



King's Court First School
A School for Children
Caring, Sharing and Learning Together
Summer Term Issue 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today was an exciting day for all our children as they visited their new classes for September and met their new class teachers! To support every child—especially those who may feel a little wobbly about the change—we introduced a new transition format this year. The current class teacher spent time with their class alongside the new teacher, allowing for a smooth and supportive handover. This approach gave teachers the chance to observe the children in action, share effective routines, and have meaningful conversations with both pupils and colleagues. We've also heard that our Year 4s have had a fantastic time at their middle schools. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return! The summer term is always a busy one, and we're so grateful to all the parents who attended the SEND meetings with Mrs Johnson and the class teachers. These meetings are incredibly valuable in ensuring that support and good practice are shared effectively.

Last week, we held our final coffee morning of the year. Thank you to everyone who joined us throughout the year—your presence and participation have made these mornings a real pleasure to organise. We're already looking forward to launching them again in September!

Another highlight was the **I Rock concert**, where parents joined the rest of the school to enjoy a fantastic performance. It was wonderful to see our community come together, and our band members were absolutely superb. On Wednesday, we welcomed many of you into school for our **Art Exhibition**. At one point, the hall was full of proud children showing off their artwork to their families. A huge thank you to Mrs Martin and the team for organising such a special event—though, as always, the real stars were the children!

Over the past couple of weeks, we've also had the pleasure of meeting our new reception children and their families during our stay-and-play sessions. Everyone settled in beautifully, and it was lovely to see so many families visiting multiple times. We were also delighted to welcome **Miss Tivey**, who will be joining us alongside Mrs Johnson in September.

Last week, we had a magical visit from **Meg**, an author and storyteller, who came to school with Mrs Montgomery, our Vice Chair of Governors. Meg captivated every class with her storytelling, and the children were completely mesmerised! If you'd like to purchase one of her books, please see one of her titles: Mrs. Chicken And The Hungry Crocodile, there are several to choose from on line.



For a small community school, we are incredibly proud of the talent and dedication shown by both our children and staff.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to sharing your child's end-of-year report with you next week.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?

This week in Team Magic:

We have been talking about planting. We read a set of instructions together and put them back in to order once jumbled. We then planted our own beans and had a go at writing our own set of instructions. As mathematicians we have revisited shape and how when we put shapes together we can make other shapes or larger shapes. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the WSSP Reception Festival at St Peter's where we took part in a variety of sporting activities that were led by the St Peter's sports leaders. The children showed how ready, respectful and safe they are especially walking to and from the school in the rain. Please enjoy a few photos below.

This week in Team Believe:

In Hedgehogs, as writers we have used our learning from last term about Christopher Columbus to plan an information report for our final hot task. As mathematicians we have consolidated place value to 100, found 1 more or 1 less than a given number and used manipulatives such as dienes to represent larger digits. As scientists, we have revisited our knowledge of mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds. We explored our senses and the differences between humans and animals. The children enjoyed displaying their final pieces in our art exhibition including: ships, landscapes and aboriginal art.

In Squirrels, as writers we have focused on dinosaur habitats, diets and their appearance, in order to consolidate their knowledge before attempting their final hot task of the year. As mathematicians, we have completed quizzes to assess our understanding of topics covered in the summer term. As scientists, we have been learning about the position of the sun and how it appears to move throughout the day. The children were amazed to find out that the earth is moving at 1000mph whilst we are sat our classroom! The children were really excited to celebrate their development of final pieces throughout the year including: puppets, clay tiles and batik.

This week in Team Inspire:

In Owls, as writers we have explored William the Conqueror and his influence on the Battle of Hastings. As mathematicians we have completed our end of term quizzes to show our amazing progress since the beginning of the year. As artists we completed a variety of final pieces and were excited to display these for the art exhibition. We modelled our clay pots, Ancient Egyptian portraits and Ancient Roman buildings.

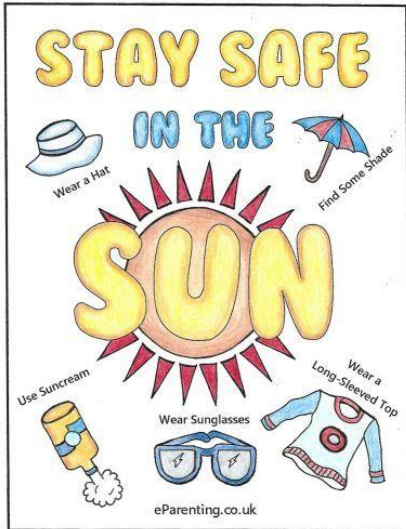
In Deers, as writers we have completed our hot task about information reports. We discussed the relevance of being factual. As mathematicians, we have completed end of term quizzes to show off our development. As scientists, we have completed our hot task about electricity. We spoke about its purpose and how it has impacted inventions since. The children were thrilled to show their artwork at the exhibition including: collage portraits, pulleys and biscuits.



Children's Corner

We have had some of the hottest days of the year this week.

Can you make a poster to share with your class about how to keep safe in the sun?



Robins enjoying activities at St Peter's.



Calendar dates for this month

Monday 7th July 2025 – Reports out to parents this week

Monday 7th July 2025 – Year 4 Leavers Service Old Windsor Parish Church 1.45pm

Wednesday 8th July 2025 - Early Years Trip to Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre

Friday 11th July 2025 – End of Year Disco - @ The Old Windsor Club

EARLY YEARS AND YEAR 1 - 5PM - 6.15PM

YEAR 2 & 3 - 6.30PM - 7.45PM

YEAR 4 - 8PM - 9.15PM

Monday 14th July 2025 – Team Believe @ Outlook Discovery Centre

Tuesday 15th July 2025 – Books home

Tuesday 15th July 2025 – Year 4 Leaver's Play

Tuesday 15th July 2025 – Year 4 Leaver's Assembly

Wednesday 16th July 2025 – Year 4 Leaver's Trip

Friday 18th July 2025 – Mufti Day

End of Term 1.30pm Finish

We are thrilled to share some fantastic achievements:

🏆 Gold Sports Award

🏆 Gold Attachment Awareness Award



Important Information

In case you are starting to think about buying uniform for September, here is our uniform policy. The school can support families who may need financial support to buy uniform and we only ask for the sweat shirt to have the King's Court logo on the uniform. We aim to make it as smart and comfortable as possible, whilst keeping it affordable for parents and carers. All plain items of uniform are available at most supermarkets and clothing stores. Items with the King's Court logo on are available from Schools Days Direct.

Schools Days Direct
20A Buckingham Ave,
Slough
SL1 4QA

King's Court First School has a uniform policy and all children are required to adhere to it.

Girls

Blue and white checked dress with plain white socks – summer
Dark grey skirt or pinafore with dark grey/black tights or plain white socks
Light blue polo shirt
Royal blue logo sweatshirt with logo or cardigan without logo
Royal blue hoodie with school logo
Black flat school shoes
Royal blue headband or hair tie.

Boys

- Dark grey school trousers or shorts with plain dark grey/black socks
- Light blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt with logo
- Royal blue hoodie with school logo
- Black school shoes (Velcro suggested)

PE Uniform

- White T-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Plimsols /plain black trainers

In the colder months the children may prefer to wear:

- Plain blue jogging bottoms
- Plain blue sweatshirt
- Plain black trainers

Communication Systems at King's Court First School

During the course of the academic year if you have a concern or would like to meet to discuss anything regarding the Home-School Partnership or for any queries you have, our whole school communication system is:

1. Class Teachers

Please bring any concerns directly to the class teacher. Briefly catch your child's class teacher at drop off and pick up, or use one of the communication methods listed; Class Dojo message, arrange for a phone call or a meeting. This can also be arranged via the school office. Alternatively, you can send an email directly to the school office for the attention of (class teacher name).

2. Senior Leader

If you have been in contact with the class teacher and there are still outstanding concerns you can contact the senior leader via the school office. Please send an email for the attention of (senior leader name) or arrange for a phone call or meeting. There are, at times, queries which may need to be addressed by a senior member of staff.

3. Head Teacher

We appreciate there can be queries or concerns that may not directly fit into the communication system above. On those occasions an email for the attention of the head teacher can be sent directly to the school office.

Attendance

Attendance expectations around holiday absence before summer 2025 break

It is very important the children attend school every day to support their learning progress in school as well as their friendships groups and mental health. A lot can happen during 1 day at school!

During the summer term and leading up to the holidays, the children have a statutory requirement to attend school. Although it can be tempting to benefit from the cheaper prices before school closes, the children must be in school as their absence will be unauthorised for holiday requests. **We have 3 inset days planned to give the community additional days for holidays 21st, 22nd and 23rd July 2025.**

We have shared the new attendance legislation from the government which took affect from August 24, this includes RBWM fining families who take their children out of school during term time. This is to reiterate the importance of the children being in school every day during term time.

Detailed below is a reminder of the impact school attendance has on your child's learning:

98-100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent – children are accessing all learning opportunities
96-97%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good- very few learning opportunities are missed
94-95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk of underachievement• Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year
92-93%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High risk of underachievement• Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year
90-92%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe risk of underachievement• Up to 19 school days absent in an academic year
<90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extreme risk of underachievement• Upwards of 22 school days absent in an academic year

Congratulations to our Top Table 26/07/2025



Smartphone Free Childhood

Please find information attached from the RBWM Smartphone Free Childhood Team. At King's Court our children do not bring phones on site, although some children have them outside of school. We are looking to share important messages along with other schools in the borough about the use of smart phones with children. Many thanks for your co-operation on this important matter.

**RBWM Smartphone Free Schools Consortium
with RBWM Smartphone Free Childhood**

4 July 2025

Re: Reducing Smartphone Use for Children in RBWM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you as a group of schools in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

This letter explains that children will not be allowed access to smartphones at our schools by the end of 2025. Smartphones will either not be allowed on site - as is already the case today in many infant, first and primary schools and in some middle and secondary schools - or they will become inaccessible during the school day and on school trips. Each school will be responsible for how this will be implemented and will update you accordingly. In some schools, this is a continuation of policies that are already in place.

It is anticipated that some schools will adopt a phased approach - with policies becoming further strengthened over time. For example, middle and secondary schools may implement a full smartphone ban for new entrants to Year 5 and Year 7 whilst simply making smartphones inaccessible during the school day for existing pupils. Over time it will become unnecessary for a child at a school in RBWM to have a smartphone.

In addition, and if you haven't already done so, we are recommending parents **delay giving their child a smartphone until at least the end of Year 9, and to avoid allowing them access to social media until they are at least 16.**

Why have we made this decision?

Whilst smartphones can be a helpful piece of technology for adults, there is increasing evidence that smartphone use has negative effects on the wellbeing and mental health of young people, and poses a number of significant safeguarding risks. Smartphone use has been linked to impaired attention and focus, sleep deprivation, mental health issues, online bullying, exposure to harmful online content and people, increased risk of mugging and increased loneliness and social isolation.

We want young people to prioritise in-person interactions and to benefit from the stronger social skills, empathy and sense of community that real-world contact offers.

We believe that removing access to smartphones in schools is an important place to start - and schools that have already taken action to remove access to smartphones have seen a big positive impact. But today, the majority of child smartphone usage occurs outside of schools - and that is why we are also recommending that you delay giving your child access. Working together as schools and parents, we have the best chance of enabling children in our borough to benefit from a healthier childhood in the real world.

If you feel your child needs a device for safety reasons, such as when travelling to school, consider instead a phone without internet connectivity (a 'brick' phone).

We know that many parents are keen to avoid having to give their children a smartphone at 11, 12 or 13 - but that it is hard to say 'no' when everyone else has one. We hope that the position we are adopting as schools will help reset expectations and remove social peer pressure around smartphones, supporting parents to make informed decisions for their children.

What's next?

Your child's school will be in touch with you to share their updated smartphone policy with you, if they haven't already done so. We hope that you will support us in our aim to make sure that RBWM's children feel happy, healthy and free to enjoy childhood for as long as possible.

Signed by:

All Saints CE Junior School	Holyport CofE Primary School & Foundation Unit
Altwood Church of England School	Homer First School and Nursery
Alwyn Infant School	Kings Court First School
Beech Lodge	Lowbrook Academy
Boyne Hill CE Infant & Nursery School	Manor Green School and The Link
Braywick Court School	Newlands Girls' School
Braywood CofE First School	Oakfield First School
Burchetts Green CE Infant School	Riverside Primary School and Nursery
Charters School	South Ascot Village School
Churchmead CofE School	St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary School
Claire's Court Juniors	St Edward's Catholic First School, Windsor
Claire's Court Seniors	St Francis Catholic Primary School, Ascot
Clewer Green CofE First School	St Luke's CofE Primary School
Cookham Dean CofE Primary School	St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Cookham Rise Primary School	St Michael's CofE Primary School, Sunninghill
Courthouse Junior School	St Peter's Church of England Middle School
Cox Green School	St Piran's
Dedworth Green First School	The King's House School
Eton Porny CofE First School	The Queen Anne Royal Free CofE First School
Eton Wick CofE First School	The Royal School
Furze Platt Primary Federation	The Windsor Boys' School
Furze Platt Senior School	Trinity St Stephen CofE First School
Herries Prep School	Waltham St Lawrence Primary School
Hilltop First School	Wessex Primary School
Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Cookham	Windsor Girls' School
Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Sunningdale	Wraysbury Primary School

For more information and resources please visit:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/>

<https://healthprofessionalsforsaferscreens.org/>

Judo Assembly and Presentation well done everyone





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**WHAT'S
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2025?**

FUNDED PLACES...

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3 & 4-year-olds



EXTENDED HOURS...

9am-3pm Mon-Fri
In term-time only



A NURTURING, INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT...

- Stimulating activities
- New activity themes every week
- Equipped for learning & fun
- Exciting & fun outdoor space
- Dedicated & experienced staff
- Healthy snack & milk provided daily

YOUNGER YEARS...

New funding for
2-year-old children



A SMART NEW LOCATION...

On the premises
of King's Court
First School



FUNDING AVAILABLE...

15 & 30 hours
a week in term-time



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Contact us to find out more
& arrange a visit...

 **01753 291392**

 **oldwindsorpreschool@gmail.com**



Old Windsor Tiddlers and Toddlers

A fun and friendly toddler group
based in Old Windsor

Wednesday 9-11am (term time only)

Includes a craft activity, music time
and a lovely outside area

Tea and coffee available

Bring your child's own drink and
snacks

**Please come and join in the fun at
The Old Windsor Scout Hut, Queen's
Close, Old Windsor, SL4 2QU
(07498 006702)**

(Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers
all welcome)

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:

