

Pupils of the Week				
	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Rosie	Louis	--	Edith & Ollia
Jackdaws	Hattie	Charlie	Eden	Callie
Ospreys	Louis	Ellie	Ava	Charlie

Dear Parents

This will be the last newsletter of 2023. Children will finish next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at the usual time of 3.30pm and will be returning on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Please do not forget to order school meals by the Thursday of the previous week so that the kitchen can place the food order. **Unfortunately late orders cannot be accommodated.**

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

We have increasing concerns over some children's use of social media groups such as WhatsApp and Snapchat. Neither of these platforms are recommended for children of primary school age. Although these groups are usually intended to promote social interaction among peers and can be a great source of fun unfortunately these platforms are increasingly used to post cruel and unkind comments which are upsetting and unsettling for the recipients. Children of primary school age are rarely mature enough to fully understand the implications of these chats and are therefore being exposed to negative comments and unpleasantness.

I would urge you to observe the age-recommendations of these platforms and really think about whether you want your child is really emotionally mature enough to deal with the implications.

#### **READING**

Please continue to promote reading throughout the Christmas holidays. If your child has access to the E-books please revisit these frequently, if your child has a physical colour banded book ensure that you read this. If you have borrowed books for pleasure we hope you enjoy these and mostly, please read to your child – ideally every day. This will ensure that your child is exposed to reading material as much as possible.

Have a lovely Christmas and see you all in the New Year

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#### *Diary Dates ... December*

Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service St Giles Church 2.00pm & 5.30pm parents invited
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day – Christmas Jumpers Christmas Lunch – <b>bookings closed 07/12/23</b> Last day of term

# 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](http://www.kilmington-primary.org.uk)



Christmas Holidays	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	
TUESDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> JANUARY – NON PUPIL DAY	
January 2024	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-pupil day – Staff Training
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring term begins for pupils
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rec & Y6 Measurement Programme
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
February	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	
Half Term	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jackdaws Residential – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackdaws Residential
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackdaws Residential
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
March	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA bags2school
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday
Spring Break	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	
MONDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY	
April	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Non-pupil day – Staff training
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Summer term begins for pupils
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
May	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	
Half Term	

<b>June</b>	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs (morning)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 Residential – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 Residential
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y5-Y6 Residential
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
<b>July</b>	
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Whole School &amp; Nursery Annual Trip – PACKED LUNCH</b>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of term Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Non-pupil day - Staff Training</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24<sup>th</sup> July start of Summer Holidays</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pupils return on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Autumn Term</b></p>	