Kings Road Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter no.9 **Friday 6th November 2026**

Message from Mrs Riches

Half term already seems a long time ago, and it has been wonderful to see the school community settle back into learning so quickly after the break.

This week, the children have enthusiastically embraced their new topics and have thrown themselves into their learning with curiosity, energy and excitement. Walking around the school, it has been a pleasure to see classrooms buzzing with discussion, investigation and creativity as pupils begin exploring the themes that will inspire them throughout the term.

I would also like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils. This week, 16 children took responsibility for leading our new parent tours for prospective families. They showcased our school with confidence, enthusiasm and pride, and the feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive. Parents were particularly impressed by the pupils' professionalism, maturity and ability to talk knowledgeably about their learning and life at Kings Road. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

It was also lovely to hear comments from visiting parents about our Early Years children. Many visitors remarked on how happy, engaged and settled the children were, and how warmly they interacted with adults and each other. Such positive feedback is a testament to the nurturing environment that has been created in Early Years and the dedication of the team. My sincere thanks go to our EYFS staff for the care, commitment and enthusiasm they bring every day, ensuring that our youngest children get the very best start to their school journey.

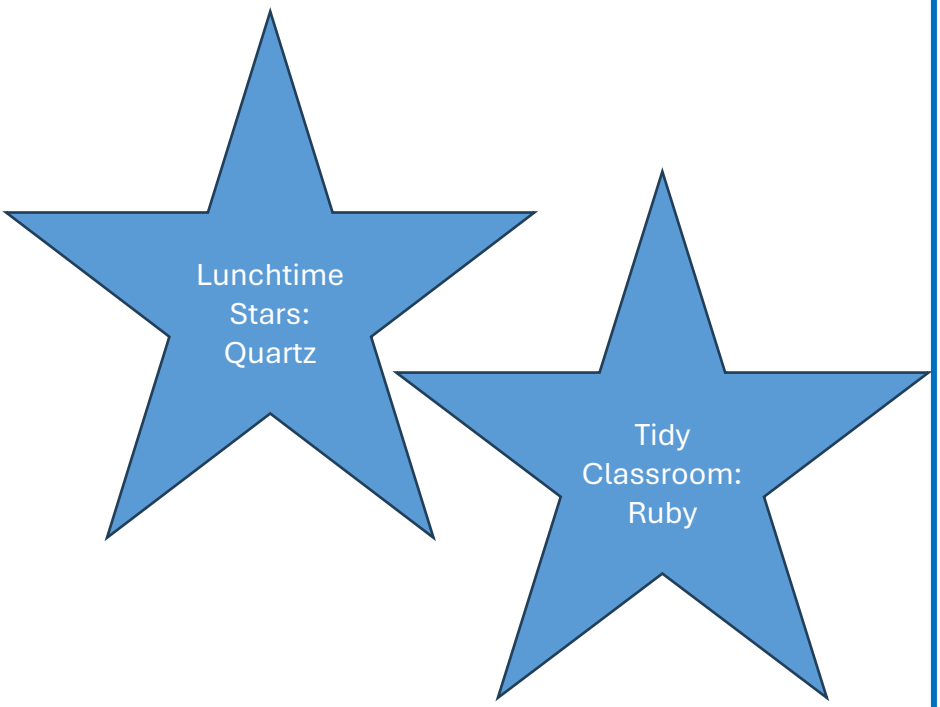
On behalf of all the team here, I wish you a peaceful weekend

Mrs Riches
Head of School

Poppy Appeal

Our House Captains have been doing a great job selling poppies and remembrance items each day. Items are still available up to Wednesday for a donation of £1 per item.

We have a traditional lunch on Wednesday as well as a 2-minute silence at 11am to remember those who have given so much.



Year Group Attendance
(from 02/11/2026 to 05/11/2026)
Copper – 79.5%
EYFS – 94.8%
Year 1 – 91.3%
Year 2 – 95.1%
Year 3 – 93.6%
Year 4 –94.3%
Year 5 – 94.4%
Year 6 – 91.9%
Whole school attendance 93.5%

Congratulations to **Coral and Opal** classes, **this week's Attendance Stars.**
We have entered **309** children into the attendance lottery for this half term already!

Attendance Matters!

Every Student, Every School, Every Day

If you need help with your child's attendance, school routines or deciding if your child is too ill for school, please visit our website Attendance & punctuality - Kings Road Primary School which provides lots of hints and tips including a link to NHS England.
Alternatively, please speak to Miss Brinton on the gate or email parents@kingsroad-pri.essex.sch.uk in confidence.

Year 4 Colchester Castle

Before the half term holiday, Year 4 spent the day at Colchester Castle. This trip linked into their topic of Romans bringing their classroom learning to life.








Safeguarding Update

We recognise that children in Year 5 and 6 travel to school independently and for family's peace of mind you may wish them to bring a phone to school. Children can bring a mobile phone into school, if you have signed our agreement form. This agreement states that the phones are switched off as soon as they enter the school grounds and are handed into their class box for the day, with the class box being stored securely in the office. Forms are available from the office.



Dinner Menu -Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 	Thursday	Friday 
Chicken Sausage with Mash & Gravy	Chicken & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Garlic & Herb Potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Quorn Sausage with Mash & Gravy	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Quorn and Vegetable Shepherd's Pie	Veggie Pasta Bolognaise	Quorn Dippers with Chips & Ketchup
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Pasta	Pasta	Pasta	Pasta	Pasta
Red Cabbage and Sweetcorn	Steamed Greens & Cauliflower	Crushed Carrots & Peas	Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans
Vanilla Ice Cream	Pineapple Upside Down Sponge Cake	Steamed Jam Sponge & Custard	Peaches with Custard	Pancake & Chocolate Sauce

Dates for your diary:

11th November	Remembrance Day (2-minute silence at 11am and special menu).
13th November	Children in Need (Wear spots for £1 donation and special menu).
16th November	Odd Sock Day to start Friendship Week.
20th November	School closed.
23rd November	School closed.

December

3rd December	Purple Sock Day – to celebrate Inclusion alongside a special menu.
9th December	Whole School Internet Safety Day.
10th December	Parent's virtual internet safety workshop (details to follow).
10th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity performances (details to follow).
14th December	Choir to sing at The Parish Church of the Ascension, Maltese Road. 5pm
16th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day.
16th December	iRock Concert.
18th December	Last day of term. 21st December Christmas Holiday.

January

4th January	School returns.

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