



Pupils of the Week

	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Nate	Amalou & Edith	Rosie	--
Jackdaws	Oscar B	Zac	Sophia	--
Ospreys	Alana	Ava	Macey	Isabelle

Dear Parents

ATTENDANCE

I have had a chance to analyse the data for the first half term of the school year and already we have 27 children whose attendance is falling below the 95% rate that I need to investigate. 16 children had less than 90% attendance, meaning that they have already missed nearly a week of school. 95% attendance over a school year would mean that over a year a child would miss two weeks of school, lower percentages than this would obviously be quite a concern. With only 71 children in the school this means that 38% of our children are not currently meeting expectations for attendance.

I know that many parents can find it hard to know if their children are “too ill for school” and I certainly know that children can beg to stay at home if they are not 100% but it is important that we teach our children what is OK to stay home for and when we just need to soldier on through! The following link is very helpful in making that decision:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

In summary the advice says that run-of-the-mill coughs, colds, sore throats mean children can attend school, unless they have a fever or extremely poorly. However, due to the extremely infectious nature of stomach bugs, children should not attend school if they have vomiting or diarrhoea and should remain at home until there have been 48 hours clear of symptoms.

VACANCIES

Did you know that we are currently advertising for a member of staff to join our team, supporting a child with Special Educational Needs? If you know of anyone who would like to apply for this extremely rewarding role please direct them to our website where there are more details:

<https://www.devonmoorsfederation.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=14>

PRVACY NOTICES

Updated versions of the school's Privacy Notices for parents, pupils and volunteers are now on the website, in the School Info section.

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OUTDOOR LEARNING – REMINDER

These visits will be in blocks of sessions throughout the year for Ospreys, Jackdaws and Kingfishers, sticking to Thursday afternoons so lunchtimes will not be affected. The dates are on the “school diary dates” at the end of each newsletters. **Children will need to bring appropriate clothing on these dates to change into after lunch.** Wellies are ideal and long trousers and long sleeved tops are essential to protect from brambles, stingers and insects. Enough clothing to keep warm and coats are essential on these dates.

School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* section.

More specific details can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event,
this will then display the letter content or additional information

www.kilmington-primary.org.uk



2023-2024 & 2024-2025 Term Dates Calendars

are also available to view on our website

SCHOOL INFO – TERM DATES

November	
Wed 15 th	Ospreys Museum Visit – PACKED LUNCH – parents transport 9.15-9.30am / 3.00-3.15pm
Thurs 16 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 17th	PTFA Cake Sale after school - Pipits and Jackdaws Classes to donate cakes – all cakes 50p each
Thurs 23 rd	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 24th	PTFA Pre-loved uniform sale after school
Tues 28 th	Individual & Sibling (N1-Y6) Photographs (during school day)
Thurs 30 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
December	
Fri 1 st	Reception Vision Screening
Thurs 7 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 8th	NON UNIFORM in exchange for a donation to the PTFA Christmas Hampers
Thurs 14 th	Christmas Carol Service St Giles Church –2.00pm & 5.30pm parents invited
Fri 15 th	Non-uniform day – Christmas Jumpers Christmas Lunch – bookings via ParentPay by Thursday 7th December Last day of term
Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January	
Christmas Holidays	
TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY – NON PUPIL DAY	
January 2024	
Tues 2nd	Non-pupil day – Staff Training
Wed 3rd	Spring term begins for pupils
Thurs 11 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 18 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 25 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
February	
Thurs 1 st	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 8 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	
Half Term	
Wed 21 st	Jackdaws Residential – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 22 nd	Jackdaws Residential
Fri 23 rd	Jackdaws Residential
Thurs 29 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
March	
Thurs 7 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 8th	PTFA bags2school
Thurs 14 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 21 st	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 28 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 29th	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday
Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April	
Spring Break	
MONDAY 15th APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY	

April	
Mon 15th	Non-pupil day – Staff training
Tues 16th	Summer term begins for pupils
Thurs 25 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
May	
Thurs 2 nd	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 6th	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 9 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th	Y6 SATS
Thurs 16 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 23 rd	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May Half Term	
June	
Thurs 13 th	Class Photographs (morning)
Thurs 13 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 20 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 27 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
July	
Mon 1st	PTFA Whole School & Nursery Annual Trip
Thurs 4 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 11 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 23 rd	Last day of term Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 24th	Non-pupil day - Staff Training
24th July start of Summer Holidays Pupils return on Thursday 5th September 2024 – Autumn Term	