



## Summer Newsletter

### **A Message from Ben**

As we come to the end of another busy year at Kingsley, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journeys our pupils have undertaken. This year has seen our pupils blossom and grow in ways that fill us all with pride. The countless successes they have achieved are a testament to their hard work and the joyous, purposeful learning experiences we strive to create.

We recently held our leavers' celebration, where we bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. It was a proud occasion where we acknowledged the remarkable young people they have become. We are immensely proud of every one of them and look forward to hearing about their future successes as they embark on the following chapters of their lives.

As we bid farewell to our Year 6 cohort, we also eagerly anticipate the arrival of our new starters. Many of them have enjoyed a delightful stay and play session, full of energy and fun. We are confident that they will bring vibrant new perspectives to our special school.

As we embrace change, I would like to share that Music Joe will be leaving us at the end of the year. Joe has been an integral part of our community and will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt wishes for the best in his future endeavours. We are pleased to welcome Jane Douglas, who will take over our music provision and music therapy from September. We are delighted to have her on board.

We will also bid a sad farewell to teachers Helen, who will be joining Red Kite Special Academy, and Hayley. Both have provided an outstanding service, and their contributions have had a significant impact. We wish them continued success in their new roles. I am excited to welcome teachers Naomi and Kally to our staff team this September. We are optimistic about the contributions they will make and the successes we will achieve together.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the exceptional staff team here at Kingsley. Their commitment and hard work are unwavering, and they consistently go the extra mile to ensure our pupils receive the education they truly deserve.

To our families and the wider community, thank you for your unwavering support. The successes of our pupils are shared achievements, and together, we can achieve the best outcomes for our cherished children.

I wish you all a wonderful summer filled with happiness and memorable moments. We eagerly look forward to welcoming our pupils back to Kingsley in September.

Best regards,

Ben

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## Events in school this term

### The Railway Children

Kingsley was treated to a lovely visit from M&M Productions this year. They performed an excellent show of The Railway Children which was so engaging and entertaining for the children at Kingsley. It is testament to the actors and actresses who kept all the children enthralled from start to finish, joining in with the drama and the songs until the end. We can't describe how thankful we are for their energy and enthusiasm for something they obviously love doing, all of which makes the children at Kingsley not only sit and watch the entire show, but join in with equal enthusiasm. Kingsley staff and children will forever be thankful and eager for more!



### Kids Out

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Kids Out 2025 event held at Wicksteed Park, we hope everyone had a wonderful day. Children in Year 2 had a great time on several rides, the favourites were the Astro Glide Slide, Rocking Tug Boat and Caterpillar Rollercoaster! The children enjoyed their lunch, especially the treat of a cake! In the afternoon the children enjoyed walking on the tree top walk and visiting the meerkats.



### Family Swim

A big thank you to all the families who attended the family swim session. It was so lovely to see so many of you enjoying quality time together. There were definitely a lot of happy, smiling faces splashing around in the water. Due to all the lovely feedback we received from guardians we will definitely be organising this event regularly throughout the next academic year.



### Woburn Safari Park

Every class in Year 6 had a day trip to Woburn Safari Park. We went on a road safari, followed by a foot safari. We watched giraffes walk in front of our minibus, tigers laying in the shade of the trees, monkeys jumping on our minibus, penguins standing in the sunshine, a zebra nibbling the grass, sea lions swimming underwater, and so many more animals. We had a great day to finalise our 'Sensational Safari' topic.

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## Year Six Leavers Celebrations

Last Friday we celebrated our amazing Year 6's, some of whom have left us already and started their next chapter at Isebrook. During the day, we enjoyed our seaside themed activities and snacks, and our lunch from Prezzo. We loved having families in after school to celebrate the children, share some memories, and enjoy a disco.

We wish all our Year 6's all the best when they start at their new secondary school in September.



## Thank You



We would like to say a huge thank you to Teaching Personnel for their support throughout the year in providing us with staff to cover absences. As a way of them paying back into the community, they also provided us with lots of goodies for our Year 6 leavers celebration including a popcorn machine, bubbles and sand for the beach party.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising free donations for Kingsley Special Academy with easyfundraising?

There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation and it won't cost any extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingsleykettering/?utm\\_campaign=raise](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingsleykettering/?utm_campaign=raise) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to Kingsley at no extra cost to you.

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## Family Support Team

We are excited to welcome the newest member of the Family Support Team in September. Dani has worked in the school for many years and has a wealth of experience supporting families.

We are looking forward to working with all the families next term. We will see some of you over the summer at Playscheme, for others, have a great break and see you in September.

Best wishes Ali, Sarah and Dani



## NHS Mental Health Support Team

During the summer holidays, the NHS Mental Health Support Team will be running a workshop 'Supporting my child with transitions', particularly around transitioning back to school after the summer holiday. For more information please see poster on the right.

### Managing transitions

#### Helping your child get ready for September

Dear Parents,

- We are excited to announce that Mental health Support Team (MHST) will be hosting a Summer transition workshop for parents.

**Aims**

- To explore the worries our children face when experiencing change.
- To explore how change can affect children and young people.
- To explore how to minimise anxieties for transitioning back to school in September.
- To look at coping strategies and support you can offer as parents.



**Details of workshops:**

- Tuesday 12th August, 12:30pm, face to face at Sudborough House, St Mary's Hospital, Kettering, NN15 7PW
- Monday 18th August, 11am, online via Microsoft Teams
- Tuesday 26th August, 10am, face to face at Sudborough House, St Mary's Hospital, Kettering, NN15 7PW

Scan QR Code or email MHST.kettering@nhft.nhs.uk if you are interested.

## Reminders

- We are working hard to keep up our attendance and punctuality. The Whole School Attendance for this school year is 90.2%. If your child is absent from school on any occasion, you must ring or message on Arbor before 9:30a.m. daily for the period of absence.
- Please check your emails, Arbor and Class Dojo messages regularly for any up to date communication from Kingsley.
- Lunch options will be available to order through Love Food at the beginning of September please contact them directly if your child has any allergies or if you have any issues ordering.

## Dates for your diary

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| Monday 1 September 2025 -<br>Wednesday 3 September 2025 | Training Days            |
| Thursday 4 September 2025                               | School reopens to pupils |
| Friday 24 October 2025                                  | Last Day of Term         |
| Monday 3 November 2025                                  | School reopens to pupils |
| Friday 19 December 2025                                 | Last Day of Term         |
| Monday 5 January 2026                                   | School reopens to pupils |
| Friday 13 February 2026                                 | Last Day of Term         |

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