



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



Welcome Back to School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school and to the start of the Autumn Term.

We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break, spent quality time with family and friends, and made the most of the sunshine. It has been lovely to hear about the children's adventures and experiences over the holidays.

The children have settled beautifully into their new classes and are already demonstrating enthusiasm, confidence, and a positive attitude towards learning. We are particularly delighted to be welcoming our new Reception children and their families into Robin Class through our staggered start arrangements. The children have had a fantastic introduction to school life and are looking forward to joining us for lunch next week!

We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our **Meet the Teacher** sessions on **Tuesday 8th September**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's new classroom, meet their class teacher, and find out more about the routines, curriculum, and expectations for the year ahead. We hope you will be able to join us.

Please enjoy the photographs below of the children as they begin their exciting journey in their new classes. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces and positive starts to the new academic year.

Autumn Term Dates

A full calendar of events for the Autumn Term can be found on the school website. Key dates are also listed in this newsletter for your convenience. Please keep an eye on our website and communications throughout the term for any updates and reminders.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and successful term working together to support your children's learning and development.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Pye-Beraet
Headteacher

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK?

Celebrating the children in their new classes!

This week in Team Magic:



This week in Team Believe:



This week in Team Inspire:



Children's Corner

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

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.

Calendar dates

Date

Event

Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 3.30pm	Meet The Teacher
Friday 11th September 2026	Swimming Term Starts for Year 4s
Friday 18th September 2026	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 1.30pm	Prospective parent meeting and tour
Friday 1st October 2026 - After school	Parent Book Look
Tuesday 20th October AM	Harvest Assembly
Friday 23rd October 2026	Coffee Morning
Friday 23rd October 2026	Break up for Half Term Normal Time
Monday 2nd November 2026	Start of Term

For further upcoming Calendar Dates please follow the link below to our School Website

<https://www.kingscourtfirst.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10&pid=394&viewid=53>

Important Information

A warm welcome to ...

☀ Mrs. Hutchinson-Lawson who joins us as our new SENDCo. Mrs. Hutchinson-Lawson will be working with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Along with Miss. Corbold who will be working with our children in Team Believe at lunchtimes.

☀ A very warm welcome back to Mrs Martin, who has returned from maternity leave. We are delighted to have Mrs. Martin back with us.

☀ Congratulations and welcome to Mrs Sharma, who officially starts as our new Assistant Headteacher. We look forward to working together and benefiting from Mrs. Sharma's experience and expertise.

We wish them all every success and happiness as they settle into the term.

Packed Lunch Reminder

A Polite Reminder

We are a **nut-free school**, including products containing nuts such as chocolate spread.

To help keep all of our children safe, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that no nut products are included in packed lunches. We have children in school with severe nut allergies, and even accidental contact with nut products can present a serious risk to their health.



As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating, we also ask that packed lunches do not contain: Chocolate or chocolate bars, Sweets and Fizzy drinks.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all of our children.

If any of these items are included in a packed lunch, we will send home a small reminder slip in the lunch box.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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 issued 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

Any lateness will be unauthorised and count as a morning's absence this can then lead to a fine under the 10 in 10 rules above.

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/>

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:



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help spread
the word! ♥

If you shop at Waitrose in Egham
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to help us increase our votes! ♥

Small
token
Big
difference!

WE COULD
STAND TO WIN!

1st £1,500

2nd £1,000

3rd £500

It would be great
to get 1st place
and bring those
much needed
funds to the school! ♥



King's Court
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OLD WINDSOR

Thank you
for your support! ♥

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BRIGHTER
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