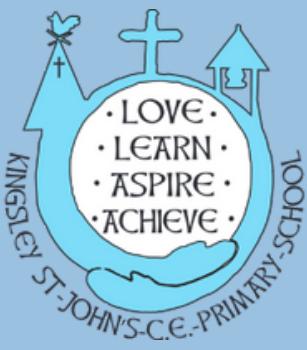


Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Kingsley St John's Primary

Friday Flyer



Believe in the light, whilst you have the light, so that you may become children of light.'  
John 12:36

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Friday Flyer of 2026

**Happy New Year.**

**After a chaotic and uncertain start to the spring term - thanks to the snow, the children have settled well into the new term.**

**There has already been some excellent writing on show, linked to each classes key text. A visitor from the Diocese called in this week and was impressed with the behaviour, attitudes to learning and calmness around the school. Spring is always the term when learning blossoms and gathers apace. May I wish all our families all the best for 2026.**

*Mrs Jones*

**Love; Learn; Aspire; Achieve**



## **Elf Run Presentation**

Our inaugural Elf Run raised a fantastic £547.51 for Halton Haven Hospice. This fantastic local organisation provides specialist palliative care free of charge so they are reliant on fundraising. Thank you to our families for their incredible generosity and our fantastic 'elf' runners who completed over 300 laps!

*Thank you all so much for the lovely Christmas gifts, cards and wishes. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were truly appreciated and brought a big smile. We feel very lucky to have such a supportive and caring school community.*

### **Snow Closures**

With more snow forecast over the coming weeks we would like to take this opportunity to clarify our opening procedure during bad weather. Firstly, school will always aim to remain open when it is safe and able to do so - on days when it is snowy and icy we will keep registers open later so parents don't have to rush. Any closures or adaptations to the school day will be communicated by 7:30 am via email and school spider.



# Extra Curricular Clubs

Miss Anita's baking and craft club £5pw - starting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January with baking, please book on so we know numbers for ingredients/craft supplies.

Year 6 SATs Club - Tuesday and Thursdays. This club is by invite only, Miss Byrne will be in touch.

Lego Club - starting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Football will start again after the February half term



## Compass

All families should have received an email containing Compass Login details.

This is the new system we have been working on, through this app you will be able to book clubs/buddies, order school lunches and make payments.

Please can we ask that you sign up as soon as possible? Final testing will be completed on Thursday and from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January parents will be able to use all functions.

Please note that no meals/clubs etc will show until final testing has been carried out and we have published the final draft



## **Buddies**

An important part of our school offer is the wraparound care that we have – Buddies.

Our provision for this has always been subsidised by the school budget to keep it affordable. As costs have risen across all aspects of the school, we have had to re-asses this part of our budget. As a result, we will need to increase our prices from January 2026. From January 5th ...

Morning session 7.30 – 8.45 £8.00

After school session – collect any time up to 5.30pm £12.00

We will no longer offer a discounted early pick up price, just the one cost for a place in Buddies. You may continue to collect at any time up to 5.30pm.

Staff will remain on site until 6.00pm in a cleaning role for the school so we request collection anytime before 5.30pm

## **Attendance**

Since September our whole school attendance is 95.1% - we aim for 95%. We have 28 pupils have an attendance at this level. A further 10 pupils have attendance above 90%. 2 pupils are just below with an attendance of 85-89%.

Y6 96% Y5 92% Y4 95% Y3 98.3 Y2 87.5% Y1 96 % YR 97%

## **KSJ Friends**

The PTA raffle and refreshments at our play performances raised a very impressive £320. Thank you to all who donated and purchased tickets. The money raised will be used to advance the education and social development of the pupils at KSJ

The next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> January at The Red Bull- everyone is very welcome from 7:30pm



# **Curriculum Focus: spelling**

## **The Importance of Spelling in Primary School**

Spelling plays a key role in a child's early education. Learning to spell helps children read more confidently, write more clearly, and express their ideas with accuracy. When children know how to spell words correctly, they can focus on what they want to say rather than worrying about how to write it. At KSJ we use Pathways to Write alongside our Twinkl phonics program in KS1 to develop the children's knowledge of spelling patterns and rules.

Strong spelling skills also support:

- Reading development – recognising spelling patterns helps children decode new words
- Writing confidence – children are more willing to write when spelling feels manageable
- Academic success – spelling underpins all subjects, from English to science and history

Developing good spelling habits in primary school lays the foundation for lifelong literacy.

## **How Parents Can Help at Home**

Parents play an important role in supporting spelling development. Simple, regular activities can make a big difference:

- Read together daily – seeing words in context helps children remember spelling patterns
- Practise spelling little and often – short, frequent practice is more effective than long sessions
- Talk about words – discuss tricky words, word meanings, and how words are built
- Make it fun – use games, magnetic letters, word searches, or spelling apps
- Encourage writing – shopping lists, cards, notes, and short stories all help reinforce spelling
- Praise effort, not just accuracy – confidence grows when children feel supported

By working together, school and home can help children become confident, capable spellers who enjoy reading and writing.



## Important Dates and Events

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	PTA meeting 7:30 @ The Red Bull
Tuesday 3rd February	Triathlon Assembly
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 gymnastics competition
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 1
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 2
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Finish for half-term School reopens Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>

*This is our school  
Let peace dwell here  
Let the place be full of contentment  
Let love abide here  
Love of one another  
Love of God And love of life itself  
And let us remember  
That as many hands build a house  
So many hearts build a school  
Amen.*