



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



The Kingsland Times

Friday 23rd 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)

What a busy and productive half term it has been! The Class 1 children have settled into school life fabulously, and our new members of staff, Miss Vale, Mrs Forsyth and Mrs Harris, are all doing an incredible job.

Thank you for attending this week's Parents' Evenings – we hope that you feel fully informed about how your child is progressing and enjoyed looking through their books. We wish everyone a relaxing half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

WB 26 th October	Half term
Monday 2 nd November	Class 3 visit to the Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Wednesday 4 th November	KS1 Storytelling evening 5.30pm
Friday 6 th November	PTA film night
Tuesday 10 th November	Flu vaccinations in school – more details to follow
Friday 13 th November	G4 rehearsal at Weobley High School
Wednesday 18 th November	G4 concert in Hereford Cathedral
Tuesday 24 th November	Open Morning for prospective new YR parents 9.30am
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
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:

How can you love your neighbour?

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

Poppy, Eadie, Kit and **Henry** for super recounts of the visit to Wyre Forest; **Renee** for retelling the Good Samaritan story with great detail; **Xander** for super effort in maths this half term – 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 5!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
91.1%	89.5%	96.7%	92.8%	96.5%	97.9%	92.5%	94.1%

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.**

House Tokens			
Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!			
Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Henry	Xander Charlie	Hattie	Dougie Jorja

Congratulations to CROFT who have won this half term's house competition.

Secondary School applications

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



Poppies will be available to purchase for the children after half term for donations to The British Legion (50p / £1).

On Thursday, Wendy led an Open the Book Worship Time about Jesus and his love for children.



We are recruiting ... please do pass on the information to anyone who may be interested

[Teaching Assistant SEND Level 1 - Hoople Group](#)

Kingsland CE Primary School



Teaching Assistant SEND Level 1

Salary: £13.48 - £13.92 per hour

Hours and working pattern: 27.5 hours per week, 8.45am – 3.15pm, term time only (mornings in KS2 class; afternoons in Reception class)

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

Commencing: 1st January 2027. Fixed term contract until 31st August 2027

Closing date: Wednesday 25th November 12pm

Interview date: Thursday 3rd December

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.

We are looking for an exceptional, enthusiastic and patient Teaching Assistant SEND Level 1 to join our successful and supportive team, to work in both Reception and KS2 classrooms, in conjunction with the class teachers. Knowledge and experience of autism is preferable. The successful candidate will be able to embrace our Christian ethos, further enhancing our team through the determination and experience to deliver outstanding provision.

Visits to our fantastic school are welcomed on Thursday 12th November at 9.15am or Tuesday 17th November at 1.15pm.

Informal enquiries and visits to the school are welcomed. For an application pack and to book a visit, please email slewis@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk or phone 01568 708436.

Kingsland CE Primary 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.

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 4th 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



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.



School Meals

To order school meals for the 2nd half of Autumn Term starting **Monday 2nd November 2026**, the order will need to be placed by **12 noon Friday 30th October 2026**.

If the deadline of **12 noon Friday 30th October 2026** is missed, a packed lunch will be required.

Please follow the Arbor booking instructions that were emailed out this week. These can also be found on the school website here: [documents.asp](https://www.kingslandpreschool.org.uk/documents.asp)

School Improvement visit

On Tuesday this week, we welcomed Mrs Sandy Hayes to school – as well as one of His Majesty's Inspectors for Ofsted, she is a highly experienced school improvement partner. She actually conducted the school's Ofsted inspection in 2020! During her visit, she was extremely complimentary about all aspects of the school – the quality of teaching and learning, the children's recall and evidence of key foundational skills and knowledge, as well as the exceptional learning behaviours that she witnessed in every classroom. She described the personal development opportunities the school offers as exceptional and congratulated the school on its inclusive ethos and outstanding curriculum.

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.





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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

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.





UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

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 GOOD SAMARITAN

Is kindness the same as compassion?

Who are you more like in the story?

Is it ever okay to walk on by?

Who might need your kindness this week?

Band Aid Prayers



Provide sticky plasters or masking tape as an alternative.

You will need pens and a prayer space or board with the outline of HELP written on it.

Ask the children to think of people that they might be hurting.

Write their names or a picture on the 'plaster'.

Invite the pupils to add their 'plaster' to fill in the word HELP.

Then lead a prayer together for those people.

Footsteps of Kindness Prayer Trail

Place paper footprints around the classroom, corridor or outside.

On each footprint write a prompt:

- Pray for a friend.
- Pray for someone who is ill.
- Pray for people who help others.
- Pray for refugees and people in need.
- Pray for courage to be kind.

Children walk the trail quietly and stop to pray at each footprint.



Worship songs

'The Kindness Song' by the Cheeky Pandas reminds us to treat others with kindness and spread kindness too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLvRcbQVDt8>





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



THE MORTIMER'S CROSS BENEFICE

*Sowing faith and
sharing God's love
in the parishes of
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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

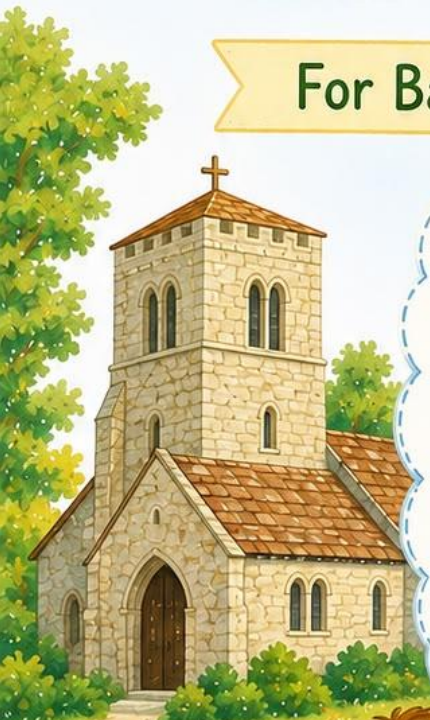
11am - Holy Communion
Kingsland



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





The Mortimer's Cross Churches

Forest Church

An informal outdoor worship
gathering for all ages

**4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am
Aymestrey Church, HR6 9SU**

Starting with drinks and croissants, come along to
hear a Bible story, explore an activity and spend
time outdoors. Newcomers always welcome.

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



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SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2026

1st Nov

*All Saints
Day*

9.30am - Messy Church
Kingsland

9.30am - Holy Communion
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion
Aymestrey

6.30pm - Remembering
Loved Ones Service
Kingsland

8th Nov

*Remembrance
Sunday*

10.50am - Remembrance
Sunday Services
at Kingsland, Eardisland
and Aymestrey Churches
and War Memorials

15th Nov

9.30am - Holy Communion
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion
Kingsland

3.30pm - Holy Communion
Leinthall Earles

22nd Nov

9.30am - Forest Church
Aymestrey

9.30am - Morning Prayer
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion
Kingsland

29th Nov

*Advent
Sunday*

10.30am - Benefice Holy
Communion
Aymestrey

6.30pm - 50th Advent
Carol Service
Kingsland

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 | All materials supplied | Please bring garden secateurs

Deadline 21st October

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

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

PTA 

MOVIE NIGHT

 **KS2** 

 6th November	 3.30 - 5.30pm	 £5 per child INCLUDES DRINK AND SNACK
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Pay online or drop a named envelope into the PTA postbox.

Deadline: 4th November





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



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



Oaker Wood
NATURALLY ADVENTUROUS



OCTOBER HALF TERM - WHAT'S ON!

Children's Holiday Club, for 7 - 11 year olds
High & Low Ropes, Roaming Reptiles & more!
27th & 28th October - £25 per person

Children's Holiday Camp, for 7 - 12 year olds
29th - 30th October - £125 per person

Teen Adventure Day, for 11 - 16 year olds
Friday 30th October - High Ropes & Paintball
AND FAMILY FUN - SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS



Book Online www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk

GLOW PARTY

**GAMES, CRAFTS,
TASTY TREATS AND
LOTS OF GIGGLES**

**SATURDAY 31
OCT 5PM TO 7PM**

**FUN FOR TODDLERS AND
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

FORBURY CHAPEL, LEOMINSTER, HR6 8NQ





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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?"