



King's Court First School
A School for Children
Caring, Sharing and Learning Together
Autumn Term Issue 6



Dear parents and Carers,

We had our first snowfall yesterday, Christmas music is playing, and festive adverts are lighting up the TV – the countdown to Christmas is beginning! School will launch our official Christmas at KC on Monday 1st December.

Although this is an exciting time for everyone, we know that some children can feel overwhelmed. Please don't hesitate to let us know if your child is worrying about anything – we're here to help.

Staffing Updates

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mr McBride, who is stepping away to focus on other work and spend quality time with his family – something we all value deeply. We want to take a moment to celebrate and thank our incredible caretakers, whose passion and dedication have truly gone above and beyond for our school.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Mc Bride will be continuing with us, with her drive and passion for excellent standards, love, and care for our school and community.

Ms Tayeba has secured a new position and will be leaving us to start a permanent post locally. It has been wonderful to see Ms Tayeba grow as a teaching assistant, and we wish her every success in her new adventure. We know that she will bring so much to her new team.

In the meantime, we will be recruiting a new **Learning Support Assistant** to join our team.

We are also pleased to welcome Ms Chant and Ms Murray as lunchtime controllers – we're excited to have them on board! Ms Chant has been volunteering at school and is already working extremely hard with the children in her care.

Positive Noticing Day

We were thrilled to hold our first **Positive Noticing Day** on Wednesday, 12th November. Staff were on the lookout for children showing positive behaviours and made sure to notice and celebrate them. It's so important to catch our children being good and reinforce their behaviour with praise!

Winter Reminder

The weather has turned colder, so please make sure your child comes to school in warm clothes.

Keep cosy over the weekend and enjoy a good rest – we have a busy and exciting term ahead!

With best wishes,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?

This week in Team Magic:

As early readers we have settled well into our phonics groups. We have been focusing on segmenting and blending. The children are doing really well at identifying the correct sounds and reading the word as a whole which is helping them become more confident readers.

In Math's, we have been exploring the composition of 4 and 5 through songs, games and hands-on activities. The children have enjoyed finding different ways to make these numbers.

In provision, we have been talking about the seasons as we move into winter, noticing how the environment is changing around us. We really enjoyed watching the snow!

We have been learning about road safety, practicing how to 'stop, look and listen, cross' when crossing the road. The children have also started writing their letters to Santa, ready for our class trip to the postbox.

Additionally, we have been having lots of fun learning the songs for our Christmas production. The children are really enjoying remembering the words and actions and are excited to perform!

Optional homework links include:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

This week in Team Believe:

In Hedgehog Class we have continued learning about the features of instructions, specifically - how to write a list.

Additionally, the children have been writing instructions for their slider/moving picture. As mathematicians, we have consolidated our understanding of addition and subtraction – using number lines to support us. As scientists we have discovered animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In Squirrels, we have continued to consolidate our learning of instruction writing, on a real focus on the layout. They have really enjoyed following instructions to make lanterns and poppies. In Math's we have continued to focus on addition and subtraction, additionally we have deep dived into strategies to solve problems when adding across ten. As scientists we have been looking at lifecycles and how animals including humans change and grow throughout their lifecycles.

Optional homework links include:

English: Instruction writing: <https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/instruction-writing/>

Math's: Addition and subtraction: <https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/maths/>

This week in Team Inspire:

In Owls as writers, we have been practicing the skills required to write instructions. This has led into writing clear instructions to play a board game. As mathematicians we have continued working on column addition and subtraction. In scientists we have explored how humans move and the function of skeletal muscles. Next week we are looking forward to investigating the impact of the length of bones and muscles on movement. In computing we have really enjoyed programming to make stories on Scratch.

Deer Class have been busy and successful in writing clear and fun instructions about 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'.

They have focused on adding the various features of 'instructions' such as a title; equipment needed; numbered steps and so on. In Math's the children have consolidated their learning of estimation and the use of different to add and subtract. In DT, the focus has been on exploring a pulley and how they plan to make one for Christmas!

Optional homework links include:

Year 3 English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dvxcx_d90wE

Year 4 English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FD96FhvKycA>

Year 3 Math's: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/kings-court-first-school/UploadedDocument/7bdba056-3966-4e15-afdb-55f1d4e537c4/place-value.pdf>

Year 4 Math's: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/kings-court-first-school/UploadedDocument/38f3e6fc-aa59-4834-a38d-5eb2de7151a4/place-value.pdf>



Children's Corner

How many windows are on an Advent calendar?

1. 24
2. 25
3. 26
4. 31

Question: What is the shortest day of the year called?



Well done
King's Court First School
for raising A Total of
£179.20
For children In Need 2025

Upcoming Dates

November Prospective Parents Meeting 1.30pm

25
Tue 2025

December KS1 Dress rehearsal Christmas Performance 9am

2
Tue 2025

December KS2 Dress rehearsal Christmas Performance 10.30am

3
Wed 2025

December KS1 Christmas Performance Morning 9am and Evening Performance 5-5.45pm

3
Wed 2025

December KS2 Christmas Performance Morning 9am and Evening Performance 5-5.45pm

4
Thu 2025

December Early Years Dress rehearsal Christmas Performance 9am

8
Mon 2025

December Early Years Christmas Performance morning 9am & Evening 5-5.45pm

9
Tue 2025

December Christmas Jumper Day

12
Fri 2025

December Christmas Parties - Santa Visit

15
Mon 2025

December Prospective Parents Meeting 1.30pm

16
Tue 2025

December End Of Term 1.30PM Finish - Mufti Day

19
Fri 2025

December TERM ENDS - 1.30pm

19
Fri 2025

Celebrating Odd Socks Day – Monday 10th November

We were proud to take part in **Odd Socks Day** to stand up against bullying! This fun event reminds us all that being different is something to celebrate.

At school, we teach children to say:

“No, I don't like that”

and to **tell an adult** if they ever feel uncomfortable about something.

Please reinforce this message at home and let us know if your child is unhappy or worried about anything. Together, we can make sure every child feels safe and supported.



Important Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: *Unsafe Parking Outside School Premises*

As a valued part of our community, King's Court is committed to fostering a safe and respectful environment for all—our students, families, staff, and local residents.

We are writing to address a concern raised this morning regarding unsafe parking outside the school during drop-off time. This behaviour poses significant safety risks to children and other road users, and has unfortunately led to unnecessary tension within our community.

We kindly remind all parents and visitors to observe the following guidelines to help maintain a safe and harmonious environment:

Parking Etiquette

- *Please park only in designated areas.*
- *Avoid blocking driveways, access roads, or pedestrian crossings.*
- *Do not park on pavements, as this obstructs safe passage for pedestrians, especially children and those with mobility needs.*
- *Parking on yellow zig-zag lines outside the school is illegal at all times. Rule 243 of the Highway Code prohibits parking in areas that pose safety risks, including bends, dropped kerbs, and the brow of hills.*

Respectful Communication

We ask everyone to engage courteously with school staff, other parents, and local 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. Your patience and cooperation are essential in ensuring a safe and orderly environment for all.

We are actively working on solutions to improve traffic flow and parking arrangements around the school. This includes inviting our local community warden to monitor the area during peak times.

To support these efforts:

- We will begin documenting instances of illegal parking, including photographs of vehicles (make, model, and registration).
- These will be shared with the community warden for further action.

Let's work together to keep our children safe and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

The School Office

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

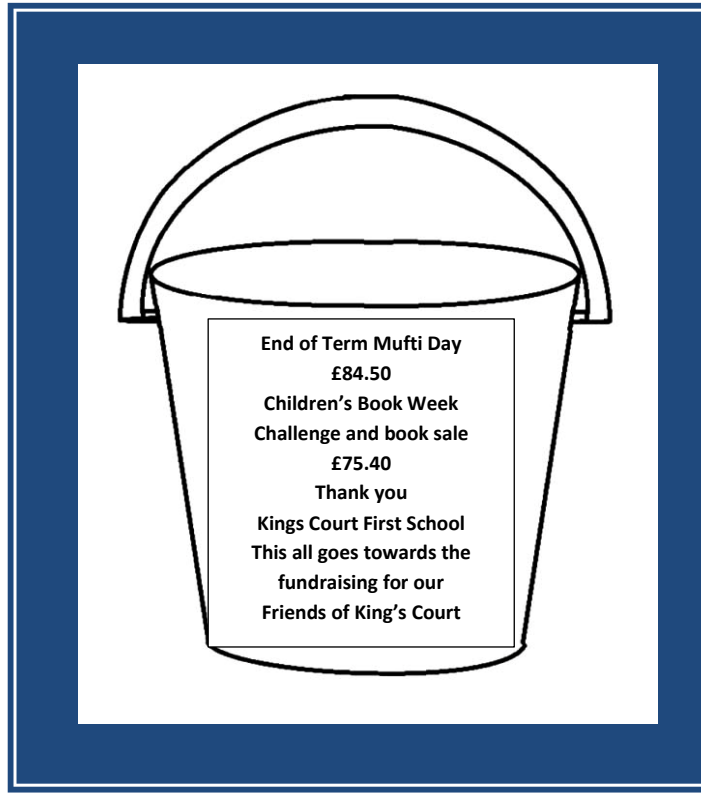
<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



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

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:





THANK YOU

for your ongoing support of the Friends of King's Court. So far this year we have raised:

£600.65

These funds go towards providing resources and activities for the children - every penny counts!

This year we are raising funds to support:

- School Library Revamp
- History into Schools Workshop
- Nature Garden Renovation
- Calm Corner Funds (per class)
- Class Christmas Gifts for all children
- Swimming Coach Hire
- And more!

Please continue to support us in any way that you can. Please see the poster attached for our upcoming Winter events.



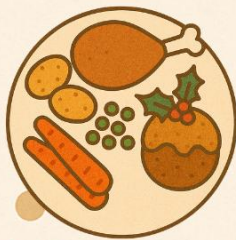


UPCOMING DATES



Children's Book Week Challenge & Second-hand Book Sale

Friday 7th November



Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December

Volunteers needed to help decorate the hall ahead of Christmas lunch ~10.30am



Nature Garden

Volunteers needed to help renovate the Nature Garden



Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Friday 5th December

Volunteers needed to help sell jumpers from 3pm



Christmas Raffle

Friday 19th December

Volunteers needed to reach out to local businesses for raffle prizes, and to make up hampers ahead of Friday 19th December

Festive Bake Sale

Friday 28th November 3pm

Volunteers needed to bake and also sell from 3pm



Santa Dash

Friday 12th December 9am

Volunteers needed to sell teas and coffees at event from 9am



Father Christmas

We are looking for recommendations or a volunteer for a Father Christmas to attend school for the children to meet

If you are able to volunteer at any of the events, please contact Grace Bonham (Alfie's Mum, Year 3, Freddie's Mum, Reception - or Catherine Gray, Harry's Mum Year 2. Alternatively, you can let the school office know.



Information for
parents and carers

NHS

Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team



Goto the address below to share your views and ideas

 cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

JOIN US FOR
**RECRRAFTED CHRISTMAS: LITTLE ELVES
DROP AND SHOP WORKSHOP**

**DECEMBER 6TH, 2PM
DECEMBER 7TH, 10AM**

Totally Tangerine Cookery, Nauticalia, Ferry Lane,
Shepperton.



Give your kids a creative Christmas experience while you get your festive shopping done in peace! Children will transform pre-loved decorations and holiday odds and ends into beautiful creations.

FOR MORE INFO GO TO

JACQUELAINECOLLINS@GMAIL.COM
07516 573868
[HTTPS://CLASSBENTO.CO.UK/W/RBET](https://classbento.co.uk/w/rbet)

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Recrafted Christmas: Little Elves Drop and Shop Workshop
Saturday December 6th, 2pm or
Sunday December 7th, 10am
Totally Tangerine Cookery Studio, Shepperton.

This is an upcycling workshop for children who will learn how to transform decorations, Christmas odd and ends into beautiful creations, from baubles, to gift tags and Christmas ornaments. Drop your child and Christmas shop in peace whilst they learn how to be sustainable turning pre-loved decor into beautiful festive creations. Link to book is:

<https://classbento.co.uk/w/rbet> or contact Jacqui Collins on 07516 573 868.

Jacquelinecollins@gmail.com

**SIGN UP TODAY
EARLY BIRD OFFER**

**ENDS MIDNIGHT
7TH DECEMBER 2025**

IPro FOOTBALL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS



**2 DAY CAMP
22ND & 23RD DECEMBER**

**1 DAY CAMP
2ND JANUARY**

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL 3G

**GREAT
NEWS!**

**CAMP DAYS ARE NOW
RUNNING FROM
8:30AM - 5:00PM**

**SCAN ME
TO BOOK**



**CALL 07908 172175, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL
US AT OFFICE@IProFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK**

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GREAT NEWS

WE WILL NOW BE EXTENDING
OUR CAMP DAYS UNTIL 5PM!



EARLY DROP OFF! - 8.30-9.30AM

Introducing: iPro Tekkers Zone
Our brand-new early-drop off experience!

Inspired by YouTube challenge culture, players get exclusive access to one hour of high-energy football games including crossbar challenges, top-bin shootouts, free kicks, freestyle tasks and more.

EB
£4.50
NORMALLY
£5.00

STANDARD DAY - 9.30-3.00PM

Fun packed day of football.

Different theme days - passing day, shooting day, competition day, Champions League, Ballon d'or awards plus lots more!

EB
£22.50
NORMALLY
£25.00

EXTENDED DAY - 9.30-5.00PM

From 3pm to 5pm, children can enjoy indoor fun games, arts & crafts, and festive films after a brilliant day of football.

EB
£31.50
NORMALLY
£35.00

• BEGINNERS
• ADVANCED
• GOALKEEPERS
• EVERYONE!

BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 4-13

ALL WELCOME

STANDARD
9:30AM TO 3PM

EARLY DROP-OFF
FROM 8:30AM

**SCAN ME
TO BOOK**



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One more sleep until the Old Windsor Preschool Christmas fair 🎄👶 It's being held at Kings Court School between 12-3pm. We have Santa's grotto, games, stalls, face painter and much more. We have independent sellers selling a variety of items too.

Raffle Prizes

£50 Fox and Castle voucher

£60 Voucher from ReCooperate

● **£55 wreath making session with Kim Wright
flowers on 03/12/2025**

£30 Hush Hush voucher

Grey Goose vodka 700ml

£22 Efes Barber Voucher x2

£15 Good Day Cafe voucher x 2

1 morning session with Little gym

£10 cash from Italian Dry cleaning & tailoring

Trunki

Trunki hampers x 2

Whitney Neil gin gift set

Robot friend toy

and lots more...

£1 per ticket

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**Old Windsor Preschool
Christmas Fair**

**12pm- 3pm at Kings
Court First School.**

Saturday 22nd November 2025

**Santas grotto, Raffle, Lots of
Stalls, Cakes, and much more.**

Please contact
oldwindsorpreschool@gmail.com if you would
like a stall

Old Windsor Preschool,
Kings Court First School, Ashbrook
Road, Old Windsor, SL4 2NE

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14 November '25 – 3 January '26



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