



## October Newsletter

### **A Message from Ben**

I hope this message finds you well as we reach the end of what has been a tremendously productive and positive first half of the Autumn term here at Kingsley.

It has been remarkable to witness how quickly and smoothly both our new pupils and our returning pupils have settled back into school life. The atmosphere across the school has been one of excitement and positive focus.

We are particularly proud of the high levels of pupil engagement we've seen this term. Our pupils are showing a real enthusiasm for their learning, and many of them are developing their independent skills. These early successes set a fantastic foundation for the rest of the academic year.

A significant highlight has been the successful launch of the new Talk for Writing curriculum. This framework has been incredibly well received, and our focus on the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood has generated a wealth of fantastic, creative, and engaging lessons and activities across all classes.

Another genuine success was our Family Learning Week. Thank you to all guardians who joined us; it was truly heartening to see so many families engaging in fun, shared school activities.

I am delighted to report that work on our new teaching block has recommenced and is progressing at speed. We look forward to sharing further updates with you shortly as this exciting project continues.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the Parent and Staff Holiday consultation and decided to keep the existing holiday schedule, as it aligns with the majority preference.

Please enjoy a well-deserved and wonderful half term break. Stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to Kingsley on Monday, November 3rd.

Kind regards  
Ben

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## Events in school this term

### NMPAT

We had Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) in school to perform a music concert for some of our classes. The children sang along and danced away they had the best time!

We would like to say a massive thankyou to NMPAT who provided this free of charge as we really value the work that they do!



### Visiting Isebrook

A group of children from Foxes and Wolves had a fantastic trip to the Isebrook Small Animal Provision. On the way, they practised road safety skills while walking from Kingsley to Isebrook, and once they arrived, they made us very proud by listening carefully and following instructions. The children were excited to meet the goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, and chickens, and they asked lots of brilliant questions. Many of them grew in confidence, even stroking the goats and feeding them. It was a lovely day full of fun, learning, and new experiences!



### Little Red Day

Today we celebrated this terms text "Little Red". This wonderful book has engaged us in so many ways; it has scaffolded our learning, allowed us to explore emotions, sort colours, understand different settings, and even inspired some of us to change the story's ending! Throughout the day, classes have participated in different red-themed activities, been through Kingsley's forest, and enjoyed a visit from some of the book's key characters. Maria, our school chef, also made the children a thematic pudding!

We hope everyone enjoyed this "WOW" day, it has been a fun and purposeful way for the children to consolidate everything they've learned this term.



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## Dance Performance

Some of our students have been taking part in dance classes which offers a fun and energetic way to learn new moves, improve coordination, and express creativity through movement. They showcased all they have learnt so far to families with a wonderful performance.

## Family Learning Week

It was amazing to see all the parents and guardians engaging in fun, shared school activities including messy play, family reading groups, making yummy pizzas, music/dance sessions, sensory story sessions, archery and creative crafts. We would also like to thank our remarkable Family Support Team for arranging this fantastic week and all the staff that took part.



## Thank You

A huge congratulations to Callum who climbed Ben Nevis to fundraise for Kingsley. To date, he has raised £345 for the school. Well done Callum, and thank you!



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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 have enjoyed welcoming everyone back this school year and getting to know all of our new families.

The year started off with us organising our communication evening and creche, this involved sharing information about how we support communication in school and how parents can continue this at home.

We loved seeing a lot of families enjoying last week's Family Learning Week. We had great fun welcoming you into school so you could share some fun times with your children.

We have lots of other sessions coming up over the next school year where you will have an opportunity to join us. Please look out on Class Dojo for further information. Don't forget to come along and join us at our Coffee Club! This takes place every Tuesday morning between 8:45-11am in the Parent Centre. Have a great half term, Ali, Sarah and Dani.



### Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd November 2025	School reopens to pupils
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Sign-a-long training CANCELLED TO BE RESCHEDULED
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Dads/male carers group
Monday 10th November 2025	Odd Socks Day (Start of anti bullying week)
Tuesday 11th November 2025	Sign-a-long training CANCELLED TO BE RESCHEDULED
Friday 14th November 2025	Children in Need
Friday 5th December 2025	Elf Day
Friday 19th December 2025	Last day of term

### Reminders

- We are working hard to keep up our attendance and punctuality. The whole school attendance for this school year is 92.8%. If your child is absent from school on any occasion, you must ring before 9:30a.m. daily for the period of absence.
- Please check your emails, Arbor App and Class Dojo messages regularly for any up to date communication from Kingsley.
- Lunch options are available to order through Love Food. Please contact them directly if your child has any allergies, dietary requirements or if you have any issues ordering.

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