



**Pupils of the Week**

**AWARDS**

	Betty Bee	Wilbur Woodpecker	Olive Owl	Samuel Squirrel
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Louis	Obi & Oliva Sm	Freddie	Rosie
<b>Jackdaws</b>	Nate	Caroline	Raffy	Alex
<b>Ospreys</b>	Alana	Ethan	Oscar	Sophia

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to say a massive thank you for everyone who was able attend our opening ceremony and open afternoon last Friday – especially with such short notice. The performances by the children were lovely as always, and it was so wonderful for them to have their parents and carers come to watch. It was also nice to see that you had the time to have a good look in your children’s classes and at the work that they have been doing. It was a great success and I feel that it was more effective than trying to look at the books on parents’ evenings, so we will look at doing this more regularly.

Parents’ consultations will be in the week after half term. If you have forgotten your appointment time, please contact the office. We will do our best to stay “on track” with timings as it is very frustrating waiting when other appointments overrun. On the flip side, please remember that each slot is 10 minutes so the teacher may have to tell you that your time is up so as not to keep others waiting.

**POPPIES**

During the week after half term, we will have the usual array of Royal British Legion poppies, wristbands, slap-bands, reflectors etc available with a donation to the charity. Members of Year 6 will be outside at 3.25pm Monday-Friday with the box of items, so please bring cash if you wish to make any purchases. The children will be allowed to wear these items in school until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

During the half term Miss Knapman is getting married and will return as Mrs Plunkett. We wish her and Mr Plunkett every happiness for their special day.

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**PIPITS’ NEWS**

**Kilmington Primary School celebrate the opening of their new building**

Families and staff at Kilmington Primary School were excited to celebrate the opening of a new classroom! Children from preschool and reception have been learning in a temporary home at the Beacon Baptist Church since June. The new building has been specially designed to accommodate the school’s youngest children.

The opening event included performances from each class with carefully choreographed dances, poems and a performance of Red Riding Hood. Pastor Mike Hudson from the Beacon lead the community with a blessing on the new classroom. Headteacher Lee White welcomed families to the new building and then a child from Year 6 and reception cut the ribbon.

The building work had made access to school difficult and parents were happy to have the opportunity to visit all the classrooms. The opening celebration was themed as a 'Booknic' and each class presented a range of fantastic books to share along with book themed activities. Archway bookshop also attended with a range of carefully selected books from Kilmington Primary's wish list. They were a great hit and many happy children went home with a new book. If you would like to donate a book to the school or wish to look at the list it is available here.

<https://uk.bookshop.org/lists/kilmington-primary-school-wish-list>



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## KINGFISHERS' NEWS

In Kingfisher class during history lessons this half term, we have been learning about how toys have changed over time. The children did some excellent research at home, asking their parents and grandparents about the toys that they played with as children. The class have found out that some of the main changes with present day toys are that they are more likely to be made out of plastic whereas metal and wood were used in the past. Also, technology advances have meant that modern toys have become more complex whereas toys in the past tended to be much simpler.

Kingfisher class have also been planning and writing their own stories in English based on our focus text – 'The Disgusting Sandwich' which is a story about a sandwich that becomes more and more disgusting as the story progresses until it is totally inedible, for example it gets dropped into a pond and is covered in smelly, green pondweed. The children's titles have included 'The Revolting Pizza' and 'The Ghastly Ice Cream!' The children have worked really hard on their stories and with brilliant independence and focus – well done Kingfisher class!

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## JACKDAWS' NEWS

Jackdaws have had a busy month! We have celebrated a few birthdays and had some interesting show and tells including medals, types of rock and certificates. We have been working very hard with our learning too.

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and addition. We have been cementing our understanding of number and the value of digits within a number. We have then moved on to using various methods to add together two numbers (up to 4 digits in size!). After half term, we shall be looking at subtraction in the first week back.

In English, our text has been 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. This is a familiar story to the children, but we have been using our year 3 and 4 skills in our work. We have been looking at a range of conjunctions, rules of speech, expanded noun phrases as well as working on producing pieces of writing surrounding the text. The children have really enjoyed this text we are looking forward to our next text which will be revealed after half term.

In other areas, the children have been working extremely hard in RE. We have been learning about the Creation story and the fate of Adam and Eve. In Science, we have also been learning about Rocks and soils. The children have really shown an interest in this topic and lots of children have been excited to share their knowledge and experiences with us at school.

We hope you have a safe and lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you in November.  
Mr. Dalton and Mrs. Shaw - Class Teachers.

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## OSPREYS' NEWS

Ospreys have made a very positive start to this academic year. They have certainly gelled together with both year groups stepping up to the challenges of a new year. They really are a buzzy, interested, motivated year group and are genuinely interested in their learning, asking lots of questions, having their own opinions about matters and making us all think. We have been reading *The Curse of The Maya*, a fiction book linked to our history topic about the Mayans. All children have worked particularly hard in writing. They have written descriptions about Guatemala, a report about the gruesome Maya ball game Pok-a-tok and instructions on how to make hot chocolate (which Mrs Brooker made and we all tasted! Yum). We have also been focusing on basic grammar and punctuation such as capital letters for proper nouns, apostrophes and common spelling mistakes such as homophones (they're/ their/there etc).

In maths, we have been getting to grips with reading and writing very large numbers, rounding numbers, addition and subtraction, prime numbers, square numbers, multiples and factors!!Phew! This week, we played a team game in maths where children were quizzed on the maths learning from this half term. We were particularly impressed with how they supported each other in their teams.

In science they have absolutely loved learning about the solar system and have done lots of practical work to show how the Earth and other planets orbit the Sun; how the Moon orbits the Earth and why the moon looks different shapes throughout the month. This topic has been very exciting and mind-blowing at the same time; the children have really got stuck into it and have learnt lots.

### Year 6 Cello

Year 6 are really lucky to be having cello lessons from Ms Ashby and Mr Jevons from The Axe Valley Community College. This is lesson two. They are getting on brilliantly!



# 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)



## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Half-term

### November

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pipits, Kingfishers & Ospreys Parents Evening – by appointment
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	R-Y6 Flu Immunisations <b>only for pupils with online consent from parent/carer</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pipits, Kingfishers, Jackdaws & Ospreys Parents Evening – by appointment
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Parents Evening – by appointment
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Cake Sale – donations from Ospreys &amp; Pipits</b>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Individual & Sibling (N1-Y6) Photographs (during school day)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)

### December

Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Non-uniform day in exchange for £1 towards the Christmas raffle</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service St Giles Church –2.30pm & 6.00pm - parents invited
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Christmas Holidays

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – NON PUPIL DAY**

### January

<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Non-pupil day – Staff Training</b>
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring term begins for pupils</b>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)

### February

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Cake Sale – Jackdaws &amp; Kingfishers to donate</b>

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term

w/c 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings – times/dates TBC
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)

### March

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Museum Visit – PACKED LUNCH – leave 8.30am / return 5.00pm approx.
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)

### April

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
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## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Spring Break

**MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL – Bank Holiday**

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> – NON PUPIL DAY**

<b>April</b>	
<b>Mon 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Non-pupil day – Staff Training</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer term begins for pupils
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
<b>May</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>PTFA ‘Break the Rules’ day</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Half Term</b>	
<b>June</b>	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
<b>July</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of term Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Non-pupil day - Staff Training</b>
<b>Summer Holidays</b> <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September inclusive</b>	