



King's Court First School

A School for Children

Caring, Sharing and Learning Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year! We would like to wish our families all the very best for 2025.



The children have settled back into school beautifully this term. Owl Class children have enjoyed their first swimming session at Eton College and in Robin Class, the children were delighted to spend the morning bird watching! There was a lot of excitement as the children spotted local birds.

We would like to welcome Mrs Sharma to Owl Class. The class has made her feel very welcome; she is delighted to be working at King's Court and working in our small, friendly community school.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs O'Sullivan today as she is moving onto a new role which is nearer to home. We would like to thank Mrs O'Sullivan for her commitment to our school and especially for her wonderful floorbooks which she has developed with the classes. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs O'Sullivan good luck for her new role.

Dates for the diary: Our next coffee morning is scheduled for Friday 31st January, pop the date in your diary, come and join us for a warm drink and refreshments on these cold winter mornings.



Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 11th February 2025. Paul Hay, an expert in Internet Safety who is very experienced working across schools, he will be visiting every class to talk to the children. He is also offering a session for our parents and carers to share key information about keeping your child safe online at home.

Save the date for Monday 10th February from 9.00-9.30am.

It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday in school for our Book Look, thank-you for supporting your children in school.

We look forward to seeing you again in school over the coming term.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?

This week in Team Magic:

We have been reading the story One Snowy Night, we have been enjoyed finding out which woodland animals take shelter with Percy the park keeper. Next week we will be exploring the vocabulary from the story. As mathematicians we have been exploring the quantities of 0 to 5. We have enjoyed working out why objects were chosen to represent that numeral. Next week, we are going to be thinking about one more and less. During outdoor learning we found sticks that looked like Stickman, we choose to collect more to create stickman's family.

This week in Team Believe:

The children have returned to Team Believe wonderfully after such a busy and exciting holiday, showing an enthusiastic approach to their learning. As writers, Hedgehog class, have been learning the story 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' which will be our writing focus for this term. We have explored who each of the characters are and used adjectives to describe them. As mathematicians, we have been using number lines to work out one more and one less. As Artists, we have painted our own colour wheels and explored how we make secondary colours from the three primary colours. As writers, Squirrel class have been learning the story 'The Papaya that Spoke' which will be our writing focus this term. This week we have explored what a papaya looks like, how you eat it and what fruit it is similar too. Next week we will be introducing a story map with actions. As Geographers, we have identified the points on a compass rose when learning about mapping skills. As Artists, the children have been learning about Van Gogh and his art, using his techniques to recreate one of his paintings.

This week in Team Inspire:

We are very proud of how all of the children have come back into Team Inspire after one of the most exciting school holidays and have shown they are ready to learn! Both classes as writers have been familiarising themselves with their story that they will be focusing on this term. Owls are looking at the tale of Nail Soup and Deers are familiarising themselves with the classic tale of Little Red Riding Hood. The children will be learning some actions to help verbally recall the story. See if they can show you some at home! As mathematicians, we are deepening our understanding of multiplication and division, using our number facts to apply to numbers 10, 100 and 1000 times bigger. As Geographers, Owl Class are learning how to read coordinates on the world globe using lines of latitude and longitude whilst Deer class are learning about weathering and erosion. Owls are looking forward to developing their printing skills as artists whilst Deer class are starting to study the famous pop art in the style of Andy Warhol.



Children's Corner



Complete the following sentences:

The best day at school last year was...

One thing I would like to do again..

This year I want to...

This year I can't wait to...

Calendar dates for the coming months

Monday 31st January 2025 –

Attachment Aware Coffee Morning

Friday 7th February 2025 –

NSPCC Number Day

Monday 10th February 2025 –

Internet Safety Day - Parents welcome 9/9.30

Friday 14th February 2025 –

Mufti Day - Term Ends

Monday 24th February 2025 –

Term Starts

Friday 28th February 2025 -

Attachment Aware Coffee Morning

Thursday 6th March 2025 –

World Book Day (More details coming soon)

Monday 10th March 2025 – Friday 14th March 25

Science Week

Friday 14th March 2025 –

Red Noses on Sale

Friday 21st March 2025 –

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

Friday 28th March 2025 -

Attachment Aware Coffee Morning

Siblings who have applied for Reception September 2025

Applications for Reception 2025 closed this week. Although RBWM manage all the admissions if you have applied for a place for a younger sibling, please could we ask you send an email to the office to let us know that you have applied for a place at King's Court.

Some parents have offered this information however please could you send us an email containing the following:

Subject: SIBLING APPLICATION TO RECEPTION
Child's name, DOB and name of their nursery / preschool.

You are welcome to phone the office with the information if that is easier.

Congratulations to our Top Table 8/1/2025



Congratulations to our Top Table 15/1/2025



Important Information

School Attendance

The DfE reviewed their expectations for attendance from September 2022.

[Working together to improve school attendance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Please see the revised policy by following the link below:

[Model complaints procedure \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

This simple table outlines the impact that missing school can have on children's attendance.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

From September 1st 2013 The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 [Statutory instruments, 2013, No: 756] 'prohibits the proprietor of a maintained school granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the proprietor considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application'

Implications for schools are:

- Any absence requested by a parent should be referred to as "leave of absence"
- Only applications made in advance can be considered
- Headteachers/Principals are prohibited from granting leave of absence except in "exceptional circumstances"
- Reference to "holiday" absence has been removed

Implications for Parents are:

The LA will use their powers under the Penalty Notices and Parenting Orders (Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003) to issue Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave.

From September 2013 legislation has changed so that no absence for holidays will be authorised. Exceptional circumstances can always arise and such situations will be taken into consideration if a letter outlining such a request is submitted to the Headteacher a minimum of 15 school days prior to the dates requested.

If you decide to take your child out of school, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

This may result in you being issued with a penalty notice fine from the local authority of £60 per child (per parent/carer) if paid within 21 days, which goes up to £120 if payment is made between 22 and 28 days. Prosecution will be enforced if no payment within 28 days of absence. Penalty notices will be issued to each parent for each child

This will take effect from September 2023, as we wanted to ensure that all our families have a notice period of 2 terms before it becomes school practice.

Other policies

Don't forget to look at our other updated policies for the year on the website. There are lots of updates on the safeguarding policy and the behaviour policy in line with DfE legislation.

Lost Property

Mrs. Mc Bride has organised the lost property which is available in the front entrance.

We will keep the lost property until the end of half term and then donate the clothing to Friends of King's Court pre-loved clothing sale

Dates for access to the Uniform shop will be in the next newsletter

Future Coffee Morning Dates

A blue poster for 'Coffee Morning' at King's Court First School. At the top, the school crest is on both sides. The title 'Coffee Morning' is in a green, serif font. Below the title is a photograph of a white coffee cup with a latte on a saucer, set against a green circular background. The text on the poster is in yellow and white. It lists three dates: Friday 31st January 2025, Friday 28th February 2025, and Friday 28th March 2025. It also provides session times (8.20-8.40 for children, 8.40-9am for adults and young children), a theme ('I belong here! Parents/carers'), the location (King's Court First School, Ashbrook Road, Old Windsor, SL4 2NE), and a welcome message for the school community and beyond.

We are opening our doors early on the following dates:

Friday 31st January 2025
Friday 28th February 2025
Friday 28th March 2025

Come inside, keep cosy and have a cuppa!
8.20-8.40: session with children before class
8.40-9am: adults and young children
Theme: I belong here! Parents/carers

Where?
King's Court First School
Ashbrook Road
Old Windsor
SL4 2NE

Everyone is welcome across the school community and beyond!

I Belong Here!

NEW: website page sharing our coffee morning pictures from last term. Take a look by following the link below

[I Belong Here | King's Court First School](#)

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.



TRACK START

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Aimed at creating long lasting impact in your young athletes. Track Start: Athletics Camp is a stark opportunity to develop your running, jumping and throwing ability through game and drill based training! With quality coaching from England athletic coaches get your children ahead of the curve with this athletics holiday camp!

**BOOK FOR THE WHOLE WEEK OR
DROP IN SESSIONS**

TESTIMONIALS

"Trackstart is fun and exciting because you can do lots of different events that you didn't even know of! Training is great fun and the coaches are very encouraging"

OLIVE ★★★★★

My daughter has enjoyed the informal atmosphere fostered by the coaches enabling her to make new friends, learn new skills and to improve on her existing skills.

JIM ★★★★★



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- @TRACKSTARTUK**
- WWW.TRACKSTART.CO.UK**

Join us for our next Athletic Camp this February where your children can unleash their sporting passion whilst learning and developing their athletic ability through fun based activities. With a perfect blend of athletics and games, we offer an exciting multi-activity experience!

With coaching from qualified England athletic coaches, you give your children the best possible chance of developing their technical aspects of athletics (running, throwing and jumping), building a great foundation for all future sports!

All Events: Javelin - High Jump - Shot Put - Sprints - Long Jump - Discus - Triple Jump and more!

Dates: Week 1: 17th - 21st Feb

Website: www.trackstart.co.uk

Many Thanks to you all!

Track Start Team



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.



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