



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



Happy New Year and Welcome Back to 2026!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! It has been a chilly start to the year, but we are so proud of how the children have returned with resilience and a fantastic *can-do* attitude. We've braved the cold—and even a little snow—together!

Important Dates:

- **Mid-Term Reports** will be sent home on **Wednesday, 14th January**. These reports will provide an update on how your child has settled into school this year and their academic progress so far. At this point in the year, children are tackling more challenging learning objectives in their new year group, so the report will indicate whether they are on track to meet their end-of-year targets.
- **Book Look** will take place **after school on Monday, 12th January**. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come in and share your child's books and learning with them.

In the meantime, stay warm and have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?

This week in Team Magic:

This week in Team Magic the children have been showing off their writing skills in their phonics handwriting books. We have been practicing oral blending words and spotting the special friends before having a go at writing them. In Maths, we have been exploring 0. We drew some representations of 0, went on a 0 hunt and used our subitising skills for 0-5. Team Magic have also been looking at New Year celebrations, learning about how it is celebrated across the world in different cultures and the traditions they have. What a fantastic start back to school!

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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, 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 Artists, the children have been learning about Van Gough and his art, using exploring techniques in readiness to recreate one of his paintings.

As writers, Hedgehog class have read the story 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' and this will be our writing focus this term. This week, we predicted what the story will be about looking at its title and book cover. Next week we will be introducing a story map with actions. As Mathematicians, the children have been learning their numbers 11 – 19, looking at its value and different ways or representations.

<https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/key-stage-1-optional-homework-zone/>

<https://kings-court-first-school.secure-primariesite.net/maths/>

This week in Team Inspire:

This week the children have worked incredibly hard, really coming out of their comfort zones – well done! Owl Class have thoroughly enjoyed their very first swimming session! There was a notable 'buzz' on the coach journey! They were also noticed for being a particularly competent bunch of swimmers!

In Deer class in math's this week we have focused on factors. This is an area we will continue to develop and secure next week.

In English the children have been fantastic at acting out Little Red Riding Hood with expression and intonation! They have also completed their cold task.

As writers, the Owls have retold an adventure story for their cold task and explored key features of narrative writing. In math's, we have continued developing our multiplication skills and, in the coming weeks, will begin learning more formal methods of multiplication. The Owls have shown great enthusiasm for our science topic, *Rocks, Soil and Fossils*, and have particularly enjoyed investigating different types of rocks.

<https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/key-stage-2-optional-homework-zone/>

<https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/kings-court-first-school/UploadedDocument/fd6c2308-e7fc-4220-ad73-19442062b139/multiplication-and-division-2.pdf>



Calendar Dates

January	Term Starts
5	Mon 2026
January	Swimming Starts for our Year 3
9	Fri 2026
January	Progress Reports out to Parents
12	Mon 2026
January	Parents Book Look
12	Mon 2026 15:00 to 15:45
January	Burns Night
25	Sun 2026
February	NSPC Number Day - Mufti Day - Number Day is the NSPC's mega maths fundraising event.
6	Fri 2026
February	Safer Internet Day
11	Wed 2026
February	End of Half Term - Mufti Day
13	Fri 2026
February	Valentine's Day
14	Sat 2026
February	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
17	Tue 2026
February	Ash Wednesday
18	Wed 2026
February	Term Starts
23	Mon 2026
February	Coffee Morning
27	Fri 2026 08:20 to 09:00
March	St. David's Day
1	Sun 2026
March	World Book Day
5	Thu 2026
March	Science Week
9	Mon 2026
March	Parents Book Look
10	Tue 2026 15:30 to 15:45
March	Mother's Day
15	Sun 2026
March	Parent - Teachers Consultations
16	Mon 2026

Children's Corner - Top Table



Exciting and Wonderful News

We are delighted to announce on Mrs Martin's behalf, the safe arrival of baby Jamie who came on his due date during the Christmas Holidays. Both Jamie and Mrs Martin are doing well and adjusting to new family life. I am sure you will join us in our huge **congratulations** for the Martin family!



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.



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