



It is good to be back and making a great start to the new term.

I hope you had a good Christmas break, although I know many of you were stricken by one of the many 'bugs' which seemed to be around. Let's wish for a healthy, happy 2026.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the coming term - you should have received **knowledge organisers and curriculum letters**. If you did not get them please let us know. We hope you find them useful.

We are holding a **Uniform Swap Shop** next Friday – 16th January - from 3.00pm in the small hall. The usual 'rules' apply – please come along whether you have something to swap or not and take what you need! If you want to drop off any uniform, please do so before Friday lunchtime – thank you.



Congratulations to the children who received their 100% **attendance** certificates at the end of term. We will continue to celebrate great attendance with you every Friday. We appreciate your support around this crucial aspect of securing progress in school.

If you ever need support in this area, please contact us in confidence.

We have had the **Poly tunnels** in place now for some time and last year was a trial growing season – we are pleased to say that we are now in a position where we are planning our first 'proper' growing cycle. There are two poly tunnels; one is the production tunnel (with produce for the school kitchen- which forms part of the menu planning process) and the other is the children's tunnel, to enhance the curriculum. We are fortunate to have the Trusts horticulturalist working with us, but it is a big commitment. When I initially asked for any support from the school community, several people expressed an interest and I would request that now we are ready to make use of any extra help that if you or anyone in your family are willing to support that they contact the school office. We can then begin the DBS process and get the team together. Many thanks.

We request that parents accessing Breakfast and after school clubs **do not enter the school site** in their vehicles – many thanks.

Step into 2026 Disco night!



With DJ Painter



School Council are planning their next event – we will send out more details next week, when tickets will go on sale.

Put the date in your diary –
Thursday 29th January...

As you may be aware there are several areas around school where we are having some **arboreal works** done. Whilst most of these may be scheduled during holiday time there are some which are happening over the coming weeks - In order for these to be done safely, we may need to cordon off areas periodically. Please look out for signs/warning tape etc. so that we can ensure your safety. We will of course make sure that during the day the children are kept safe and away from any areas where works are taking place.

Y6 are organising a **toiletries 'Food Bank'** shortly. Please bear this in mind if you are shopping or have any surplus items at home. As in past years we would like to focus to support children who may not have access to basic toiletries including toothbrushes, hairbrushes and sanitary products (for those girls who are impacted by period poverty). Look out for the poster which will come out soon with more details. Many thanks for your support.

Update on the Uganda initiative – as you know the children 'ran to Uganda' last year as part of the Trust charity launch to support **Kingstone school in Uganda** – the great news is that the £3400 raised has been used to:

- Install running water- previously they had to walk each day to get water from the local well
- Install fencing around the school to ensure children were safe
- Put a concrete floor into one of the classrooms and complete the brick walls to prevent pupils getting wet during the daily rain showers
- Secure a room and install electric to ensure the laptops donated by ELT have an electric source and are secured
- Convert a derelict building into a new classroom with a roof, door and windows

Teachers across the Trust are also contributing to the salaries of the teachers at Kingstone. So, what next? Well, the Trust have asked for support from academies to hire a container to send over whatever we can to enhance the experiences of the children at the school. Our School Council have agreed that the £40 needed from us can come from their Christmas Fayre profits; and have contacted regional football clubs to ask for donations (as we have heard that the children love to play football with bare feet and no proper ball). These have started to come into school and we are delighted that we will be able to send something to the container which the children at Kingstone will love. Congratulations to the Y6 group, who are working on this – there are I am sure you agree, many lessons to learn from this work. We will keep you updated.



Before
&
After...



Mrs Wood