



KIDSGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher

It has been a fantastic start of the new academic year. I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm the children have shown already towards their learning and how quickly they have settled down into their class routines. It has also been wonderful to welcome new members of our school family to our EYFS setting. It is always tricky getting used to a new setting, building, staff and routine, but we are so proud of the achievements of our children already. We have high expectations of their learning behaviours and academic achievement, and they are certainly rising to the challenges a new year brings. Their enthusiasm for learning is phenomenal. Well done.

Across the school, we are actively promoting the importance of taking pride in our presentation – I have been so pleased seeing the children looking smart in their new uniforms and being proud to be representatives of Kidsgrove Primary. This is a brilliant way to start the new term. Keep it up!

It has also been wonderful to see the excellent punctuality and attendance of our school on the whole. This year, our collective aim is to at least exceed our school target of 96%. Students whose attendance in school is strong are more likely to succeed (both personally and academically) because they will not fall behind in their learning. It is important that we work together to do all we can to ensure that this is not the case for pupils at KPS. We are here to support you every step of the way to ensure that our children exceed their potential, and positive attendance is part of this. Please do all that you can to promote positive attendance with your child this academic year.



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On Wednesday 25th September door will be open from 3.30 till 5pm for you to come and look around your child's class and chat to their teacher about how they have settled. Entrance through the main doors.

Behaviour

Class	Percentage of Green Dojos
Mice	100%
Rabbits	100%
Squirrels	100%
Foxes	100%
Badgers	100%
Owls	100%

HELP with Safeguarding

Come immediately and see Mrs Johnson (Headteacher) or Mrs Newbon (reception Class teacher) or phone 08001313126

**FREE
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Are you entitled?



Nursery and Reception class places available for immediate start.

Ask about vacancies in other year groups throughout the school.

Full-time funding available



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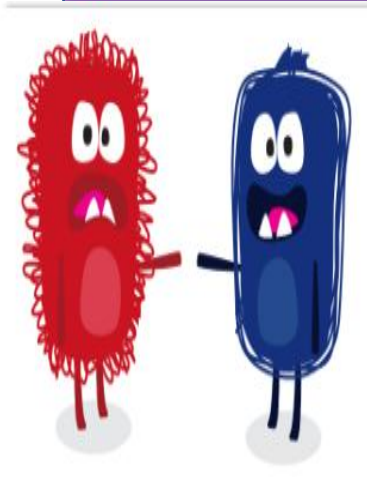


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Red 2 Blue

At KPS, one of our aims is to help our children to be personally successful. We do a lot of work with our children to help their personal development. Every day, our pupils come into school and have 121 time with their teacher to scale how they are feeling. This daily dialogue helps our children to feel recognised, to develop their social and emotional language and it also helps our teacher to triage and address any worries or concerns they may have, putting immediate support into place. We use Zumos to help us do this, which all children have access to at home. We also promote personal development through our curriculum, focussed assemblies and through our restorative approach to managing behaviour.



This year, we have focussed on helping children to self-regulate, so that they recognise strategies they can use to help them to regulate their emotions. Across the school, we are launching our new 'Red 2 Blue' approach to support pupils' emotional wellbeing and self-regulation. This is an approach that has been launched across The Shaw Education Trust family.



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As part of our safeguarding agenda within school, we want to broaden and enable both parents and pupils to have 'A VOICE'.

To enable parents to report any concerns they have for their own child, a child within the school or community, we will be using a secure platform to do this. Please find the link below.

<https://form.thesafeguardingcompany.com/f238ef7d-7903-4ffb-9a19-02f9f483455e>

To report a concern which confidentially is sent to Mrs Johnson and Miss Newbon, click the link and fill out the attached form then click submit



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Collecting data

A bar asked the members of her class how many DVDs they had last month.
Here are their answers.

6 5 7 4 2 0 7
8 1 7 0 0 2 2

Put this information into the table below.

Number of DVDs	Tally	Number of children
0		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		



Please can all data collection sheets be returned to school by Friday 13th September. To ensure that we have correct contacts, medical and most up to date information.

New iPads are now in school and ready to be given out. Please send back digital agreements so that your child can be issued with their brand new ipads to support their learning.



Please could you click on the following link and complete the application to see if your child is eligible for free school meals.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

If your child is eligible this will entitle your child to free school meals, the free holiday clubs, food vouchers during the school holidays etc.

Once completed (and if eligible) if you can print a copy of the confirmation page off and return back to the school office this will then allow the free school meals to start immediately.

If you are unable to print you can still make your application online, but you will need to wait for Staffordshire county council to advise us before you can start to receive the free school meals.



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Around the School



Today in computing, Foxes have used the beebots as an introduction to their new topic. Together we discussed how a beebot is programmed to work, before testing them on a variety of different courses to determine which course was the easiest to programme and which was the most difficult 🐝

What a wonderful first week we have had in Rabbit class. We have spent lots of time (amongst having lots of fun) learning our Acorn rules...Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe. We have thought what each of these mean and how we can follow the rules to look after ourselves and others. We have started to build beautiful relationships with friends and adults and we are full of smiles at the end of a busy week. Our teachers are so proud of us all. Those children who are new to our school have settled beautifully and showed lots of courage, our children who started in our Nursery have shown friendship, kindness and inspiration-supporting children to embed routine and helping to keep them safe and happy. Have a lovely weekend and encourage your children to talk about their experiences this week.



Today owls started to play the ukulele. It's been great fun. The children have learned the four notes and how to strum. They can't wait to have another go.



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Harvest

Caring for our Community

This is something we are passionate about. We are committed to developing our children into reflective, tolerant and respectful global citizens of the future.

We believe that a successful lifelong learner is one who cares about their education as well as caring for others around them: they are able to share resources, ideas and their knowledge with enthusiasm.

To support vulnerable families in our local community, we will be doing a Harvest Collection for our local foodbank. From Monday 30th September- Friday 4th October, we will be asking our school family to bring in donations that we will collect and then send to our local foodbank. If you can help by putting a few extra items in your shopping basket, it would be greatly appreciated. A collection box will be placed in the Hall and children can place their items in it at the start of each day.

Please remember that if you are struggling at this moment, or have any financial worries, the school is always here to help. Please contact the school office directly and one of the team will be there to offer support.



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Swimming

Since 1994, swimming and water safety has been a statutory element of the national curriculum for Physical Activity in England. Swimming is the only sport to be included within the national curriculum physical education programme of study.

ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS MUST PROVIDE SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY LESSONS IN EITHER KEY STAGE 1 OR 2. But we are providing this to everyone!

How does it work?

Filtered, heated pool on the school Grounds (KS2 playground)

Qualified swimming teachers & Lifeguards

The pool is 32 x 16 ft - 55,000 litres - filtered - heated between 26-32 degrees and covered with a secure marquee.

All children must wear a swimming cap. If you don't have one you can purchase them for £3 on the day.

We will have separate spaces in school for the boys and girls to get changed for their lessons. Please bring flip flops / Crocs for the covered walk to the pool.

Pupils will receive a 30 minutes daily intense lessons in small ability groups.

To enable us to cover the costs and it become part of our yearly offer, please can you pay your £15 via ParentPay ASAP. We thank you for your continued support.



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Dates

September 24	18 th – 20 – Year 6 Standon Bowers Friday 20 th – 9am – Join us for a brew and a biscuit Wednesday 25 th – 3.30 – 5pm – Meet the teacher 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 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
November 24	Friday 8 th – Year 3/4 Bikeability Thursday 14 th – School Photos Tuesday 19 th – 1 till 2pm Reception Intake 25 Open Afternoon 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
December 24	WC 2 nd – Assessment Week Wednesday 11 th – 4 till 6pm – Parents Evening Tuesday 17 th – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day 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	
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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