



# Kidmore End CE Primary School

## Super News Kidmore End!

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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## Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

### Community Service starts at Kidmore End

The school is very proud of the Year 5 children who attended the Abbeycrest Nursing Home to begin their regular community service.



*Jacob and Toby reading with one of the residents.*

The children started their service by talking about memories from home with the elderly residents and reading their favourite book.

### Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

**The current attendance at Kidmore End is 96.47%.**

**From December, the school will begin to target parents whose child's attendance is under 90%. Currently the number of children under 90% attendance is 13 (7.8%).**

The School Attendance Policy is being ratified with the following Government guidelines: [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

**The attendance target for the school is 97%.**

If you need to apply for your child to have leave from school, please complete the Leave Request Form on the school's website. It is possible that you will need to meet with Mr Griffin regarding the reasons for your request; thus we require at least two weeks' notice. Holidays will not be authorised.

### TEAM POINT SCORES

Here are the latest Team Point scores

Team Point Weekly Scores totals 14.11.2022	
<b>JUPITER</b>	<b>MARS</b>
941	848
<b>NEPTUNE</b>	<b>SATURN</b>
938	874

### Lost Property

There is already a large amount of UNNAMED lost property in the box. If the weather is fine, we will put the box on the playground for you have a look through. PLEASE name your child's items, even if just in biro on the label, although this needs to be checked regularly as it will wash out. Also please rename items that have been passed on to you.

### Student Update Forms

Early next week your (eldest) child should bring home a 'student update form' in a white envelope. Please check that the details on the form are correct, making any necessary changes, and signing and dating the form on the back. If the only emergency contacts named are the child's parents, please provide details of a third emergency contact if at all possible. Please return the form to the office promptly - via your child and their teacher is fine. Please return the form signed and dated, even if all the information is correct.

### KESA Dates

- **Friday 25th November** - Own clothes day  
In exchange for a new toy donation towards the Christmas fair
- **Wednesday 30th November** - Donate your pre-loved Christmas jumpers to school today.

## December 2022

- **Friday 2nd December** - Pre-loved Christmas jumper & cake sale after school.
- **Friday 9th December** - Christmas Movie Night & Santa visit.  
Infants - 3.30-5.30pm Juniors - 6-8pm
- **Monday 12th December** - Elfridges Christmas shopping for children during school hours.
- **Thursday 15th December** - Kidmore End Primary Christmas Fair.  
3pm-6pm with choir performances at 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

## Running Club and Cross Country

Well done to all children who competed in the Cross Country event at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The Year 6 Boys Team are doing really well as they continue to have a strong team for the overall Team trophy. Well done to Irving Paviour who collected a Bronze Medal for a fabulous 1800 metre run in the Year 6 race.



**Our next two races are:**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00-11.30am MECE**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 10.00am The Oratory Prep**

Running Club on 25<sup>th</sup> November will start at 7.50am sharp and we will be running outside of the school premises.

## Working Bee Help - Thank you

Thank you to all the Kidmore End Parents who helped build the decking over the past 2 weeks. The Working Bees were a great success and saved the school a substantial amount of money. The children love it and Mr MacGregor's Garden is open again!



## World Diabetes Day - 14<sup>th</sup> November

As part of World Diabetes Day, the children wore non-uniform and raised money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).



**All together we raised a fabulous £717.50**

## Dates for the Diary

<https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/calendar>

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - FS, Y1 & 2 STEM Trip to Science Oxford  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Y3 & 4 STEM Trip to Science Oxford  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - 1.30pm Open Afternoon for prospective parents  
Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y5 & 6 STEM Trip to Science Oxford  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - KESA Dress as you please Day - new toy donation  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - 9.15am Advent Service @ Church for Infant Parents following by KESA Coffee & Teas in the School Hall  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - 2pm Advent Service @ Church for Junior Parents  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Last day to donate 'Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers'  
Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents  
Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - 2pm Choir to the Big Sing in Oxford  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - KESA Pre-loved Christmas Jumper & Cake Sale  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - All clubs after school finish  
Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 10am Cross Country @ MECE  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y4 Trip to Reading Museum  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9.30am FS & Y1 Nativity Performance  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2.15pm FS & Y1 Nativity Performance  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - KESA Christmas Movie Night & Santa Visit:  
Infants 3.30-5.30pm; Juniors 6-8pm  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - 4pm Christingle Service in Church (making Christingles in school from 3.30pm)  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - KESA Elfridges Christmas Shopping - for children during school hours  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Flu Nasal Spray (all year groups)  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9.30am Y2 Nativity Performance  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2pm Choir to Nursing Home  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 Christmas Dinner  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Christmas Dinner  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - KESA Christmas Fair (with Choir) 3pm - 6pm  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Service in Church  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last Day of Autumn Term: 1.30pm finish

### Spring Term Dates 2023

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - First day back for children  
Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Jan - 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Jan - OCC deadline for primary school applications  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents' Evenings  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents' Evenings

### 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Inset Day (no school for pupils)  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar - Last day of Spring Term

### Summer Term Dates 2023

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April - First day back for children  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> & Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holidays  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATS week  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May - KESA Ball

### 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun - Half Term

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jun - Y1 Phonics Screening Week  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Jun - Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jun Year 5 Camping experience









**AUTUMN TERM**  
**Week 8 and 9**  
**Stars of the Week**

**Week 8 - w/e 04/11/2022**

FS	Ernie
Year 1	Noah P
Year 2	Emilia
Year 3	Ben C
Year 4	Mollie
Year 5	Kyle S
Year 6	Oliver

**Week 9 - w/e 11/11/2022**

FS	Eva
Year 1	Marharita
Year 2	Diego
Year 3	Albie
Year 4	Darcy H
Year 5	Sylvie
Year 6	Isaac

Every Monday, we also celebrate children and staff who have shown special Kindness to others. They receive a Kindness Award.



Our winners this fortnight include:

- Clem H - Year 5
- Toby W - Year 2
- Miss Claire Morris- Year FS

## Around the school...

### In Foundation Stage/Reception

As I write this, we have just returned from our trip to Didcot Railway Station where we had a wonderful time exploring the trains. We were transported back in time and learnt how Brunel designed and built the railway line from Bristol to London so the posh people could have their fish!

We really enjoyed a train ride up and down the line and the whistle was very exciting! We got to try out different carriages from different eras and scored each one out of 5 - our favourite was definitely the one with a roof, windows, doors and even a toilet! The volunteers said we were their youngest-ever school visitors and they were impressed by the children's knowledge of marvellous machines! A big thank you to the helpers.



Continuing on the transport theme, we have been talking about how different vehicles in the past have been powered and how this compares to present day.

Over the next few weeks, we will be using our 'man power' to pedal the bikes and trikes. We have been busy making some stop and go signs so we don't have any collisions.

We've not just been talking about transport though we have also been talking about how many marvellous machines we use every day to help us prepare our food and drink. We even used a blender to make delicious fruit smoothies.

In Maths we are growing numbers to 5 and talking about how we can show 5 on one hand but also across 2 hands. We have been showing 5 in other ways too, for example on a die frame and sorting objects in groups.

### In Year 1

This week the children have been learning about our Geography topic 'Our Wonderful World'. They have used Google maps and local maps to see where we live and the difference between physical features and man-made features. In Science we have been learning about humans and the children had fun drawing around each other to label body parts.



In Maths we have been learning about two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional shapes and in English the children have been enjoying the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, retelling the story and thinking about how adjectives can help make a story more interesting. The children have been using their digital painting skills in the computer suite to create some fabulous artwork inspired by Mondrian. We have also been thinking about being kind and exploring some 'anti-bullying week' resources to think about what this looks like in school.

Finally, we have started rehearsing the Nativity Play; hopefully you have been enjoying some of the songs at home!

### In Year 2

This term Year 2 have been enjoying exploring Neil Armstrong and learning all about the moon-landing mission. They have written biographies and created posters all about the moon landing, the mission itself and the return back to earth. In Maths we have been practicing using dienes to subtract both single and double digits.





In Science we have started looking at animal habitats, living and non-living organisms and how to identify animals and humans from their characteristics and behaviours. We have been practicing our nativity songs already and cannot wait for you to hear them all soon at our performance!

### In Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Ufton Court where they foraged in the forest for items that would be useful for survival in Bronze Age times. Then they had a go at using wattling to build a wall in the Bronze Age settlement and tried their hand at spinning some wool into yarn.



### In Year 4

During the holidays, Halloween got everyone shaking in their boots and Bonfire Night was absolutely spectacular. We have since returned well rested and ready for school and our year 4 classroom has been rearranged into rows so that we can all see Mrs Thomas and the whiteboard.

We are continuing to read *Anglo-Saxon Boy* which has been very intense. Magnus' father, Earl Harold luckily escaped back to the castle and told Magnus what had happened, but everything he said was a lie. We then discovered that Earl Harold betrayed Uncle Tostic, his own brother and that Uncle Tostic might have been killed, but sadly Magnus does not know where Uncle Tostic is. The final bombshell was finding out that Earl Harold, who is already married, is to marry another woman.

In English we are writing a Norse myth of our choice. It must contain a beginning, middle and an end, and must begin on Earth, known as Midgard, and conclude wherever we decide. The myth must also include at least one God.

In Mathematics we are working on our column addition and column subtraction. In our times tables tests, we have been tested on 3s and 6s and next it's 7s and 9s. We also had a fun practical maths session, estimating and measuring perimeters in the classroom and playground, in millimetres, centimetres and metres using string, rulers and also measuring wheels for the largest perimeters such as the playground.

In Art we practiced using templates such as butterflies, hearts or fish. We drew patterns and a background, and the year 1 children came and chose their favourites.

In Science we are focusing on the digestive system and were set an exercise where we had to name each



In Science, the children have been investigating the relationship between the length of their femur and the distance they can jump. This produced some interesting results and much discussion about how to conduct a fair and accurate test. In English, the children practised their dictionary skills to investigate the meaning of new vocabulary from our class book, *Stig of the Dump*.

part of the system. We had been told earlier that the mouth is the first part of the digestive system.

Mrs Stone, who is a dentist, came in to give a fascinating talk about teeth and oral hygiene, we asked lots of curious questions and after she left, we wrote a scientific recount about her visit. We are also conducting an 'eggsciting, eggscelent eggspexperiment' on boiled eggs because boiled eggs are similar to teeth. We put five boiled eggs in water, coke, vinegar, orange juice and milk and the other five were put in the same liquids but the eggs had toothpaste coated on them. We are now recording the effects of the different fluids on the eggs in our charts each day.



## In Year 5

Over the last two weeks, we have been doing lots of multiplying and division work, looking at both short multiplication and short division. We have also been planning our non-chronological reports about the Shang Dynasty and have begun to write them over the past few days. We have started our planets' topic in Science, discussing the different features of each planet in our solar system.

We continue to enjoy helping our buddies on Fridays and some of us had the pleasure of going to Abbeycrest Nursing Home to read to some of the residents. We very much enjoyed the experience and look forward to reading to them again soon. Next week is STEM week and we are looking forward to our trip to Science Oxford!

## In Year 6

Last week we had our Active Leader's refresher course. We practiced our leadership skills and developed new games to play with the younger children. From this Friday we will be running lunchtime games for others to join in. We also had a reminder of first aid and some trainee paramedics came in to help us with the recovery position and CPR.



We have been learning about fractions this term and have enjoyed multiplying and dividing with them. In Science we have been looking at breathing and the function of our lungs. We also have been looking in History about the slave trade and most recently we have been looking at when they have escaped and what they need to do to survive.

In R.E. we have been looking at Messiahs and Saints and then wrote down what characteristics the person chosen would need. We have written a story called 'Trapped' and we all had to use that as our title and base of the story. In Art we did a poppy field for Remembrance Day which was meant to be painted very quickly because of the change of sunlight which amazingly we completed it in half an hour. In Geography we have been doing about climate change and reading maps in the index.

## PARKING ISSUES



A number of parents are parking on the yellow zig zag lines at the blue gates where the school bus drops off.

Parents are putting all the children at risk and all parents need to ensure this area is left clear.



# KESA BALL

NEW DATE...

## THE BALL

hosted by Old Luxters Barn

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

2023

6pm til late

A  
LITTLE  
PARTY

never

KILLED  
NOBODY



# Holiday Activities

hello@thecreativebrickcompany.co.uk

## Christmas Brick Building Workshop

Kidmore End Primary School  
Monday 19th December  
9.30-11.30am

**£15**  
per child  
Age 5+



Join us for 2 hours of creative fun building with LEGO® bricks. Let them enjoy some screen free time using their imagination to create their models, all whilst building confidence and friendships and most importantly, having fun!



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# Christmas Quiz

RAFFLE

**£8 Entry** (per person)

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

6.30pm – 10.00pm

Sonning Common Primary School

Quiz starts at 7.30pm

Teams up to 6

Ticket includes glass of mulled wine/drink and Santa Hat

Christmas Jumpers / Outfit encouraged  
(3 points if all your team is dressed to impress)

**PRE-ORDER A FESTIVE PLOUGHMANS PLATTER**  
£10.00 (serves 2)

RSVP: rotherfieldunited.events@gmail.com OR 07908 923 591  
Free Parking – Grove Road, Sonning Common, RG4 9RJ

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## Visit us on our Open Morning

Tuesday 10th January 2023  
9:30am - 11am



- ✓ Nurturing village school only 7 minutes from Caversham
- ✓ For boys and girls aged 4 - 11 years
- ✓ Single-aged year groups
- ✓ Extensive outdoor facilities
- ✓ Wraparound care: 7.30am - 6pm
- ✓ Small school, big benefits

Booking is essential - please register online

The closing date for 2023 primary school applications (via your local authority) is Sunday 15th January 2023

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# SANTA DASH

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Bishopswood Sports Ground

10am – 11am

Run, jog or walk for a great Claus!

2km Distance (2 loops)

Followed by Beat the Santa/Elf in Goal

Ticket to 'Dash' includes your Santa Suit \* stock dependent

Pre & Post 'Dash' treats and drinks available for purchase

Medal for every child who completes the 'Dash'

Support your local football club

Festive family fun for all the family

Confirm your entry [rotherfieldunited.events@gmail.com](mailto:rotherfieldunited.events@gmail.com)  
OR 07908 923 591 All proceeds to Rotherfield United FC

**Entry Prices**

- £25 - Family ticket (maximum of 4)
- £10 - Adult
- £5 Child (under 16)

Anyone under the age of 8 needs to be accompanied by an adult