



KIDSGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a whirlwind of a week we've had at Kidsgrove Primary! After the flurry of snow that blanketed our grounds last week, it's been a joy to see our pupils bursting with energy as they embrace the fresh air and outdoor play. There's nothing quite like a good run-around to blow away the cobwebs and get those young minds primed for learning.

Speaking of excitement, we had some special visitors this week. Stoke City Football Club dropped by with their lovable mascot, Pottermus, to deliver their City 7's assembly. It was a real treat for our football fans! Don't forget to check out the information about tickets – you wouldn't want to miss out on that opportunity.

I'm thrilled to share that our after-school clubs are in full swing, with an impressive 60% of our pupils already signed up. It's wonderful to see so many children eager to extend their learning and try new activities. If your child hasn't joined yet, don't worry – it's not too late! Have a chat with your child's class teacher to explore the available options.

Now, let's talk about reading. As you know, we've been focusing on encouraging our pupils to read at home, and I'm absolutely chuffed to bits with the results so far. This week, a fantastic 52% of our pupils have read every single night at home. That's brilliant progress, and I can't thank you enough for your support in this. We're aware that some of you have experienced technical hiccups with Reading Buddy – rest assured, our IT team is working closely with them to iron out these issues.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to announce that our beloved Celebration Assembly will be making a comeback next Friday. It's always a highlight of the week, where we can come together as a school community to recognise and applaud the achievements of our wonderful pupils.

As we wrap up another bustling week at Kidsgrove Primary, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and engagement. Whether it's encouraging reading at home, getting involved in after-school activities, or simply being there for your children, your efforts make a world of difference. Together, we're creating a vibrant, nurturing environment where our pupils can thrive and reach for the stars.

Here's to another week of learning, laughter, and making memories at Kidsgrove Primary. Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Emma Johnson



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Attendance

Whole School	
Whole School	98.08%
Nursery	97.44%
Rabbits	98.18%
Year 1	99.17%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.18%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96.92%
Year 6	98.67%

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS





Around the School



This weeks story in reception is 'Percy the park keeper- one snowy night'. They have been learning about Winter and seasonal change. In Art they have been learning the skill of observational step by step drawing and using watercolours. They have sequenced the story, wrote about the characters and role played ★

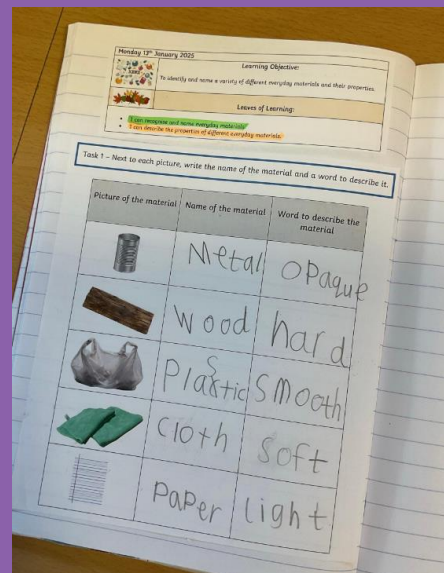
In music, badgers continued their learning all about Ballads, they started to learn 'Everything I do by Bryan Adams'. The children loved it, ask them to perform it at home I'm sure they will love to sing to you ! 🎵🎶



This week in computing, Foxes have begun a new unit all about data. Exploring what data is, they used a map of zoo animals to create groups and discussed different ways to record each number. After being introduced to tally charts, they used this technique to represent the zoo data and shared their work with others to compare 📊



This week in science, squirrels have started their new unit all about everyday materials. The children had to recognise and name different everyday materials including metal, wood, plastic, cloth and paper. Then, they had to describe the properties of these materials using new vocabulary such as opaque, absorbent and waterproof. 🗑️📄📄



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Good Provider



Dates

September 24	WC 30 th September – Year 1 – 6 daily swimming lessons
October 24	WC 7 th – Year 1 – 6 daily swimming lessons Thursday 10 th – Hello Yellow Day £2 donation Thursday 17 th – 9am – Seeing is Believing – Phonics / Reading – Join us in school and learn with your child WC 21 st – Year 5/6 Bikeability Friday 25 th – Halloween Dress up day £2.00 donation
November 24	Friday 8 th – Year 3/4 Bikeability Thursday 14 th – School Photos Wednesday 20 th – Flu Vaccinations Thursday 21 st – 9 till 10am - Reception Intake 25 Open Morning Thursday 28 th - 9am – Seeing is Believing – Maths – Join us in school and learn with your child Friday 29 th – Bring in a bottle for our tombolo store in return Non-Uniform
December 24	WC 2 nd – Assessment Week Friday 6 th from 3.30pm – Christmas Market Wednesday 11 th – 4 till 6pm – Parents Evening Thursday 12 th – R, Y1 New Vic Theatre Monday 16 th – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day Tuesday 17 th – Regent Panto trip for those attending Wednesday 18 th – 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance Wednesday 18 th – 2pm – KS2 Christmas Performance Thursday 19 th = 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Performance
January 25	Monday 6 th – INSET day Tuesday 7 th – Children return
February 25	Thursday 13 th – Valentines Discos 1-2pm – EYFS 2 – 3pm – KS1 3 – 4pm – KS2 Friday 28 th – 9am – Join us for a brew and a biscuit



Dates

March 25	Thursday 6 th – World Book Day WC 24 th – Assessment Week
April 25	Wednesday 2 nd – 4 – 6.30pm – Parents Evening
May 25	Commencing May – KS1 Sats Friday 9 th -9am – Join us for a brew and a biscuit WC 12 th – KS2 SATS
June 25	WC 2 nd – Year 4 MTC WC 9 th – Year 1 Phonics Checks WC 30 th – Assessment week
July 25	Monday 7 th – 9am – EYFS Class Assembly Tuesday 8 th – 9am – Squirrels Class Assembly Wednesday 9 th – 9am – Foxes Class Assembly Thursday 10 th – 9am – Badgers Class Assembly Friday 11 th – 9am – Owls Class Assembly Friday 11 th – Reports go home Tuesday 15 th – Sports Day and Parents Picnic Wednesday 16 th – 5 till 6.30pm – Year 6 Prom Thursday 17 th 9am – EYFS / KS1 Acorn Awards Thursday 17 th – 2pm – KS2 Acorn Awards Friday 18 th – 2pm Year 6 Leavers assembly

**Save
the
Date**



More dates to follow –
so watch this space



Term Dates

Term and holiday dates for academic year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 6 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Summer Term 2025

INSET Day: Monday 28 April

Term Starts: Tuesday 29 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Inset day: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August



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