

## Magical Moments

### China Class

What a fantastic start our new Reception children have had!

We are so proud of how well all the children have settled into their new routines and embraced life in the classroom with such enthusiasm and resilience.



### KS1 New Look

Over the summer, our KS1 classrooms got a fresh new look with new flooring and shiny tables.

The Year 1 children told us it looks "awesome" - we couldn't agree more!



### Dentistry Visit in School

We had a visit from the friendly team with Community Dental Services who saw several of our children for check-ups.

There were lots of smiley faces afterwards!



Dear Families,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We hope you had a restful and joyful summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with big smiles, ready to learn and reconnect. The school feels calm, happy, and full of positive energy - there's a real sense of togetherness in the air, and we're so proud of how quickly everyone has settled back into routines.

### Forest School Volunteers Needed

Do you love the outdoors and enjoy working with children? We're looking for committed Forest School volunteers to join us each week on Fridays. Whether you can offer a full day or just a morning or afternoon, your support would make a huge difference. It's a brilliant opportunity to be part of something special, helping children explore nature, build resilience, and learn through hands-on experiences. If you would be able to volunteer, please do get in touch.



### **Staff Updates**

Mrs Lind will sadly be leaving us this term to pursue other interests. We thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time with us and wish her every success and happiness in her next chapter.

Mrs Kimber has joined the Kedington team and will be teaching Year 2 one day a week. Mrs Runswick has returned to the Kedington team and will be in school 2 days a week delivering Forest School sessions and ELSA support.

### **Morning Drop-Off Reminders**

To help our mornings run smoothly and ensure the safety of all children:

- Drop-off time is from 8.35am, and the school gates will close promptly at 8.40am;
- Reception children will now be dropped off at the side gates by the bike shed.

Children arriving after the gates close will need to come through the main office and will be marked as late.

We also kindly encourage parents of children in Year 2 and above to say goodbye at the school gates in the morning. This helps us to:

- Close the gates on time;
- Maintain a clear view of all children in school uniform;
- Keep everyone safe by reducing congestion at the entrances.

We understand that some children may still need extra support during drop-off, and staff are always on hand to help them transition into school calmly and confidently.

### **Join Our PTFA – Volunteers Welcome!**

Our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) plays a vital role in supporting the school community – and we'd love for more of you to get involved!

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our PTFA and all of you who supported events last year, we raised a significant amount of money, which has already gone towards outdoor play equipment for the children to enjoy during break and lunchtimes.

Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, every bit of help makes a difference – from organising events such as discos to setting up stalls or simply sharing ideas.

If you'd like to find out more or get involved, please contact the school or speak directly to Victoria Scrase or Rebecca Myatt.



## IQM Centre of Excellence Award

We are proud to share that we were awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Centre of Excellence status at the end of last year – and we are delighted to have maintained this recognition through our ongoing commitment to inclusion, wellbeing, and high-quality teaching.



Some highlights of our success include:

- Innovative use of iPads across the curriculum, supporting all learners;
- A deep focus on belonging and emotional wellbeing;
- Continued emphasis on inclusive values, community engagement and exciting extracurricular opportunities that ensure every child feels seen, supported, and celebrated

Pupils display excellent behaviour, strong engagement, and positive attitudes to learning

This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire school community, and we remain committed to ensuring every child thrives in a nurturing, inclusive environment.

## SmartPhone Free Childhood

### 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 22.09.25**

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGES = **59**  
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN = **24.2%**

Year Group	Number of Pledges	10+ pledges?
R	4	
1	8	
2	14	YES
3	10	YES
4	10	YES
5	6	
6	6	

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

Smartphone Free Childhood Pledge



## Communications

Please use this guide so you know who to contact about different types of queries. Information about pupil absence must go to the office. Please use this email to report pupil absences everyday a pupil is off school: [absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk](mailto:absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk)

<b>Office</b> <a href="mailto:admin@kedingtonprimary.co.uk">admin@kedingtonprimary.co.uk</a> 01440 702787	<b>Class Teacher</b> Dojo In person at end of the day	<b>SENCO</b> (Mrs Wreathall) Dojo Via school office	<b>Head of School</b> Dojo 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>• Reporting pupil absence</li> <li>• Absence requests &amp; medical appointments</li> <li>• Change in collection arrangements</li> <li>• Medical conditions</li> </ul>	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 & wellbeing (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.



KEDINGTON PRIMARY ACADEMY PTFA  
**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
RECEPTION AND KS1 **OCTOBER 17** KS2  
3:30-4:15 4:45-5:45  
£5 TICKET (ON ARBOUR) | INCLUDES GLITTER TATTOO, CRISPS, SWEETS AND SQUASH  
COSTUMES OPTIONAL!



**Reception 2026**  
**Open Morning**  
**Wednesday**  
**19th November 2025**  
Please arrive at **9.00am** OR **10.30am** for a presentation and tour.  
For further information please contact us on:  
01440-702787  
[admin@kedingtonprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@kedingtonprimary.co.uk)

## Dates for the Diary

<b>October 2025</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 PGL meeting – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	China Class Parents' Lunch
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Mini Marathon
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival – 2.00pm at Kedington Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA Halloween Disco
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	OM Health in school - pupil workshops
	Show and Share 3.15pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Show and Share 8.00am – 8.30am
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Reception and Year 2 Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term begins - 2 weeks
<b>November 2025</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 PGL Residential Anti-bullying week & Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for new parents - Reception 2026
	Year 1 Parents' Lunch
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations (session 1)
<b>December 2025</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisations (session 2 – catch up)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Production
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service – 2.00pm at Kedington Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Production
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term (finish 1.30pm)