



Kidmore End CE Primary School

Super News Kidmore End!

Friday 22nd March 2024



www.kidmore-end.co.uk

office@kidmore-end.co.uk

 @kidmoreendsch

 @kidmoreendprimaryschool

 @kidmoreendsch

Dear Parents and Carers

Another action-packed newsletter awaits you. We really hope that you enjoy all of the pictures and updates.

We have had a very busy time at school. We have held our Book Week where we saw our staff and children in cosies sharing stories. We then enjoyed the imaginative dressing up day: a whole array of characters were on show. Thank you for your efforts in supporting the children to achieve this. The range of characters also demonstrated that our children have a love of reading for pleasure, which is super important. Thank you to those who attended and spent money at our Book Fair; this has supported us in gaining more books for our library which we hope will further promote this love of reading!

We have also enjoyed trips, visits and some WOW experiences. Our Year 2 children visited The Story Museum in Oxford. Year 1 created and re-enacted the Great Fire of London - with real fire! The Scarlet Oak theatre visited us and entertained our children with a play, and our school choir entertained many as part of the youth festival and a trip to Oxford too.

Science Week allowed us to welcome more amazing visitors and participate with experiments.

Finally, I am sure you have noticed the new protective case around Oscar's mural. The mural now has a beautiful and very important plaque. Both have been very sensitively constructed and the frame will offer much needed protection. Please may I extend grateful thanks to all those involved with this very important and special artwork, the plaque and the protective covering. It is yet another example of how special the Kidmore community is.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Ms Parsons
Executive Headteacher

When Giving Is All We Have
We give because someone gave to us.
We give because nobody gave to us
We give because giving has changed us.
We give because giving could have changed us.
Giving has many faces.
- Alberto Rios

Our Mural

Our School is lucky to have some wonderfully kind friends. Last weekend our lovely artist friend - and Leo, Teddy and Bertie's mum - Ms Page supervised the fitting of a perspex frame to protect our beautiful school mural. Dexter's Dad had kindly put us in touch with the amazing Jo Johns and Certain Exhibitions Ltd. Graham and Lawrie worked so hard putting this up and we are delighted with the results. Thank you so much for your time and your kindness to our school family.



New Chromebooks

Thank you very much to KESA and to all our parents for the amazing new set of Chromebooks. Year 2 had their first computing lesson with them and enjoyed exploring and making music using them. We are extremely grateful.



Science Week Round Up

We have all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in many science activities during Science Week, whether in our classes or in the hall all together. Mrs Sarpong from Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge came in and presented a fascinating set of Science workshops to the children in the hall.

Coding club designed and built their own cars, and then created code to race them!

Mad Science entertained us all with some fabulous experiments. Echoing Albert Einstein who once said "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing" Year 6 were particularly inspired and stayed behind afterwards to ask lots of follow up questions



Year 1 Update

In Year 1 the children have been enjoying our Science topic where they have been learning about the weather. They have made windsocks and rain gauges and looked at how to read thermometers.

In our History topic the children have been writing about the Great Fire of London. They have really enjoyed this topic and in particular loved seeing their houses burn down in the playground!

We also now have some frogspawn in a fish tank in our classroom, so we will look forward to following the lifecycle of frogs into the summer term.



Year 1 had a lovely day in Legoland. As well as spotting London landmarks in Miniland; taking part in a Workshop about Oceans, Continents & Landmarks around the world, they enjoyed a 4D show at the theatre, putting out a fire in the Fire Academy, going on Aero Nomad & a play in Duploworld. A busy day enjoyed by all!



Year 2 Update

Year 2 had magical time exploring stories & imagination at The Story Museum in Oxford. Thank you to the grownups who took them on their adventures, as they visited Narnia and the Snowman amongst many other wonderful things.



Foundation Stage Update

Foundation planted beans in different circumstances to see what they need to grow. The children are going to write a 'bean diary'. Our topic is Ready, Steady, Grow.



Year 3 Update

Year 3 has been learning about the Jewish festival of Passover, the symbolism of the Seder meal and how this connects to the Easter story. They really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day, writing and illustrating some mini books based on the character they had come as.



The Year 3 and 4 Art club this term have been producing work based on famous artists such as Picasso and Mondrian. They also produced some Spring-themed collages made from lentils and pulses.



Year 5 Update

Year 5 have traced where their food has come from, working out how many miles it has travelled to the UK. We have also done some beautiful black and white art.





Year 4 Update

Year 4 has been investigating soil composition & identifying characteristics of fertile soil. Through a hands-on activity, they collected soil samples from various areas of the school grounds to examine soil layers & determine which parts contain the most fertile soil.

Year 6 Update

We welcomed governors in to look at Science - in Year 6 we were focusing on our investigation skills. Each group set up an experiment focusing on the variables they could control and those which would change.



Our RE topic this term is resurrection. We visited St John's and had the chance to listen to Reverend James speak about Christianity and the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The children were given the opportunity to ask questions, showing a deep sense of curiosity and interest in the topic.

Henley Youth Festival

Every year we love participating in the Festival with other local schools, sharing some amazing experiences.

Thank you so much to the amazing Scarlet Oak Theatre who visited us on World Book Day. Our infants thoroughly enjoyed the show 'Along came a magpie'.

Year 3 & 4 enjoyed the 'CreatenMake' workshop run by Michaela Clarke where they made photo 'My Favourite Things' Photo frames.



Our choir had a successful time singing with other local school choirs as part of the Festival, and earned themselves a write up in the Henley Standard.



Congratulations to Orla in Year 5: she won joint first prize in the 9-11 year 3D art competition, for her entry Dozy Dog.



And our runners had great success in the HYF fun run, bringing home the Schools' Fun Run Trophy for 2024.



World Book Day

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this year. Starting with a cosy hour of story reading in our teams wearing our onesies, we then dressed up in some amazing costumes on World Book Day: from Oompa Loompas to Mary Poppins and Cruella da Ville. Amazing!

Thanks to Mrs Hamp and Mrs Hawker the Scholastic Book Fair after school each day was a success raising £816.14, and meaning £408.07 worth of books in rewards for our school. Thank you to all who purchased books.



Bags2School

Thank you to KESA for organizing and to all our parents for donating: the recent Bags2School collection raised £202 for our school.

Red Nose Day 2024

Thank you to our Year 6 helpers: we sold an amazing 125 noses in school and raised £250 for Comic Relief.

Clubs next term

Places for all school run clubs have been allocated and confirmation emails sent to all parents who have applied. Bookings for clubs run by outside providers will OPEN on Monday (22nd March) at 5pm & will remain open during the holidays. To BOOK, please visit the clubs page of our website here: <https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/school-clubs>

Lost Property

There is 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 to have a look through. **Any items unclaimed at the end of this term will be donated.**

PLEASE continue to name your child's items so we can return any lost items to your child! Excellent labels (which don't need sewing!) can be obtained from [easy2name.com](https://www.easy2name.com): if you quote our code FR-KIDMOREEND-95 at the checkout you'll get free shipping and earn commission for the school. If all else fails a Sharpie pen works well. Please also rename items that have been passed on to you.

Easter Holiday Activities

If you are looking for Easter Holiday activities for your child(ren) you may find it helpful to visit this page of our website:

<https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/our-community/local-clubs-camps-fairs-and-workshops>

It contains details of lots of local activities & events we have been forwarded. This page will continue to be updated until the last day of term as we receive information.

Our next Open Day



Kidmore End CE Primary School



Visit us on our

Open Morning

Thursday 25th April 2024
9:30am - 11am

Two children in school uniforms sitting on a rug.

- ✓ 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

Whether you are new to the area, thinking of changing schools or your child is starting school for the first time - we would be delighted to show you what we offer

Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End, Reading, RG4 9AU
0118 3573149 office@kidmore-end.co.uk
www.kidmore-end.co.uk/admissions/open-days

Dates for your diary

For the most up to date information on upcoming dates please visit our LIVE website calendar:

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

MARCH

- Fri 22nd KESA Discos
- Sat 23rd Rescheduled Cross Country @ Oratory Prep (10am)
- Mon 25th Y5 Vines Farm Trip
- Mon 25th Bookings open for outside club providers (5pm)
- Tue 26th Y1 & Y2 Football Tournament @ School
- Tue 26th NO Netball Club
- Wed 27th Easter Service in Church
- Wed 27th NO Mad Science Club
- Wed 27th Last Clubs (after school) for this term
- Thu 28th Last day of Spring Term (3.15pm Finish)
- Thu 28th KESA Easter Trail (3.15pm)
- Thu 28th KESA Second Hand Uniform Sale (3.15pm)

APRIL

- Mon 15th INSET Day (Children not in school)
- Tue 16th First day back for children
- Wed 17th Y4 Swimming Starts
- Thu 18th Lego Catch-up Sessions (8am & 3.15pm)
- Fri 19th NEW Lunchtime Football Course Starts
- Mon 22nd Summer Term Clubs (after school) Start
- Thu 25th Open Morning for Prospective Parents

MAY

- Fri 3rd KESA Pizza & Cookie Event (3.15pm)
- Mon 6th Bank Holiday
- Mon 13th – Thu 16th Y6 SATs week

27th – 31st May – Half Term

JUNE

- Tue 4th FS Vision Screening
- Fri 7th LAMDA Exams
- Wed 19th Choir Festival of Voices Trip (details to follow)
- Tue 25th Sports Day (TBC)

JULY

- Mon 8th Y6 Bikeability Course (details to follow)
- Wed 24th Last day of Summer Term (1.30pm Finish)

25th July – 1st Sept – Summer Holidays

SEPT

- Mon 2nd INSET Day (Children not in school)
- Tue 3rd INSET Day (Children not in school)
- Wed 4th First day back for children

Term Dates 2024-25

Our term dates have now been approved for 2024-25 and can be found on our website here: <https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/term-dates> and below:

School Name

2024 - 2025 School Calendar

August '24

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September '24

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October '24

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November '24

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December '24

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)



Half Day



Bank Holiday

KESA

KIDMORE END PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER TRAIL

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
3.15PM IN THE PLAYGROUND

EASTER TREATS FOR ALL!

£2.50 PER TRAIL

With thanks to our generous sponsor

HEIGHTS
TREE CARE

KIDMORE END SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Get ready for Summer...

SECOND HAND SUMMER UNIFORM SALE

THURSDAY 28th MARCH
3.00 - 3.45PM
IN THE LEARNING ZONE

We have a good stock of quality second hand summer dresses and shorts available

SPRING PROMO!
BUY 2 ITEMS AND GET A THIRD FREE.
Suggested donation of £1 per item

MOVING HOUSE?
SUPPORT KIDMORE END PRIMARY SCHOOL
BY SELLING THROUGH BRIDGES

BRIDGES
Independent Estate Agents
EST. 1993

Thinking of moving?

Sell your property with Bridges and we'll donate 15% of our fee back to Kidmore End CE Primary School!
*Applies to family and friends too!
Call 0118 946 2121 to find out more

With you at every step of your move.

15% of our commission could go to your child's school when you sell through **BRIDGES** Independent Estate Agents EST. 1993

Bridges Estate Agent will kindly donate 15% of the commission fee to Kidmore End Primary School when you sell your property through them.

All you need to do is mention our school to Bridges when selling with them.

For more information call 0118 9462121 or 0118 9722770
post@bridgesproperty.co.uk

KIDMORE END SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

PREORDERS ONLY!

DOUGHIES
Authentic Australian Pizzas

PIZZA & COOKIE EVENT FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.

THE SCHOOL RECEIVES
£2 PER PIZZA AND
£1 PER COOKIE KIT SOLD

This is a pre-order only event.
The pre-order link will be sent out nearer the event date.