



## Christmas Newsletter

### A Message from Ben

Dear Families,

I can hardly believe that the first term has already come to an end. It has been a wonderfully busy and rewarding start to the year, and I am genuinely delighted with how well our pupils have settled in. We have introduced several changes to our curriculum, class structures and routines, and our pupils have taken to them beautifully. Their resilience, enthusiasm and joy continue to make Kingsley such a special place.

The final weeks of term are filled with fun and excitement, from Christmas parties to our festive sing-a-long at Christ the King, and perhaps even a visit from a very special someone in red! It has been lovely to see pupils and staff alike embracing the celebrations.

As we look ahead to the spring term, there is even more to be excited about. We look forward to the completion of our top-field construction site, with the opening of our new classroom block and the return of our full playground and top field, with further news to follow in the new year.

We will also be saying farewell to some team members who are pursuing new opportunities. We appreciate their contributions and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

From all of us here at Kingsley, to all of you at home: have a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Warmest wishes,

Ben Campbell-Kemp

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## Events in School this term

### Children In Need



We had fun on Children in Need day, taking part in different activities. We played Bear Pong in our “own way” bringing in mathematical skills such as counting, matching beanbags to colours, creating bear ears, making dots using different tools and working together to paint Pudsey.



### Talk for Writing

Our term 2 talk for writing books have included:  
EYFS/Pathway 1: The Gruffalo by Julia Doinaldson  
Pathway 2/3 Lower School: Owl Babies by Martin Waddell  
Pathway 2/3 Upper School: The Good Little Wolf by Nadia Shireen

Our pupils have loved exploring the different characters and developing their understanding and use of key vocabulary.



### Christmas Celebrations

Kingsley started the festive season off with celebrating Elf Day, spreading joy and laughter throughout the school. The last week of term has been filled with Christmas activities including the Sing-along event at Christ the King church, where the children’s engagement with the songs and music was mesmerising. The Christmas Polar Express Truck visited the school, all classes had there own Christmas party/disco and we even had a visit from Father Christmas himself!



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## Thank you



We would like to say a massive thank you to Dunelm for including Kingsley in their Delivering Joy Project. Members of the public have been incredibly generous and every one of our pupils have received a fantastic gift for Christmas.

This term Pathway 3 have been working on supporting our community for our SuperKind Award. We chose to support Kettering Food Bank. Gail came to visit us and talked about what happens at the Food Bank and why it is important for people to support them. The children listened carefully to what was needed and then wrote letters to the parents. Thank you to everyone who donated. We will continue to support our community for our next stamp.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle. We raised £575 for the school fund to support pupils.



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 have had a very busy term with lots going on. We started the term with the 1st Dads/Male carers session of the year. We had a lovely group of parents who joined in the fun activities with their children. I am not sure who enjoyed building the train track more, the children or the Dads!

This was followed by a Parent Information session on sleep given by our sensory OT, Claire. She gave parents some different ideas that they may have not tried to encourage a successful night's sleep. Great fun was had by all in the family swim sessions. It was lovely to see families enjoying time together. Look out for further dates next term.

The Wreath Making well-being session for parents was a great success. We were impressed with the amazing wreaths that were produced, they all looked very professional!

The last family event of the term was the Christmas fun night. This had a variety of activities to suit all family members. It was great to see people showing off their dance moves in the disco.

Thank you to all who have supported the events this term. We look forward to seeing you all next term, Happy Christmas from the Family Support Team

Ali, Sarah and Dani

### Dates for your diary

Monday 5th January 2026	School reopens to pupils
Friday 13th February 2026	Last Day of Term
Monday 23rd February 2026	Training Day
Tuesday 24th February 2026	School reopens to pupils
Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day



### Reminders

- We are working hard to keep up our attendance and punctuality. The whole school attendance for this school year is 85.5%. 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.