

## Magical Moments

### Art Festival

A huge thank you to Mrs Dearman for organising another successful Art Festival across the school. The theme this year was 'belonging' and every class created artwork based on the ocean. Here is an example of some beautiful art work created by our Year 1 class.



### Parent Lunches

We welcomed some of our parents into school for lunch last term. The China class children enjoyed eating their school lunch with a family member. This is something we will roll out across the school this term and will be inviting Year 1 parents in next to join us.



### Lunchtime Clubs

Our children are thoroughly enjoying Funky Fridays where children can let loose, have fun, and celebrate the end of the week with a little bit of flair. It is also great to see the story writing club in action at lunchtime; a roomful of children just writing away for pleasure!



Dear families,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we're excited to welcome all our families back to school as we move into the second half of the term! There are lots of things to look forward to this half term, including our traditional Easter Church Service, Easter Egg Hunt and as we reach the end of the term, we'll be hosting Parents Evenings to catch up on the progress and achievements of your children. It's a great chance to connect with teachers and share in the excitement of their learning. We look forward to seeing everyone at these wonderful events!

### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025, we are inviting children to dress up as a book character or they can come in pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime story.



### Keep Safe Month

In March, we will be focusing on **Keep Safe Month**, a time dedicated to teaching our children important skills to stay safe in a variety of situations. We'll be covering a range of topics, from online safety to road safety, and the importance of looking after themselves and others. We will be holding special activities throughout the month to engage the children in discussions and learning about safety in a fun and informative way.





## **Online safety**

We are increasingly aware that despite the age restrictions put on social media sites for protecting young children, some of our children are exposed to social media sites and apps, or still choose to use them. We therefore want to bring to your attention about the risks involved in using social media platforms. The following website link [social media \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) will provide you with some useful information on the risks involved, age requirements, and how to support children to be safe when using social media.

## **Good Pupil Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is vital to a child's education. Consistent attendance helps children to stay on track with their learning, build positive relationships with their peers, and creates a sense of belonging. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Children arriving once the gate has closed will be marked as late on the register.

Please remember that holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Taking holidays during the school term disrupts your child's learning and impacts the progress they make in class. If you do take a holiday during term time, it is likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) being issued. We strongly encourage you to plan family holidays during the school holidays to avoid any unnecessary absences. Thank you.

## **Reporting Absences**

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or another valid reason, please ensure that you notify the school as soon as possible. You can do this by either emailing the school office [absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk](mailto:absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk) or calling the office on 01440 702787.

The school's Absence Request Form is available on our website or via the office. Timely communication helps us to ensure your child's absence is recorded correctly.

Class teachers will be reaching out to the families of children with low attendance to discuss any concerns and offer support where necessary. We want to work closely with you to ensure your child receives the best possible education and support. If your child's attendance is a concern, please know that we are here to help and are committed to working with you to improve it.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance. We value the partnership between school and home, and together we can help your child thrive.

## Communication

Please use this guide so you know who to contact about different types of queries.

Office	Class Teacher	SENCO (Mrs Miller)	Head of School	Executive Head Teacher
01440 702787 <a href="mailto:admin@kedingtonprimary.co.uk">admin@kedingtonprimary.co.uk</a>	Dojo In person at end of the day	Via school office	Via school office	Via school office
Information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trips</li> <li>• Arbor</li> <li>• Payments</li> <li>• School clubs &amp; meals &amp; fundraising events/PTFA</li> <li>• Medical conditions</li> <li>• General enquiries</li> </ul> Please phone the office for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in collection arrangements</li> </ul> <b>Reporting Absence:</b> <a href="mailto:absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk">absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk</a>	Information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupil learning/ progress</li> <li>• Home learning</li> <li>• Showbie</li> <li>• Behaviour</li> <li>• Incidences</li> <li>• Low level concerns</li> <li>• Concerns about experiences at home</li> </ul>	Concerns about a known or possible SEND need  Concerns about mental health & well being (possibly speak to class teacher first)	Serious concerns  Safeguarding concerns  Queries about school policy or procedures  If you are not satisfied with the response from someone you have contacted already	For serious concerns where' you may still not be satisfied'

## Smart Phone Free Childhood

We are delighted to share that we have now hit our target of more than 10 promised pledges for Year 3. This is a tremendous outcome and will make a difference to our youngest pupils. If you would like to sign up, please use the QR code on the poster below.

**Smartphone Free Childhood Initiative**

At Kedington Primary Academy, we know how harmful the use of smartphones can be for children and urge all our parents and carers to pledge to delay giving their child a smartphone until they go to high school. This only becomes binding when we get 10 or more in each class so about a third of the children won't have a phone.


**UPDATE 24.02.25**

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGES = 52  
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN = 24.2%

Year Group	Number of Pledges	10+ pledges?
R	7	
1	13	YES
2	10	YES
3	10	YES
4	5	
5	5	
6	2	

Parents and carers can pledge at any time using [this link](#) or the QR code.

Smartphone Free Childhood Pledge



**Dates for your diary**

March 2025	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Keep Safe Month begins
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Children come dressed up
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Safety Ambassadors' Day at TGS
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	OM Health in school
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Parents' Lunch
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	PC Cheryl Claydon visit China class
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Church Service
April 2025	Event
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents' Evening (Years 1-6)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents' Evening (Years 1-6)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Role Model Status Assembly Easter Egg Hunt in school Finish for Easter break Collection 3.15pm



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# Summer fete

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**4th July 2025 | after school until 5pm**

Please email  
kedingtonptfa@gmail.com  
if you would like a stall.  
£10/pitch