Friday 23rd October 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

What a wonderful few weeks we have had in school, with a real focus on community, togetherness and making special memories!
It was lovely to welcome so many families into school for Parents' Evening and share the fantastic progress our children are making. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been developing their cycling skills and confidence through Bikeability, while our youngest children in Wrens enjoyed a fabulous autumn adventure to the pumpkin patch!
We have also enjoyed strengthening our community links through visits to the hospice and to church to see the wonderful Knitted Bible. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA FRIENDS for organising a fantastic Spooky Party, bringing lots of fun and excitement for our children.
One of my favourite parts of each week continues to be our Celebration Worships. Seeing our children recognised for their achievements, kindness, effort and positive attitudes is always such a special reminder of what makes our school community so wonderful.
Thank you, as always, to our families, staff and wider community for your continued support. It is the people who make our school such a special place to be! I have to say, after a very long half term, the children ought to be really proud of their resilience and perseverence. their attitudes really do make a difference.

Mrs Jones

Love; Learn; Aspire; Achieve
180 years as the school in the heart of the village

Christmas

Our famous Christmas Market



Our now famous Christmas market will be available again this year. It is planned for Thursday 17th December, but this year, it will be at Kingsley Community Centre. As we try to strengthen our links within our community, we will be working with the Community Centre Team to invite members of the community to sell their handmade wares also.

We appreciate you made need some time to begin building up your produce, or the children to create their handmade items, or think about what to sell.

Our market originates from a past pupil, Jessica, who brought the idea to our school from her old school in America. Children were invited to create and make hand made items to sell at a Christmas market. It is always a popular event and children come up with lots of creative and unique crafts or baking in order to sell their handmade items.

We are really excited to roll this out to our community further for 2026. We hope you or your child(ren) are welcome to creating some unique ideas to sell to the community**.**

Further Christmas dates include: **our pantomime visit in school 2nd December our Christmas performances on the evening of the 9th December and the afternoon of the 10th December and our Christingle Service at St John's on the 18th December**

Facebook and Instgram

If you have not yet, please follow us on Facebook: Kingsley St John's CE Aided Primary School and instagram:_kingsleystjohns_

We now have 159 followers and it is the easiest way to stay up to date with announcements, events, reminders, and a peek at all the great things happening in our school community. We are aiming to double our number of followers - you can help! Get your family involved too. We are also on instagram at_kingsleystjohns_

Thank you all those parents who regularly like, share and comment on our posts.

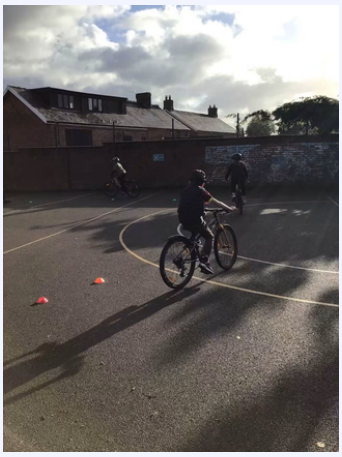
Your comments help others learn about our wonderful school community and celebrate the achievements, opportunities and care that make Kingsley St John's such a special place to learn and grow.

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Enrichment

Bikeability for Falcons

Our Falcons have completed their Bikeability and Learn to Ride training this week. As well as learning practical cycling skills, Y5/6 gained independence, developed social skills and experienced the positive impact that being active can have on their health and wellbeing. All our Falcons showed great resilience and determination and ,as always , were great ambassodors for our school.Barn Owls will complete their Learn to Ride sessions later in the year.





CWAC Secondary School Application Dates

Parents and carers of Year 6 children should be aware that applications for secondary school places through Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) open in September each year. **The national closing date for applications is 31 October**, and offers of secondary school places are made on 1 March (or the next working day if this falls on a weekend). We encourage families to submit applications well before the deadline to ensure all preferences are considered and to avoid any last-minute issues with the online application system

Our Wrens are enjoying lots of wonderful enhancements to our curriculum through our **Jo Jingles and Forest School sessions**. We are very lucky to have our own Forest School Lead, Mrs Raynor, who provides fantastic opportunities for the children to explore, discover and learn outdoors. We have also loved welcoming Cheryl from Jo Jingles to the KSJ family, bringing music, movement and lots of fun to our youngest children!

We are delighted that both sessions are also open, free of charge, to families in our local community and will continue in Autumn 2. If you know someone with pre-school children who may be interested in joining us, please encourage them to get in touch with the school. We would love to welcome more local families into our KSJ community

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance currently stands at 96.3%.
Being in school regularly is about much more than academic learning. It helps children develop routines, maintain friendships, build confidence and benefit from all the opportunities school provides.
We know that every family's circumstances are different. If your child is finding it difficult to attend regularly, please talk to us. Early conversations help us understand any barriers and identify how school can support you and your child

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A gentle reminder for our families

One of the things we love most about our school is the sense of community at the school gate each morning. It's lovely to see parents and carers catching up and connecting with one another.
We do ask, where possible, that conversations are moved away from the gate area once children have been dropped off. At this time, our KS2 children are taking part in their Sensory Circuits, which are an important part of their morning routine and helps them feel calm, focused and ready for learning. Noise and activity around the gate can sometimes be distracting while these sessions are taking place.
Thank you for your support and understanding. By helping us keep this area calm, you're helping to give our children the very best start to their day. 💙

SEND Parents' Evening Tuesday 17th November

Mrs Gibson will be available to meet with parents to discuss your child's current provision, progress towards their targets and the support in place to help them succeed. This will also be an opportunity to review progress , consider plans for the next academic year and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We value working in partnership with families and encourage parents to use this time to share their views and aspirations for their child.Booking will be via school spider,we realise there have been problems so if you have any difficulty please contact Mrs Gibson directly.

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PTA :Friends of Kingsley St John's



Outdoor Area Fundraising

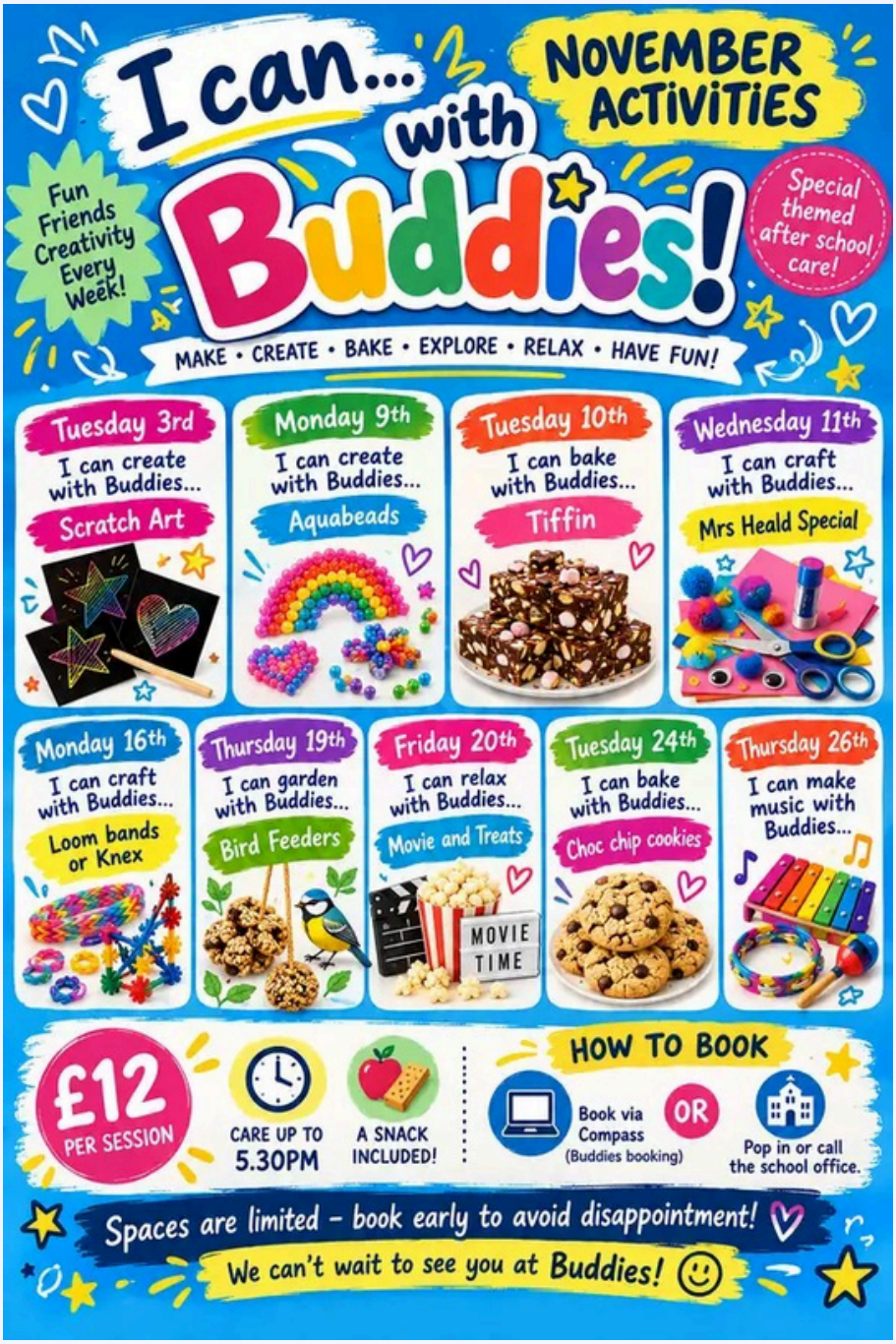
Alongside our Friends of School team, we are busy fundraising to improve our outdoor provision for all children. Friends are focusing on creating a new outdoor learning space to replace the old parent shelter, while school is raising funds to resurface and enhance our EYFS outdoor area. Both projects will make a significant difference to children's learning, wellbeing and development, but they require substantial investment.

If you know of any local businesses, corporate funding opportunities or charities that support SEND or EYFS provision, we would be very grateful if you could put us in touch or share details with the school.

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club for their generous donation of £500, and to Ann Loyden for launching our fundraising efforts and helping us get started. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A link to our fundraising page can be found below. Every donation, no matter how small, will help us create inspiring outdoor spaces for our children.

https://www.fundingwall.org.uk/donation/outdoor-play-area-project-wa68ef



Buddies

We're excited to share the fantastic range of activities on offer through Buddies this November! From scratch art, Aquabeads and creative crafts to baking delicious treats, gardening for wildlife and making music, there is something for everyone to enjoy. These fun, themed after-school sessions provide children with opportunities to be creative, try new skills, make friends and have fun in a relaxed and supportive environment. We can't wait to see our children enjoying another exciting month at Buddies!

Please book via Compass or pop into the school office.

Dear God,
Thank you for our school and all our friends.
Thank you for a happy time of work and play.
Please keep us safe during this half-term break,
Help us to rest, run, and have fun.
Bless our families and everyone we love.



Important Dates and Events

Friday 23rd October	Finish for Half term - 3.15pm
Saturday 31st October	Closing date for secondary applications
Monday 2nd Novemember	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Children return to school
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 17th November	SEND parents evening

Forest School for next half term

Week commencing	Wednesday pm	Friday pm
4th November	**Barn Owls** forest school	Wrens
11th November	**Falcons** forest school	Wrens
18th November	**Barn Owls** forest School	Wrens
25th November	**Falcons** forest school	Wrens
2nd December	PANTO	Wrens
9th December	Christmas performances	Wrens
16th December	Christingle	Wrens

26-27 dates are now on the website and a one page calendar has been shared vis Compass messaging