



Kinsale Infant School

September 2025 Newsletter



Developing a love of learning for all. Always ready to learn.

Diary Dates

Sept 2025			
Weds 3rd Sept			Children back to school- Year 1 and 2 back to school Reception staggered start
Tues 23rd Sept		All	Individual and sibling photos
Weds 24th Sept		All	Flu immunisation – consent letter to be sent
Fri 24 th October			Last day of term
Mon 27 th Oct- Fri 31 st Oct			Half term
Mon 3 rd Nov			Children back to school



Welcome back to the new school year 2025/2026

We are so excited to see all the children and hear all about their summer holiday adventures!
I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are refreshed and ready for a new school year.

We extend our thanks to all parents and carers for supporting your child to return in such a positive, happy way and express a warm welcome to all our new Reception children along with several new children joining us in Year 1 & 2.

It is a delight to work with the team here at KIS and we are all looking forward to the coming year! As you will be aware our leadership team includes the following members of staff who have additional areas of school leadership responsibility to ensure the continued smooth running of our school

- Mrs Bethan Clennell –Deputy Head Teacher (in charge of Early Years)
- Mrs Charlotte Waters – New to our Kinsale team (in charge of SEND)
- Mrs Emma Godwin – existing Senior Leadership Team member
- Mrs Christina Siddy – existing Senior Leadership Team member

I know the team is very much looking forward to working with all children and parents; and they are passionate about the work they do at KIS. Should you need to talk to our SLT we can be contacted through the school office.

One member of SLT will be outside each morning from 8.35am. We hope this will enable any questions to be answered should they arise.

Monday – Mrs Clennell

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Wednesday – Mrs Waters

Thursday – Ms Coleman

Friday – Ms Coleman

Classes

Our class structure this year is as follows:

Year Group	Class Name	Class Teacher/s	Teaching Assistants
Reception	Butterflies	Mrs Clennell (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) Mrs Coughlan (Monday and Tuesdays)	Mrs Leeper Mrs Secker (AM) Mrs Keeble (PM)
Year 1 / 2	Ladybirds	Mrs Godwin	Mrs Cletheroe Miss Hooker
	Dragonflies	Miss Galley	Mrs Miller
	Beetles	Mrs Sidy (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday) Mrs Coughlan (Thursdays and Friday)	Mrs Plunkett Mrs Keeble (AM)

Reminders...

School Uniform www.myclothing.com or via the school website

Boys	Girls	PE <i>(In named draw string bag to be kept on peg in class)</i>
Grey trousers / shorts White polo shirt Navy sweatshirt Grey / black socks Black school shoes (not trainers please)	Grey skirt / dress / trousers Navy & white checked summer dress / skirt White polo shirt Navy sweatshirt or cardigan Grey tights / white or grey socks Black school shoes (not trainers please) Navy hair accessories	Navy shorts White t shirt Plimsolls or trainers Tracksuit trousers Tracksuit top

Year 1 and 2 children need tracksuit top, trousers and trainers or plimsolls as their PE kit **all year**, as outdoor PE happens all year round. PE kits will be worn to school, and they will stay in them all day on their PE day. Children should not wear trainers as part of their everyday school uniform please. Black school shoes are required.

Reception children only need a PE top and shorts for the first term; we will let you know when the rest of the PE kit will need to be brought in to school. They will change into their kit at school.

Earrings must be stud earrings and will need to be removed or taped for all PE sessions. Other jewellery and nail varnish is not to be worn for school. Long hair should be tied back for school EVERY DAY.

Thank you.

Rucksacks

It is incredibly helpful for children to bring a rucksack to school each day. This means all their belongings are kept together. If you have already provided your child with a rucksack – thank you. If you are able to; that would be most helpful.



A reminder that the children only require the following items in their bag please: named water bottle, lunchbox, coat if needed and reading book to be changed. Please try to ensure the bag is an appropriate size for all their belongings.

Bikes and Scooters

Children are welcome to bring their bike or scooter to school and leave it securely locked in the racks outside.

Bikes and scooters are left at your own risk and **MUST** be locked securely each day.

Helmets must be worn if riding a bike or scooter to school, and please take the helmets home each morning. Please remind children to walk with their bike / scooter when they enter the Kinsale site at the large gates.

(The racks are only to be used by children who attend Kinsale Infant School please)



Texting Service

In order to ease communication in school we use a texting service, which will allow us to text important information to parents. We don't send numerous texts but will inform you of crucial events such as; club cancellation, parents evening reminders, school closure due to bad weather and other important information. If you don't receive text messages from us – please come and tell us so we can find out why!

Please ensure we always have your current mobile number on our system. Please ring or email Mrs Clarke if you need to update any details)

Young Carers tick award



We are thrilled to let you know that we have achieved the Young Carers Tick award from Caring Together for the work we do with our Young Carers!

Look out for a news story with more information about this very soon!

Healthy Schools Award

We are a Healthy School, and we aim to ensure this philosophy is evident throughout school and promoted with the children. The children are all encouraged to enjoy the daily fruit or vegetable snack, and water is available all day.

In order to reinforce our status as a healthy school, we do not allow sweets, chocolates or cakes to be given out in class for birthdays. Please support us by encouraging your child to eat healthy options in their packed lunch box and water in their bottles in the classroom *(There is a useful guide to healthy packed lunches on our website).*



School lunches

We are delighted that we are now having our meals provided by Aspen catering; cooked at Kinsale Junior School.

Children may order a hot meal each morning (meat option, vegetarian option, jacket potato or pasta). They are also able to bring a packed lunch from home if you prefer.

We would appreciate you supporting your child to use a knife and fork, and to help them practice cutting up their own food if they have a hot lunch here.

If your child has a food allergy, you must complete a food allergy online form and provide medical evidence to be returned to Aspens.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

As we have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts, we are a nut free school.

Please ensure your child's lunchbox does not contain any food containing nuts.



Top Table and Hot Chocolate Friday!

We follow a positive behaviour policy in school. All children have a named peg which is on **green** at the start of every day. They must behave well in order for it to stay on green. If they choose not to make good behaviour choices, their peg will move to **orange**. They can also be moved to **red** for severe behaviour challenges (this is VERY rare in our school!)

If their behaviour is OUTSTANDING, they will move to GOLD!

During our Thursday celebration assembly, all children who have been on 'gold' from the previous week, will have their names read out so we can congratulate them with the whole school. One child from each year group will then be randomly chosen as winners. These children come and eat their lunch at the Top Table on a Friday with me or SLT. They bring a friend with them, and the Top Table is a special table with decorations, special chairs and place mats etc!

Children who have kept all our learning dispositions in school will be chosen by the staff to have hot chocolate with Ms Coleman on a Friday at the end of the month.

This is a relaxed and very enjoyable time!



Our dispositions are:

Collaborative (like a bumble bee)

Resilient (like a penguin)

Resourceful (like a squirrel)

Curious (like a cat)

Reflective (like an owl)

Creative (like a bird)

Talk to your child about these – they will know these words and what they mean!

Wrap around care provision

Breakfast Club (From 7.45am everyday)

After School Child Care (until 6pm daily)

Bookings can be made on the school payment app in advance.

Forest Schools

Mrs Secker is our qualified Forest School lead, and she will work with every child in school throughout the year. Each class will have Forest School sessions throughout the year. You will receive a letter when your child is due to start their sessions.

The sessions are very popular with the children; and support their self-esteem, wellbeing and mental health.





Attendance

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress. Unauthorised absence from school may result in a penalty fine being issued. Please ensure children are at school promptly. THEY MUST BE IN BY 8.50AM.

Medical and dental appointments MUST be made out of school hours or in the holidays please where possible.

Our school bell rings promptly at 8.40am and the doors are locked at 8.50am, so please enter via the office if you are late.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.15am each morning.

School drop off is: Between 8.40am and 8.50am

School collection is: Between 3pm and 3.10pm

Please wait near your child's class door, but don't queue, as this is causing a problem for parents walking round to the back of school. Thank you.

Communication

In addition to our texting service every class has a whiteboard near their classroom door. Staff will ensure important information is recorded on here, so please ensure you read it daily.

School newsletters are distributed at the beginning of every month, and in addition every year group produces Curriculum Information.

Reception – Newsletter emailed home every Friday

Year One & Two – Newsletter emailed home every Friday

Curriculum Information emailed home at the beginning of each half term

Should your child have a parent not living at the child's main home address who would like to receive important information and school reports, please provide Mrs Clarke (Office Manager) with an email address. All newsletters are available on our school website.

Please may I politely remind parents that Kinsale Infant School has an open-door policy. Staff are only too happy to answer questions from parents – teachers have more time after school to talk at length, so please keep morning messages brief please.

If you have a question or concern, we encourage you to contact school to ask us, rather than using social media to air concerns – we want to work with you for the benefit of your child!

Parking on school site

With limited spaces for staff, even our visitors struggle to find space to park. The car parks and in particular the access road up to the schools and between the Junior and Infant / Pre-School is particularly hazardous, so it is essential that we keep this access as free as possible since some of the road is shared between pedestrians and vehicles. Immediately upon entering the site there are clear yellow lines showing where the pedestrians should walk to avoid any accidents between cars and pedestrians.

The only exception is for parents/carers that have one of our passes and those collecting unwell children



during the school day. Please let us know if you are a Blue Badge holder so that we can amend our records accordingly and provide you with a school parking permit.

We hope you will respect these restrictions and understand that they are in place simply for the safety of the community.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we look forward to working with you all this academic year. Should you wish to discuss anything please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or make an appointment to speak to me.

Ms Stacey Coleman
Head Teacher