



# KIDSGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher

I hope this message finds you well! I am excited to share some wonderful activities we have lined up for the coming weeks at school. We are kicking off next Week, where we will immerse ourselves in the joy of reading! There will be a plethora of engaging books available, and I encourage you to join in by reading with your children at home. It's a fantastic opportunity to not only nurture their love for literature but also to bond over stories.

Additionally, I'm thrilled to announce that iPads will be coming home with the children next week. These devices will enable them to explore interactive learning resources, so please ensure they handle them with care.

On a particularly exciting note, we now have a swimming pool on site! This means that swimming lessons can take place right here at school, giving our children an enjoyable way to develop their swimming skills. To support with this, I invite pupils to come to school for the next two weeks in uniform PE kits daily. Can we also ensure that all items of clothing have your child's name on it.

For the children from year 2 upwards, that have signed up for the enrichment trip, Regent Theatre Panto, tickets have now been booked and will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. He's behind you!

Thank you for your continued support, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to a fun-filled Super Week together!



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Thank you for everyone that came to meet the teachers. It was nice to see so many of you in school.

## Behaviour

Class	Percentage of Green Dojos
Mice	100%
Rabbits	100%
Squirrels	100%
Foxes	99%
Badgers	99%
Owls	99%

HELP with Safeguarding

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

**FREE  
SCHOOL  
MEALS**

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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# Time 4 Wellbeing Programme For Your Family!

We at Kidsgrove Primary School are pleased to announce we will be working in partnership with Time 4 Sport, to offer our children to join their family members and have some fun, taking part in FREE fun Change 4 Life Healthy NHS Lifestyle Workshops; in a safe and informal environment educating our children/families on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

The 6 sessions will be weekly and commence from Thursday 3rd October 2024, 9-10.30am:

- FUN weekly multi-sports games/activities for all the family
- Advice on fats and sugars in foods, portion sizes and food labels
- Motivation & support on how to exercise and nutrition goals
  - Support on how to live a healthy lifestyle on a budget
  - Complete a activity booklet together
- Optional individual health checks, which includes physical measurements and a family questionnaire.
- Each child will receive a certificate for participating in the workshops.

Children and family members of a maximum of 16 families to consent first, will participate in these FUN NHS Healthy Lifestyle Workshops but as stated above the individual health checks including physical measurements (height and weight) and family questionnaires are optional and consent will be needed before these checks will be made.

If you would like to take part let us know and complete a consent form and questionnaire to the school office by Wednesday 25rd September 2024



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<p><b>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A FLYING START!</b></p>	<p><b>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</b></p>	<p><b>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</b></p>	<p><b>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>Improves reading</b></p> <p>Writing + MATHS SKILLS</p>
<p><b>THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</b></p> <p>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</p>	<p><b>100s OF SUBJECTS   1000s OF CLASSES</b></p> <p><b>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</b></p>	<p><b>TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</b></p>	<p><b>MORE SCHOOL =</b></p> <p>HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE</p>

## Attendance

Why do we need to come to school?

To learn new things and extend my knowledge on things I already know

It's the law

Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others, form relationships and make friends

To be part of and enjoy educational visits and they help us to learn about the world outside of school

Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play and work together and improve what we do

Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older. It provides you with valuable life skills.

Stops you from being bored

It could help you have better quality sleep at night because you have been active and busy

Understanding Your Percentage Attendance

Percentage	Days Missed	Attendance Description	Icon
100%	0 days missed	Fantastic attendance!	😊
99%	2 days missed	Well done—you are at or above the School Target	😊
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed		
95%	10 days missed	At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days	😐
94%	12 days missed		
93%	14 days missed	At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	😞
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed		
90%	19 days missed	At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve	😡
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

Understanding how lateness affects your learning time

MINUTES LATE EACH DAY	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS/WEEKS MISSED IN A YEAR
If you are late by the number of minutes below each and every day... this is how much learning time you will have missed, by the end of the year.	
5 minutes	3 school days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	13 days
30 minutes	19 days



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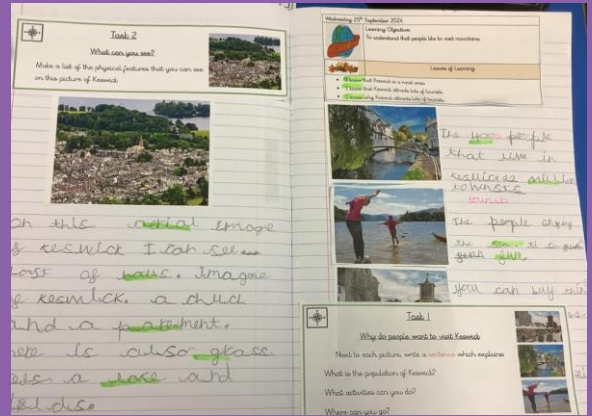
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# Around the School



In maths badgers have explored rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 they even got to play a little game with their friend after we completed the written work obviously  $+$

In geography, Foxes have explored what it is like to live near a mountain. Focussing on Keswick in the Lake District, we looked at the tourism industry and the attractions that draw people to this area.



In nursery they are focussing on their fine motor skills to pick up pom-poms with different tools.



Year 1 have been doing 1 more ...



As part of the history focus of our Understanding the World area of learning, reception have been learning the meaning of the word 'past' through 'toys' from the past. They were lucky enough to explore some old toys and talked about what they were made of and how they worked. They then compared toys from the past and toys from today and even spotted some old toys that we still play with today! They really enjoyed this.



# 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 30<sup>th</sup> September- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Starts Monday!

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.

If you haven't already done so please pay via Parent Pay.



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# Dates

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





# Dates

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