



Dear parents

Well, we find ourselves at the end of another academic year and are once again pleased to have had so many wonderful moments. Over the year we have been happy to welcome you in to school for a range of school events: Harvest, Christmas Carols, Open Afternoons and Parents' evenings. The highlights of this last term have been sports day and the Key Stage 2 performance; both amazing examples of the talents and hard work of all the children in the school. All the teachers were so proud of how the sports day went: the teamwork and sportsmanship displayed really showed what a caring community we have here. The performance by our older children was truly spectacular. I am always really moved when I see the children perform so well and my heart swells when they sing - the most beautiful sound!

This will be the last from me this year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we see all the children again on Monday 7th September. (Don't forget to order your school meals by Sunday 6th September!)

Final Reminders

On Monday Year 6 will be out for the day, parents are dropping off and collecting from the venue. No packed lunch is required as food will be provided.

Tuesday is the last day of term, as usual we will be having our whole school picnic, so please remember everyone needs a packed lunch on this day.

Tuesday 21st July is a non-uniform day

School Meals – Autumn Term

The new menus for the Autumn term were emailed to parents yesterday. The menus have been published in ParentPay and are now available to book.

- Allergens sheets are available for the Autumn term on our website in the parent section - [Allergens Autumn 2026](#)
- Vegan meals are marked up as (VG) in ParentPay
- Deadline for booking as usual is the Sunday before the week required.
- Meals can also be booked up until the menu end date (payment required if applicable).
- Current Year 2 (Year 3 September) - universal infant free school meals finishes at the end of Year 2.

CLASS NEWS

PIPITS

Pipit class has been busy consolidating their learning over the last few weeks. It has been a joy to see the reception children reading and writing so confidently. They have enjoyed visiting Kingfisher Class and they are excited to take the next step in their learning. The 'little' pips have also had a number of transition sessions and they can't wait to come in their school uniforms in September!

Last week we had our annual trip to Forest Farm to go on a minibeast safari. It was a glorious day and there were plenty of butterflies, bees and grasshoppers around. The grass was long in places and the children enjoyed swishing through it to reach the stream. They spotted pond skaters on the ponds and enjoyed playing in the water. We were joined by lots of parents who also had a magical day. It really was lovely to see the children's excitement climbing into the tractors and pretending to drive. In the afternoon it was very hot so we stayed in the shaded barn and made fruit minibeasts. Before getting ready to leave, they all made models with clay. They were deeply absorbed in this and made some great models.

We are so proud of how the children have worked together this year. They have all changed and grown so much. They all really look out for each other and they love coming to school. It has been a real joy to teach them all this year and we look forward to seeing them in September.

KINGFISHERS

Kingfisher children have been reading '*Could a Penguin Ride a Bike?*' in English. This is a funny book about imagining a penguin came to stay – could he ride a bike, go bowling, go shopping.....? It then gives facts about penguins to explain why he could or could not do each thing. Kingfisher class agree that a penguin could not ride a bike because his legs are too short, he does not have hands to hold onto the handle bars and he would fall off! The children have written their own version of the text and their ideas have included – *Could a kitten ride a scooter? Could a beaver go surfing? Could a lion drive a car? Could a tiger play football?*

In design technology (DT), the children have been learning about the importance of a balanced diet and why we need carbohydrate, proteins and vitamins. They have designed and made their own wraps to include these food groups. They prepared, grated and cut their chosen ingredients. We talked about safety and good food preparation hygiene. We all enjoyed eating our wraps at the end and agreed they were delicious!

In history, we have been learning about how technology has changed over the last 60 years (within living memory). We have learnt about the old rotary telephone, telephone boxes and typewriters as well as learning how there used to be only 3 channels on the television!!

Kingfisher class are now looking forward to our trip to Charmouth to end the term and the summer holidays! *Happy summer holidays everyone!*

JACKDAWS

Jackdaws have had a very busy end to the Summer Term. Firstly, Mrs. Shaw and I would like to thank and congratulate Jackdaws on their parts in the school performance. Whether they supported us with singing, or acting parts, they really contributed to the success of the performance.

In terms of learning, we've been working hard during the second half of the Summer Term. In Maths, we have been learning about shape, position and direction as well as statistics.

In English, we have finished off the term with a short film unit that the children have enjoyed. It is about a man in his airship and some flying turtles! Before that, we completed our final sequence of learning around the text Dare to Care which was all about looking after a pet. We had some interesting writing about all sorts of pets from dragons to narwhals!

The children have also been completing their final DT project for the year with Mrs. Shaw, this will conclude at the beginning of next week.

Mrs. Shaw and I would like to wish each and every one of you a good summer break. We will miss all of the Year 4s as they move up next year but are looking forward to another fantastic year at Kilmington Primary School.

See you in September!

Mr. Dalton and Mrs. Shaw

OSPREYS

The highlight of the end of term has undoubtedly been the KS2 performance of Treachery at Traitors' Quay. The main thing that has stood out for us has been how all Ospreys have grown in confidence to build on their acting and performing skills since last year's production. We have honestly admired their ability to learn so many lines and to adapt to the pressures and expectations that putting on a show like this brings. The experience has built resilience, flexibility and their ability to adapt to change: lifelong skills. Once again, thank you to parents and carers for helping children to learn lines, collect costumes and make home guard hats.

The children have been extremely interested in how crime and punishment has changed since Roman times. We have realised that certain groups of society really did get a raw deal, particularly women. As well as leaning about specific extreme punishments like torture, being thrown off a cliff, the rack, scold's bridle, stocks and being burnt at the stake to name a few, the children have developed their sense of chronology since Roman times. The topic has sparked rich discussion.

In maths, we have mainly been consolidating addition, subtraction, multiplication and division mental and written methods to prepare them for their next stage.

Year 5 had a wonderful day over at Axe Valley Academy taking part in a day of sport science. They did high jump, long jump and agility tests as well as making fruit kebabs and investigating how much oxygen is needed to keep a candle alight.

In DT we have researched playground equipment and then designed playground equipment for different aged children. We have pulled together and made a large model incorporating all their designs which they are very proud of.