



King's Court First School
A School for Children
Caring, Sharing and Learning Together
Autumn Term 2025 Issue 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned to school beautifully and settled into their new classes with confidence and enthusiasm. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined King's Court—it's lovely to have you with us!

The school is looking bright and fresh, thanks to the hard work of Mr and Mrs McBride, the office team, and our dedicated teachers who ensured everything was ready for the children's return in September.

We're delighted to welcome **Miss Tivey**, our new Reception teacher, who is working with our youngest children in **Robin Class**. The little ones came in confidently yesterday and have already begun learning their new routines. We look forward to inviting families in for lunch next week.

Please check your logins for **Arbor** and educational apps such as **TT Rock Stars**, and don't hesitate to ask if you need any support.

We are continuing our **attendance drive** to keep our attendance percentage high. Daily attendance supports not only academic progress but also the development of personal and social relationships. A lot can happen in one day at school! As always, we will work supportively with families to ensure children are in school wherever possible. In case you missed it, we've included further attendance information later in this newsletter.

The **draft Safeguarding Policy 2025** has been updated on our website in line with *Keeping Children Safe in Education*. You can view it and other key policies here by copying and pasting the link:

🔗 <https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/policies/>

Next week, we're looking forward to **Meet the Teacher** sessions and our **School Council/Green Team elections**. Please check the calendar for key dates and events here:

🔗 [Calendar | King's Court First School](#)

Warm regards,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?

This week in Team Magic:

We have had a lovely start to our new year in Robins this week. The children have enjoyed having busy learning inside and using our outdoor area to climb, build and play. We have learnt how we can be Ready, Respectful and Safe in school. We're looking forward to welcoming all of the new Robins back next week!

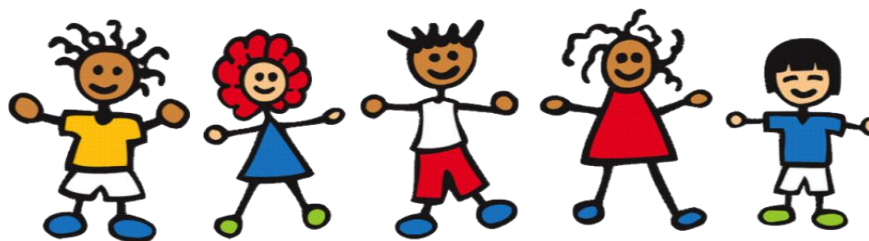


This week in Team Believe:

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of the children in team believe and hear all of the adventures that were had over the summer holidays. Over the last 2 days we have focused on settling into a new year group as well as learning their daily routines and expectations. The children are eager to get started with their learning and are excited by our topic outlines. We look forward to welcoming you to our 'Meet the Teacher' presentation next week. Please see our Class Dojo message for further information.

This week in Team Inspire:

What a delightful start to the year Team Inspire! The children have returned to school with a very enthusiastic and 'I can do' learning attitude! Clearly many wonderful holidays and family times have been experienced and this has been reflected in our holiday news! We have explained the high expectations of Owl and Deer class and the children have responded well. On Tuesday 9th September we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' presentation in Deer Class (further information to follow on Class Dojo) This meeting will outline the expectations and structure for your child/children – please do attend.



Children's Corner Homework

Mrs Martin will be sending out a homework questionnaire on Tuesday 9th September.

We are looking to hear your thoughts about what is going well and what could be further improved.

Homework will begin on Friday 26th September. Further updates will be shared at Meet the Teacher next week.

Calendar dates for the coming months

Tuesday 9th September 2025 –

Meet the Teachers KS1 & KS2 3.30-3.45pm

Friday 8th September 2025 –

Swimming Starts for our year 4s

Tuesday 16th September 2025 –

Early Years Curriculum/Phonics meeting 3pm

Friday 19th September 2025 –

Jeans for Geans Day

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 –

Prospective Parents Meeting 1.30pm

Friday 26th September 2025 –

McMillian Coffee Morning

Thursday 2nd October 2025 –

Parent Book Look 3.30-3.45pm

Wednesday 15th October 2025 –

Harvest Assemblies Early Years 9am KS1 9.20am
KS2 9.40am

Tuesday 21st October 2025 –

Prospective Parents Meeting 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 –

Parent Teachers Consultations

Thursday 23rd October 2025 –

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Friday 24th October 2025 –

End of Term – Mufti Day

New Term Starts Monday 3rd November 2025

Pupil Premium

Is your child eligible to receive additional funding to support them within school?

Have you had a change in circumstances that may mean your child is now eligible?

Please head to the school website, click the about us tab and pupil premium to find out a little more about if your child qualifies and how we use the funding.

A polite reminder

We are a NUT FREE school (including chocolate spread) and encourage children to eat a healthy pack lunch and therefore ask that children do not have chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. We have children with a severe nut allergy and it is important that the children do not come in to contact with them. Thank you for your help. We have created a small slip which will be sent home in lunch boxes as a reminder if these items are included. Many Thanks.

We are a nut free School



We have children with severe nut allergies that attend our school. To keep everybody safe please ensure no nut products are sent in to school.

Helping your child: If your child is worrying lots about something, feeling anxious or down, the NHS provide advice for parents. Please follow the link below...

[Advice for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Important Information

Addressing Concerns Regarding Aggressive Behaviour and Unsafe Parking



As a valued part of our community, King's Court is committed to fostering a safe and harmonious environment for everyone in the area, including our students, parents, and local residents.

A polite reminder to address concerns about recent incidents of aggressive behaviour and unsafe parking outside the school during pick-up times. These behaviours have raised safety risks for children and other road users, as well as caused unnecessary tension in the community.

We kindly remind all parents, and visitors to observe the following guidelines to ensure everyone's safety and well-being:

Parking Etiquette: Please park only in designated areas and avoid blocking driveways, access roads, or pedestrian crossings. Illegal or obstructive parking creates hazards and disrupts the flow of traffic.

Respectful Communication: We urge everyone to interact courteously with school staff, other parents, and fellow residents. Aggressive or confrontational behaviour will not be tolerated and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Patience and Understanding: Drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, and delays may occur. Your cooperation and patience can greatly help in maintaining a safe and orderly environment.

We are actively working on solutions to improve traffic flow and parking arrangements around the school. This includes inviting our local community warden to visit the school at drop off time, Your support is vital in ensuring that the school remains a safe space for all. If you have suggestions or wish to discuss any concerns, please contact the school.

A polite reminder that the pavements are for walking on, if cars are parked on them, it is very difficult for everyone to safely walk on.

Is it illegal to park on zig-zag lines outside schools?

Yes, it's always illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter. Together, we can build a respectful and safe environment for everyone in our community.

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19th August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities.

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

For the first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.



Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence. The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards – Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.

Penalty Notices are issues Per Parent, Per Child. For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

DfE Blog for Parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks. **5 Consecutive days** of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

Attendance Information to Parents from RBWM

Issuing Fixed Penalty Notices

From Autumn 2024 there are significant changes in the way that penalty notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them.

The national threshold for issuing a penalty notice is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of term time holiday plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the registers close). These sessions can be consecutive or can now span across different terms or school years.

When the threshold has been met the school will either offer appropriate support if appropriate or immediately issue a penalty notice if it is the best available tool to improve a pupil's attendance.

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Penalty Notices

From Autumn 2024 only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent/guardian in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice is charged at a higher rate.

- The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second penalty notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

If the penalty notice is not paid by the end of the 28-day period, the local authority will decide either to prosecute for the original offence to which the notice applies, or withdraw the notice. Parent(s) can only be prosecuted if 28 days have expired, and full payment has not been made. There is no right of appeal against a penalty notice. DfE Blog for parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Top Table

The Top Table is returning next week. This an opportunity for the children to have lunch with Mrs. Pye-Beraet. The lunch team will be looking out for children who are being 'ready, respectful and safe' at lunchtimes across the classes from reception to year 4!

Don't forget that children in reception to year 2 receive a universal free school meal. We are a healthy school and encourage the children to have a healthy lunch box. We are a **no nut** school to ensure children with nut allergies are safe in school (this includes chocolate spread) and a no chocolate policy to keep us healthy.

NEW: lunchtime cups for classes next week!



EXPLORE ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Sunday 14 September 2025




heritage open days



Last year we introduced new talks for children and a children's trail around the University campus – aimed specifically at primary age children, from Early Years to KS2. These proved popular so we will be running a new talk and trail this year too. More information about the day can be found here: <https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/about-us/events/heritage-open-day-2025/>

Friends of King's Court First School Update: Looking forward to the year ahead!

As ever, the success of our group and its fundraising efforts is driven by the pool of amazing volunteers who offer their time and support. If you would like to get involved (in any way!), please do join our WhatsApp group to find out more.



Scan the QR code:

