Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Kingsland Times

Friday 20th November 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 **RESPECT**

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)

As you can imagine, with the visit of Ofsted this week, it has been particularly busy! This is because staff, governors, parents and children care deeply abut the school and are keen for inspectors to see the incredible practice that we all see on a daily basis. The report will be shared throughout the school community once it has been published. On Wednesday, 12 fabulous singers from Y4/5/6 travelled to Hereford Cathedral to perform alongside G4 (of X Factor notoriety!). Although this was the fourth time Mr Debenham had taken part, all the children embraced this new challenge with joy and hard work, really letting their lights shine brightly. THANNK YOU to Mrs Harris for accompanying the children.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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

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Website: www.kingslandceprimary.com

Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd November	PTA non uniform day in exchange for bingo prizes
Friday 27th November	PTA Wreath Making – School Hall 6.30pm
Monday 30th November	PTA School Bingo Leominster Sports & Social 6.30pm
Tuesday 24th November	Open Morning for prospective new YR parents 9.30am
Friday 4th December	Christmas Disc YR R 1 2 3 – 5.15-6.15pm YR 4 5 6 – 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Christmas dinner and panto performance
Wednesday 16th December	KS1 nativity performances 2.15pm and 5.30pm
Friday 18th December	Christmas carol service in Kingsland Church 1.30pm
Wednesday 6th January	Start of Spring term
Monday 11th January	Y5/6 to Young Voices
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
10th and 11th February	Parents' Evenings

Term dates for 2026 – 2027, and for the following two academic years, can be found here.



Governor news: governors were fully involved this week's Ofsted inspection. THANK YOU for your support and challenge.



Big Question

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

How should I look after my friends?

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

Emily for super writing using her sounds; **Gili** for excellent writing in RWI; **Toby, Leah, Alexander** and **Oliver** for super narration and use of direct speech; **Effie** for her excellent determination and resilience in maths this week – 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 **Lilly** … Well done!

School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year 5!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
96.8%	90.5%	98.8%	91.1%	96.0%	100%	97.5%	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.



Thank you for some lovely messages about the G4 concert:

Please could you pass on my thanks to Mr Debenham and Mrs Harris for taking the children to G4 last night.

After what must have already been a very tiring week, we are so grateful to you all for giving up your evening to take them. My child absolutely loved it and was still on a high from the experience this morning!

Her grandparents and I also thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you again for giving my child such a wonderful experience.

Just a quick note to say a massive thank you to Mr Debenham and Team for providing the wonderful G4 opportunity at Hereford Cathedral last night. My child thoroughly enjoyed it as did I, it was beautiful to watch.

We really value these additional opportunities and know a great deal of work goes into them, so thank you very much.



PTA



In exchange for a

NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Monday 23rd November

Can children in each class bring in one item to help with our bingo hampers.

To ensure a variety we suggest:

Class 1 – Toiletries
Class 2 – Chocolates
Class 3 – Christmas items
(e.g. minces pies, Christmas cake, cards, crackers, decorations etc)
Class 4 – Luxury biscuits
(e.g. sweet or savoury)
Class 5 – Bottles (e.g. wine or spirits)

We would also welcome any raffle prizes, if you have a generous employer or know a contact in a local business who would be willing to donate a voucher or gift.

The bingo will be held at Leominster Sports & Social Club

Monday 30th November.

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.

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Lunchtime supervisor role

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Our children need someone to keep them safe and happy at lunchtimes. Could it be you? We are looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor from 11.45am – 1.00pm for five days each week. Term time only.
To commence – as soon as possible.

The successful applicant will:

- Be consistent and clear in their approach
- Have excellent interpersonal skills with children and staff
- Be able to enthuse and inspire children
- Be flexible, creative and able to use initiative
- Be willing to attend training as required, including safeguarding training

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Salary: hourly rate: 02HC £13.28

Closing date: Monday 4th December 2026

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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**

Wisdom Hope Community Dignity

Let your light shine

SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM 2025-26 - 2026-27

International School Award 2024–27

School of SANCTUARY AWARD Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

2025 / 2026 SILVER AWARD TIAAS PROGRAMME

Herefordshire Council

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**

Jean Sibelius lived during the late Romantic music period. Many people consider him Finland's greatest composer. His music helped Finland develop its own national identity when it was trying to become independent from Russia.

Musician of the Month

Jean Sibelius



Jean Sibelius was born in Finland. He started music lessons early and wanted to be a professional violinist, but this was not to be. Instead, he devoted himself to composing and conducting, writing seven symphonies. However, as time went on, Sibelius' music was less and less appreciated. He finally stopped composing and, living quietly in the country, wrote nothing for the last 31 years of his life.

Use the QR code to listen to Finlandia.

Making Connections ...

Jean Sibelius was very proud of being from Finland.

Sibelius is best known for his 7 symphonies. Other famous pieces include Finlandia, the and his Violin Concerto. He also wrote music inspired by nature.

Use this QR code to listen to Karelia Suite.

Use the QR code to his violin concerto.

Use the QR code to listen to Symphony No. 5.

Sibelius loved nature very much. The Finnish landscape often inspired his music. He once said his Sixth Symphony reminded him of "the scent of the first snow." The forests around his home are said to have inspired much of his music.



Diocese of Hereford
Celebrating 1350 Years

Further ideas to support spirituality and worship

Aut 11



What worries would you like to give to God?
What keeps you calm in stormy moments of life?
What does peace look like for you?

Prayer Ribbon Waves

Resources: Blue ribbons or strips of paper
Write a prayer for peace on a ribbon:
Peace in our school
Peace in our families
Peace in our world
Reflect on th storm by shaking them and then attach ribbons to a display or to a school fence. As they move gently they remind children of calm water after the storm.

Calm Jar Reflection

Resources: Glitter jars
Shake the jar and discuss how the water looks like a storm.
As the glitter settles, say:
Jesus calmed the storm. He can bring peace to our hearts too.
Invite children to sit quietly until the glitter settles and offer their own prayers.

'Jesus calms the storm' by the Getty Girls is a hymn for younger voices - take a listen here: https://youtu.be/8A5GwBcgC6o?si=TPBo0LWse_Z4Vikp

Prayer Boats

Fold a simple paper boat.
On one side of the boat write: "Jesus, help me when..."
Children then write or draw:

- worries
- fears
- things that make them sad
- situations where they need courage

Invite children to bring their boats one at a time and place them on the sea (bue cloth or water tray) while saying: "Jesus, help me trust you in this storm." or "Lord Jesus, bring your peace."



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEOMINSTER

LIVE NATIVITY TRAIL

a free event for all ages



Follow the Nativity Trail

to Find Mary and Joseph!



MEET THE CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS - STEP INTO THE STORY!

Saturday 28th November - In the Secret Garden

Entry through

Leominster Information Centre

Corn Square

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Visit from 2.30-4pm.

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

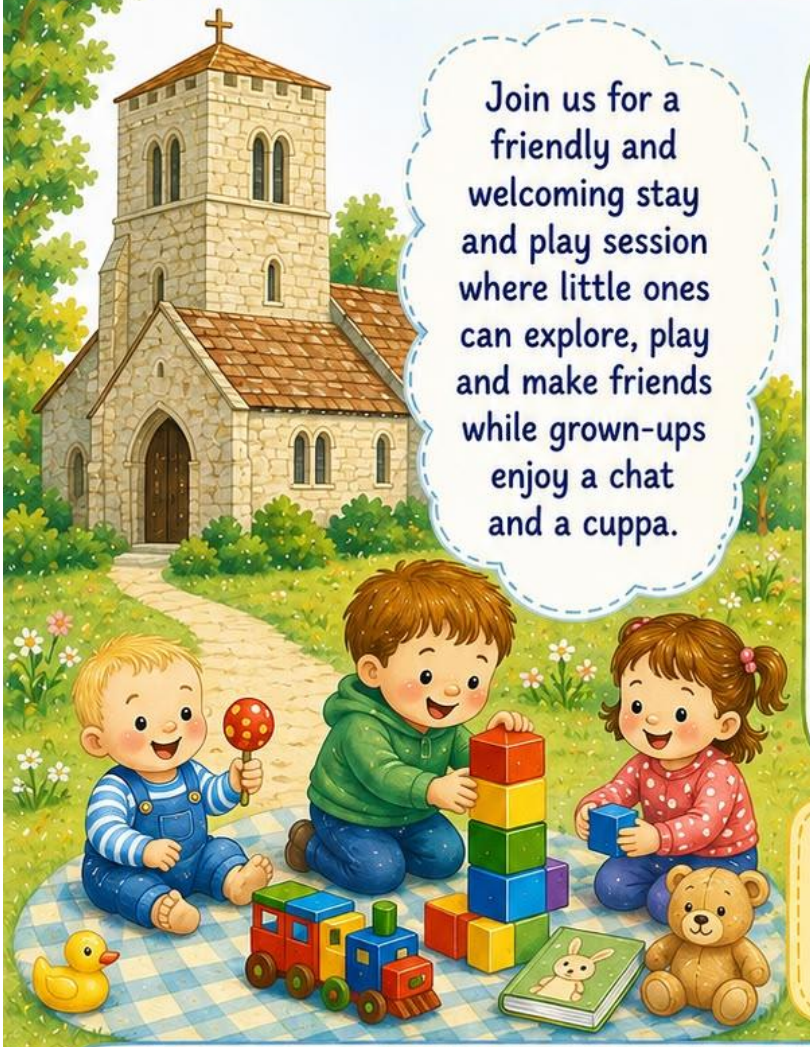
Advice and guidance

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

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

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
rector@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk

THE MORTIMER'S CROSS BENEFICE

Sowing faith and sharing love in the parishes of Kingsland Eardisland Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles

Leominster Deanery

Diocese of Hereford

Church of England

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

KINGSLAND SCHOOL PTA

(Parents/Teachers/Friends)

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR BOTTLES

Help us fill our

WHEELBARROW of booze!

Any bottles, any size, all welcome!

Every bottle helps!



Donations to be given to Dannii Fear (Yr R Mum)

Raffle to take place on 30th November at School Bingo

Tickets on sale soon!

Wheelbarrow kindly donated by Wills Engineering

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 17th November

All materials supplied

Please bring garden secariears

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 CHRISTMAS DISCO

4th DECEMBER

5.15 – 6.15pm
YR R – 3

6.30 – 7.30pm
YR 4 – 6



£5 per child

INCLUDES DRINK AND SNACK



Pay online or drop a named envelope into the PTA postbox.



PTA BINGO

BINGO DONATIONS

To make this success we rely on your generosity and are asking children to bring in items on **23rd NOVEMBER** to make up hampers.

In exchange for a NON-UNIFORM DAY!



To ensure a variety we suggest:

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
				
Toiletries	Chocolates	**Christmas items** (e.g. minces pies, Christmas cake, cards, crackers, decorations etc)	**Luxury biscuits** (e.g. sweet or savoury)	**Bottles** (e.g. wine or spirits)



We would also welcome **any raffle prizes,** if you have a generous employer or know a contact in a local business who would be willing to donate a voucher or gift.

BARROW OF BOOZE RAFFLE

Supporting Kingsland School PTA

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE COMING HOME IN CHILDREN'S BOOK BAGS ON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

PLEASE SELL TO FAMILY & FRIENDS



Every ticket sold helps support the children and activities at Kingsland School.

Family • Friends • Neighbours • Grandparents • Work Colleagues

SOLD YOUR TICKETS?

1. Tear off the ticket stubs
2. Place them in an envelope marked RAFFLE
3. Post into the PTA Post Box at Reception

UNSOLD TICKETS

Please return any unsold tickets to school by

23RD NOVEMBER 2026

We appreciate this is a quick turnaround, but your help, generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

WITH THANKS

KINGSLAND SCHOOL PTA

A little ticket can make a BIG difference!



Maggie Smith, Joel Fry, Isabella O'Sullivan, Michiel Huisman

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Recommended Age 8+

A Boy Called Christmas

An ordinary young boy called Nikolas sets out on an adventure into the snowy north in search of his father who is on a quest to discover the fabled village of the elves, Elfhelm. Taking with him a headstrong reindeer called Blitzen and a loyal pet mouse, Nikolas soon meets his destiny.

Kingsland Coronation Hall

HR6 9SQ

Monday 21 December

Doors open: 2.00 pm
Film: 2.30 pm

Tickets

All tickets: £2.50
On the Door
All children must be accompanied by an adult

Enquiries: 07887944688

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

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Kingsland CE Primary School

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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: **RESPECT**

"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)



This half term's Christian value is:

RESPECT

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for RESPECT

Father God, open our eyes to value and appreciate all people. Help us to recognise what we have in common and respect what makes each of us unique. Amen.

A reflection on RESPECT by Rev Rosie Roberts (formerly of Kingsland Church)

"'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."' (Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew 22:39.)

During this last half-term, our school has focused on the Christian value of love. But how do we love God, our neighbour, and ourselves, as Jesus tells us we should? One of the ways we can do this is by showing RESPECT.

Respect is one of the key building blocks of a healthy community. It involves listening to other people, making space for opinions that are different from our own, and valuing everyone. We're not always going to agree, but if we can find a way of disagreeing well, by showing respect to those we disagree with, then we're more likely to find a way forward together. As well as respecting others, it's important to respect ourselves too.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me…" In this song, Aretha Franklin says that she deserves to be treated with the same respect that she shows to another person. This reflects a golden rule of the Christian faith – "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7: 12).

Why are Christians taught to treat other people with respect? It comes from the knowledge that ALL people are made in the image of God, and so we're invited to see this image in everyone we meet. This means treating everyone as though they're special and worthy of respect, because we know that they are special to God. This is easy with people we like and agree with, but it's harder with people we don't get on with. Nevertheless, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies, because love can transform a situation and take away the power that hate and disagreement can have over us.

When we think about loving our neighbour as ourselves, it's easy to forget that our first task is to love ourselves. If we can't treat ourselves with love and respect, then we will be no good at showing this to our neighbour! Sometimes it's easy to see God's image in other people and forget that it's in us too.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me…" It means a world where everyone values themselves and each other. What a wonderful world that would be!