Kingsland

**11th  
Oct**

*Generous  
gratitude*

9.30am - PopUp Church  
Eardisland

11am - Morning Prayer  
Aymestrey

11am - Holy Communion  
Kingsland

**18th  
Oct**

*Generous  
giving*

11am - Harvest Festival,  
followed by Harvest Lunch  
at 12.15  
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion  
Kingsland

3.30pm - Evening Prayer  
Leinthall Earles

**25th  
Oct**

*Generous  
discipleship*

9.30am - Forest Church  
Aymestrey

9.30am - Morning Prayer  
Eardisland

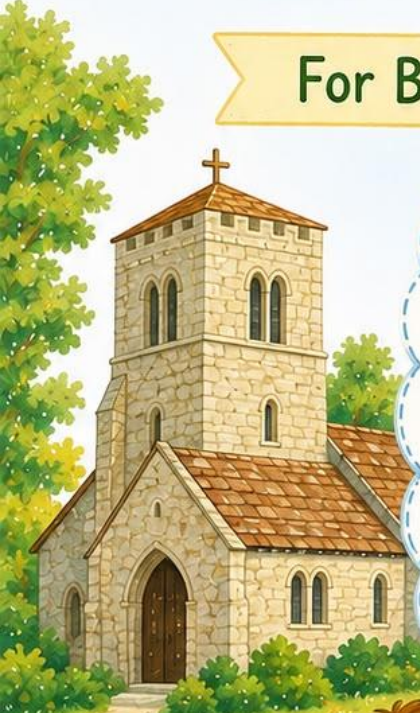
11am - Holy Communion  
Kingsland



# Stay & Play

## at Kingsland Church

For Babies, Toddlers & Their Grown-Ups



Join us for a friendly and welcoming stay and play session where little ones can explore, play and make friends while grown-ups enjoy a chat and a cuppa.



**THURSDAYS**



10:00am – 12:00pm



**AT KINGSLAND  
CHURCH**



**STARTING  
10TH SEPTEMBER  
(TERM TIME ONLY)**

Suggested donation of £3 per family gratefully received to go towards running these sessions.



For more information, contact:

≡ **Maggie** ≡



**07514 785568**





## 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](mailto: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**





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.**



# KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

## WhatsApp group chats: what parents need to know

Group chats can be a fun way for young people to stay in touch, but they can also be used by others to groom, exploit or harm children. It's important to know the risks and how you can help keep them safe.



### WHY GROUP CHATS CAN BE RISKY



Children may be added to groups by people they do not know.



Grooming can start with friendship, attention, gifts, games or status.



Children can be pressured to share photos, personal information or their location.



Sexual images can be requested, shared or used to threaten or blackmail a child.



Criminal exploitation can involve secrecy, money, gifts, drugs, violence or pressure to meet others.



Screenshots, forwarding and disappearing messages can make harmful content difficult to control.



### TALK TO YOUR CHILD



Ask who is in their groups. Help them think about who they really know online.



Check privacy settings together (e.g. who can add them to groups, who can see their profile and posts).



Encourage them to tell you if someone makes them uncomfortable.



Reassure them: they will not be in trouble for asking for help.

Have open and regular conversations



### WARNING SIGNS



Suddenly secretive about their phone.



New online friends or contacts they cannot explain.



Receiving gifts, money or new phones/clothes.



Becoming withdrawn, anxious or upset after being online.



Missing school or going missing.



Talking about meeting people they know online.



Sexualised messages/images or pressure to send pictures.



### WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

1

Keep accounts private and review group-chat settings (e.g. who can add them).

2

Encourage children to block and report suspicious accounts.

3

Save evidence/screenshots if something worrying happens.

4

Do not confront a suspected exploiter yourself as this could put your child at further risk.

5

Get advice early — you do not need to be certain that exploitation is happening.



Stay involved. Stay informed. Keep them safe.

## WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

### Herefordshire Children's Services – SAFE Team

For advice and support about child exploitation (including online exploitation) and missing children.



Email: [exploitationteam@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:exploitationteam@herefordshire.gov.uk)



If a child is in immediate danger call **999**



For safeguarding concerns contact **Herefordshire MASH**

**01432 260800** (office hours)

**01905 768020** (out of hours)

Trust your instincts.

Early advice can make a difference.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



Herefordshire Council



# WIN A SILENT DISCO FOR OUR SCHOOL!



...and raise funds for the  
Herefordshire Summer Games!



## PRIZE DRAW

Help us win a free silent disco  
for our school! All donations  
will be used by Stride Active to  
deliver the Herefordshire  
Summer Games.



ENTER  
HERE



Entries close, midday  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2026



ENTRY AND FULL T&C'S CAN BE FOUND AT:  
[WWW.CROWDFUNDER.CO.UK/P/STRIDEACTIVE](http://WWW.CROWDFUNDER.CO.UK/P/STRIDEACTIVE)

Image credit: Heather Hazzan, *SELF Magazine*

# Help flu research *at King's*

Give your views in an anonymous  
10-15 minute survey on flu  
vaccine attitudes and beliefs.

You must be:

- over 18 and living in England; and,
- an English-speaking parent of a child aged 4-16 who attends school.

Access the survey via the QR code.



**For further details contact:**

**Researcher:**

**Stephanie Davey**  
stephanie.davey@kcl.ac.uk

**Supervisor:**

**Dr Daniel Gaffiero**  
daniel.gaffiero@kcl.ac.uk



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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?"