



# Kidmore End CE Primary School

## Super News Kidmore End!

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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## Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a difficult newsletter to write as we navigate the very worst thing that could happen to a school community - the tragic loss of one of its precious children. The death of Oscar will leave a lasting imprint on the school and community. At times, the pain is raw and unyielding, but we know that as days, weeks and months pass we will find solace in our memories of Oscar. What I must mention is the great strength and compassion shown by Oscar's family. Mr and Mrs Roome, Duncan and Carole, have been remarkable during these most difficult of times; their thoughts and the care given to others as well as the time they have taken to talk to those who supported Oscar on that Friday have been so kind and so very welcome. They really are the most wonderful family. Therefore, it is easy to understand the outpouring of love the school and wider community have shown them. The flower tributes, messages and offers of support have been awe-inspiring and I know the Roome Family would like me to pass on their grateful thanks. They have felt the community hold them close in their thoughts and they have been especially grateful for the support from parents at the bus stop, as well as all the cards and letters from the school community.

Oscar will feature in our leavers' events, he remains very much part of our Year 6 cohort and has a place in the year book and photographs, and a place in our hearts forever.

Please may I offer my personal thanks for the many offers of support the school has received. Kind messages, cakes, biscuits, hugs, practical help and reassuring smiles have all contributed to the staff feeling supported which in turn helps them to support our children. We know that it is important to offer a degree of normalcy for the children, with opportunities for support intertwined with usual activities. I feel we have achieved a good balance and I am grateful for the presence of our therapy dogs, the educational psychology services, the nursing team as well as the staff team working together to support one another and you, our parents and carers. One of our very talented parents has been a wonderful presence, offering art therapy all week, the outcome of which we will share with the wider community in due course. KESA have also been wonderful in offering funds and signposts to facilitators

who have led an enrichment day for the children today. The opportunities today have gently supported the children in building resilience and have given them the chance to build what we hope will be forever happy school memories. The children have been incredible and have led the way in the healing process through their questions and thoughtful views. We know this is an unusual and significant event and are mindful that as the summer holidays arrive children may process further. I am looking into support that we might be able to offer to any families who feel they might need some advice during the break and will keep you updated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share some fundraising opportunities which will support the Roome Family. Please follow these links: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Oscar-Roome?utm\\_term=pZgAN6dJJ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Oscar-Roome?utm_term=pZgAN6dJJ), [www.justgiving.com/JoelRoome](http://www.justgiving.com/JoelRoome) and [London to Brighton Bike Ride 2023](https://www.london-tobrighton.org.uk/). Any monies that are remaining after the expenses are met will be donated to a charity called 4Louis. This charity provides beautiful memory boxes, and I know the Roome family were grateful for the one they received, and are keen to give back in order that other grieving families are supported in this way.

I have said it often, but I am incredibly proud of this most wonderful school community. Kidmore End really is a very special place. Thank you.

You will be aware that we have some staff changes upcoming in September. I know plans are underway to mark those who are leaving, but it does lead to questions about what our structure will look like as we begin our new academic year in September. You will find below the staffing structure, which has come about after much thought and careful consideration. I have added the names of the support staff who will be with the year groups, at various times, please be aware that the very nature of support staff is to be somewhat flexible in order to meet the evolving needs of the children. You will also see that Mrs Bickerton will be taking up the SENCO role, Mrs Bell will not be continuing with us, and we have recruited a new secretary, Mrs Hamp.

Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
FS2 Reception	Mrs Katie Hinnell	Claire Morris Sam Jones Suzi Primrose
Year 1	Mrs Rebecca Bickerton / Mrs Vanessa Smith	Clare Jordan Nicky Laverick Elizabeth Chandler
Year 2	Mrs Harriette Potter	Ali Williams Clare Jordan
Year 3	Mrs Jo Salt	Nicky Laverick Mel Jameson Helen James Sam Jones Alex Bailey Sarah Watts
Year 4	Mrs Hifza Khan	Mel Jameson Alex Bailey Nicky Laverick Sarah Watts
Year 5	Mrs Lesley Thomas	Janet Arkell Sarah Davis
Year 6	Mrs Sarah Watkins	Kirstie Wilson Alex Bailey Jo Wilson Sarah Watts
SENCO	Mrs Rebecca Bickerton	
School Secretary	Mrs Charlotte Hamp	

## Year 6 Water Sports Day

Each year we take our Year 6 class to the EYOT Centre and spend the day on the River Thames at Henley enjoying their facilities. It's always a really special day that the children thoroughly enjoy and this year was no different - great fun was had on paddleboards, in canoes and in bellboats. The weather was perfect, so we all got very hot - and wet! We all had a fabulous time and would like to thank Mr Nutt for making this happen.



You will see that we welcome Mrs Watkins and Mrs Khan to our school family and I know that you will make them feel welcome. On Monday 10th July, the children will spend some time with their new teacher. Unfortunately, Mrs Khan is currently based in Dubai so we are hoping to 'Zoom' her in! Mr Heritage will be with our (September) Year 4 Class for this session.

This will be the last newsletter of this academic year, although I will be sending an end of term letter during the final week. Thank you for making me feel so welcome, I had only expected to spend a few weeks here but have been privileged to have had the chance to stay longer and get to know your lovely children. Please be reassured that a leadership update will be included with the final letter of the school year.

Wishing you a lovely summer break when it comes, and a special good luck and good bye to our Year 6's and any families who are leaving Kidmore End.

Take care everyone,  
Ms M Parsons  
Interim Executive Headteacher

*'Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest'*

*Shakespeare's Hamlet (act V scene ii)*

## Year 6 Biscuit Sale for Ukraine

A huge well done to our Year 6 Bakers who ran a fabulous long awaited biscuit sale in aid of Ukraine alongside Miss Aliona Borysenko - thank you to everyone who bought biscuits we made £254. Please find below a personal thank you from Aliona:

'From all my heart, I want to thank everyone who joined the charity biscuits sale, the purpose of which was to support people in Ukraine who are affected from the explosion of the Kakhovka dam. I love my motherland very much and I am sincerely grateful to all colleagues, parents, hosts and children for supporting Ukraine!'



## KS1 Quadkids

KS1 Quadkids took place on the field yesterday morning. This was organised and run by Year 6. All the KS1 children competed in teams to carry out a long jump, throw, sprint and distance.

## Year 4 Trip to the Ashmolean Museum

Year 4 had a lovely time at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, enjoying being Egyptian Detectives and exploring ancient relics, reinforcing and enhancing their historical knowledge and skills.

## Music Lessons at Kidmore End

Parents have the opportunity to register an interest for Peripatetic Music lessons for the Autumn Term. The school is happy to accommodate these lessons in the afternoons but parents must express an interest to ensure the Oxfordshire Music Service are able to provide these lessons based on the viability.

Lessons are usually 30 minutes and depending on the numbers and the abilities of the children there will be individual and group lessons.

The school is looking at the following instruments for September 2023 for year groups 3 - 6:

**Keyboard on Tuesday afternoons**  
**Clarinets on Thursday afternoons**

If parents would like to express an interest in music lessons, they need to fill out the online form here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

## After School Club donations

Thank you to everyone who recently donated items to After School Club - the children are very grateful.

If anyone is planning a clear out and you have any of the below in good condition then ASC would love to re-home your much loved toys and allow them to be enjoyed by a new group of children!

- Barbies and clothes
- Scooters
- Boys Dressing-up Clothes
- Toy Garage
- Play Kitchen or Role-Play items
- Dolls and accessories
- Doll pushchairs
- Soft balls
- Outdoor games

## Summer Working Bee

Please come along and help support the school at our Summer Working Bee. Further details to follow but the dates are 19 and 20 August from 0930-1600. This Summer's focus will be on painting the Foundation stage classroom but there will be some other smaller jobs on our list too. We would welcome assistance from as many people as possible. Any level of skill welcome. Please email Mrs Hawker in the first instance on [bursar@kidmore-end.co.uk](mailto:bursar@kidmore-end.co.uk) to indicate your availability. And thank you in advance.

## Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

**The current attendance at Kidmore End is 95.51%.**

**The school has begun to monitor parents whose child's attendance is under 90%. Currently the number of children under 90% attendance is 8 (4.91%).**

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)

**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 website. It is possible that you will need to meet with a member of staff regarding the reasons for your request; we require at least two weeks' notice. Holidays will not be authorised.



Kidmore End CE Primary School 

Visit us on our  
**Open Morning**  
Thursday 21st September 2023  
9:30am - 11am



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[www.kidmore-end.co.uk/admissions/open-days](http://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/admissions/open-days)

Please can all parents help to advertise our Open Morning on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please share the information with your friends, or find us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and like and help us spread the word.



# Dates for the Diary

KESA

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

## Summer Term Dates 2023

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jul - Choir: Caversham Fete  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jul - Sports Day (AM)  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jul - Class swap day (PM)  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jul - No Art Club  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jul - Y1 trip to Beale Park  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jul - Y5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Jul - 2.30pm Clarinet Concert to Y5 Parents  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Jul - Last day of Summer Clubs (after school)  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jul - End of Term Reports to Parents  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jul - 3.15pm KESA Ice Lolly Sale  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jul - Leavers' Evening  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jul - Cookery Club (in lieu of 23<sup>rd</sup> May)  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jul - Chess Club (in lieu)  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Jul - Jewellery Club (in lieu of 28<sup>th</sup> Jun)  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul - 9am Leavers' Service  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul - NO SCHOOL DINNERS  
(please can all children bring a pack lunch)  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul - Last day of term - 1.30pm Finish

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> & Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Aug - Working Bee Weekend

## Autumn Term Dates 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sep - INSET Day (children not in school)  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sep - INSET Day (children not in school)  
Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Sep - First day for children  
Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Sep - Vision Screening for Y1 (postponed from June)  
Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Sep - Meet the teacher after school - details to follow  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sep - Clubs after school restart this week  
Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Sep - Open Morning for Prospective Parents  
Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parents' Evenings (3.20pm - 6.30pm)  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parents' Evenings (3.20pm - 5.30pm)  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - Y6 Active Leaders  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Open Morning for Prospective Parents

## Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half Term

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - INSET Day (children not in school)  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu Vaccination - all year groups  
Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of term - 1.30pm Finish



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Suggested donation of £1 per item

# Out of School Activities

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MAGAZINE & WEBSITE: [raring2go.co.uk](http://raring2go.co.uk)

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SUMMER 2023

**Caversham Horticultural Society**

**Autumn Show 2023**

**Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> September**

**2:00 – 4:30 pm**

**At Emmer Green Primary School RG4 8LN**

**Why not enter the following children's categories?**

**Vegetable Monster, Garden in a Seed Tray and more**

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Contact Show Secretary at 113 Southview Avenue Caversham or  
Email: [gmr113@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gmr113@hotmail.co.uk) or  
see the society's website for entry details:  
[www.caversham-horticultural.org.uk](http://www.caversham-horticultural.org.uk)

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## Logo Competition

We at the HAF Team at Oxfordshire County Council, would like to offer the children and young people in Oxfordshire a change to design a new logo for Oxfordshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

It would be great to see themes such as physical movement and nutritional eating reflected in the winning logo.

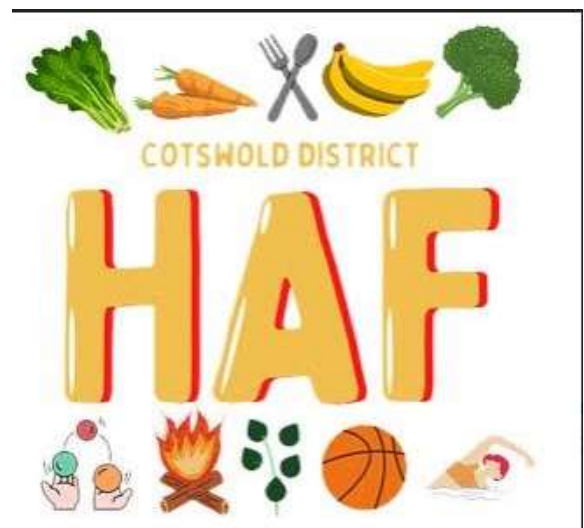
The winning logo will be displayed on all the Oxfordshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programmes advertisements and our social media posts. First place will receive a £30 'Love to Shop' Voucher, second place will receive a £20 'Love to Shop' voucher and third place will receive a £10 'Love to Shop' voucher.

The deadline for this competition is **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

This is a great chance for children to engage in a creative activity which will be showcased on Council distributed material, and for the message of HAF to be distributed within the local community.

Please could we ask that entries for this competition be sent to [activitiesoxfordshire@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:activitiesoxfordshire@oxfordshire.gov.uk) with the name, age and home or school address of the child attached to their logo entry.

Below is an example of another Local Authorities to help inspire your child!



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## Sonning Common Library

Wednesday July 26th  
9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00

Tickets £5 in advance from the library

## Ready, Set, Read!

I joined the Summer Reading Challenge today, a free reading challenge taking place in libraries.



[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

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