

Kinsale Infant School
October 2025 Newsletter



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

We are so happy to see all the children settling into the new school year.

It has been wonderful to see all the great learning that the children are engaged in as well as hearing some of the wonderful facts and ideas that the children share.

This term, we are really looking forward to our Harvest celebration and have a 'Week of Giving' starting on Monday 29th September! If you can contribute, please send your donations in to school during this week and following our Harvest celebration we will distribute parcels to those who need these most.

Following this, any items will be donated to our local food bank to help support our school community.

Diary Dates

Oct 2025			
29 th Sept- 3 rd Oct			Harvest donations brought into school this week- <i>letter sent</i>
Thurs 2 nd Oct	All		Census Day- Try a hot lunch! <i>Info sent</i>
Thurs 2 nd Oct	Selected children		KS1 Football festival- <i>letter sent to selected children</i>
Tues 14 th Oct	Selected children		KS1 Cross Country- <i>letter will be sent to selected children</i>
Weds 15 th Oct	Reception		Reception first class photo in Evening News
Fri 17 th Oct			Open morning for Reception 2026 families
Mon 20 th Oct	KS1		Diwali workshop- <i>info sent</i>
Tues 21 st Oct		3pm-5pm	After school club Halloween event- <i>letter sent</i>
Fri 24 th Oct			Non uniform- <i>bring in a donation for our Christmas raffle!</i> <i>Info to follow</i> Last day of term
Mon 27 th Oct- Fri 31 st Oct			Half term
Nov 2025			
Mon 3 rd Nov	All		Children back to school
Fri 7 th Nov		AM	Open morning for Reception 2026 families
Mon 10 th Nov	All	3.30pm-6pm	Parents evening- <i>info to follow</i>
Thurs 13 th Nov	All	3.30pm-6pm	Parents evening- <i>info to follow</i>
Fri 14 th Nov	All		Children in need- <i>info to follow</i>
Tues 25 th Nov	Year 2	9-9.30am	Year 2 writing workshops
Dec 2025			
Weds 3 rd Dec	All		Christmas Lunch- <i>info to follow</i>

Thurs 4 th Dec			Christmas Fair- <i>info to follow</i>
Fri 5 th Dec	Reception	9.15am and 2pm	Reception Christmas performance- <i>info to follow</i>
Weds 10 th Dec	Year 1 parents	9.15am	Year 1 parents Christmas performance- <i>info to follow</i>
Weds 10 th Dec	Year 2 parents	2pm	Year 2 parents Christmas performance- <i>info to follow</i>
Fri 12 th Dec	Reception	PM	Reception trip to Cat in the Hat theatre show- <i>info to follow</i>
Mon 15 th Dec		2.30pm	Rock Steady parents concert- <i>invite only</i>
Tues 16 th Dec	All		School disco- <i>more info to follow</i>
Weds 17 th Dec	KS1	2.30pm	KS1 Celebration of Learning
Thurs 18 th Dec	All	PM	Panto in school for children- <i>info to follow</i>
Fri 19 th Dec			Last day of term- Ho Ho Ho!
Mon 22 nd Dec- Mon 5 th Jan			Half term and inset days
Tues 6 th Dec			All children back in school

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 by 8.50am (children are able to come into class from 8.40am) and collected at the end of the day by 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments **MUST** be made out of school hours or in the holidays please.

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

If your child has a minor cold or cough, please administer medication at home, and if they are unwell whilst in school, we will not hesitate to contact you.

We thank you for your support.

	3 rd - 5 th Sept	8 th -12 th Sept	15 th -19 th Sept	22 nd Sept-26 th Sept
Butterflies		100%	98%	98%
Ladybirds	98%	97%	97%	97%
Beetles	93%	94%	95%	96%
Dragonflies	99%	98%	94%	99%

How are the 'Classes of 2025 settling into school life?

Reception

We are so proud of how amazingly the Butterflies children have settled into reception! The children have been busy learning the rules and routines of school life, playing together and exploring their new environment. It has been lovely to see children from Year 1 and 2 playing and supporting our new reception children at lunchtimes. What a super start to school, well done reception children!



KS1

It has been great to see all of the Ladybirds, Beetles and Dragonflies settle back into school life so quickly! The children have really enjoyed joining their new year groups and getting to know the new friends in their classes. It has been great to see the new Year 2s being such fantastic role models for their Year 1 friends. Please read our weekly newsletter. It lets you know about what we have been learning as well as keeping you updated with important information and dates.

If you would like to talk to us about anything regarding your child, please feel free to catch us on the door in the morning or after school or contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Open Mornings at Kinsale Infant School

If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2026, we would love to invite you to come and have a look around our friendly, magical, supportive and inclusive school!

We know how daunting starting school can be for both children and their adults, and how important choosing the right place for your child to learn and grow is to you.

From Forest school to P.E, phonics to number lines, every day brings new adventures and an opportunity to put into practise our school philosophy... The joy of not knowing!

We would love to take the time to answer any questions you may have and give you a glimpse into a morning at Kinsale Infant!

The dates available to book are:



Friday 17th October 2025
Friday 7th November 2025

Our mornings will run from 9.30am– 11.45am with 45-minute timeslots.

Please book your time slot with Mrs Clarke in the school office via phone or email.

These are not individual meetings, but we will ensure small groups, so we are able to answer all your questions.

There is lots more information on our website that can be accessed at any time.

Family Hubs

Family hubs support parents/carers of children and young people from conception until they are 19-years-old. Support is available:

- Online
- In your community, in places you might already visit
- By visiting a local family hub site and speaking in person to someone who can help
- From another experienced parent or carer

We share an ambition that Norfolk is a place where all children and young people can flourish. Please see the following links for more support;

[Hellesdon Family Hub](#)

School Photographs

Tempest Photography were in school last week taking our school photos. Ordering and payment is done online and all the information you need is on the photos that the children brought home. Please be aware there is a deadline if you would like the photos to be delivered back to school. Or you can order them to your home and pay postage and packaging.

School lunches

NUT FREE SCHOOL – Please remember we are a nut free school, as we have children in school who have severe allergies. We appreciate if you can check your child's packed lunch contents to ensure no nuts are included – this is to ensure ALL our children are safe in school.

In addition, we ask that if children bring grapes into school, that they are sliced in half along the length of the grape to ensure that they do not become a potential choking hazard, this is a well-documented hazard with grapes and one we endeavour to avoid with your help.

Celebration Assemblies

Every Thursday we have a celebration assembly in school where we celebrate the children's achievements.

We award many certificates and awards:

- Superstar Learner Award: Linked to our school values and learning disposition,
- Head teachers Award: For good behaviour or learning.
- Attendance Award: To the class with the highest % attendance from the previous week
- Birthdays: We sing and give out birthday pencils to birthdays in the week ahead
- Silver frames: we award a certificate for a child who has their learning in the silver frame. This is displayed in the main corridor for all to see.
- Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards: When children have gained all their stamps they receive bronze, then silver, then gold certificates.
- Golden Pegs: If they have been on gold traffic light the previous week, we read their name out and celebrate. Then they are all put in a golden box and 3 winners are chosen. They sit at the Top Table on Thursday with me and a friend of their choice.
- We also like to celebrate achievements from out of school. If your child wants to share an achievement or bring in a certificate, rosette or trophy on a Monday they can share in assembly in front of the whole school.



Reminders

- Please remember no bikes or scooters should be ridden when on the school site – Please use the scooter and bike rack near Beetles Y2 class door (much better storage for scooters!)
- Please ensure that a spoon is included in your child's packed lunch for yogurts – the school cutlery is disappearing!
- There can often be cases of head lice in school, so please check hair daily and treat with lots of conditioner and a very fine comb.

- Please ensure you do not drive onto the school site, unless we have allocated you a permit. Please also show courtesy on Kinsale Avenue, and DO NOT park across residents' drives. We have had a few complaints recently. The yellow zig zag lines on Kinsale Avenue should not be parked on or opposite.

'Free School Meals' and pupil premium entitlement

If your household income is less than £16,190.00 school may be entitled to receive funding to support your child in school. If your situation has changed, please contact the school office for a form to complete or click the link below for more helpful information.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

www.kinsaleinfant.norfolk.sch.uk