

Newsletter

Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of the new academic year 2025/2026. I hope you have all had the opportunity to have an enjoyable and restful break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school and I must say that they have settled back into the daily routines very quickly. The children in EYFS who started this week have also made an excellent start to the year so well done to them too.

The last academic year was extremely busy for everyone but a successful one, in so many ways and I would like to thank everyone for making it happen; parents, staff and children. The hard work to get this year off to a brilliant start has already begun and in doing so we of course aim to ensure the high quality of education we offer and standards we achieve, continue to be maintained.

Last week, the children enjoyed three days of 'Celebrating the Arts' – a great introduction to their first few days after the summer break. We had a number of artists working with the children on one day whilst some children went to the local gallery to take part in workshops. Children across the school engaged in design/technology projects and created some amazing items, Year 5 for example made incredible models of the solar system. We also provided the children with musical experiences throughout a day. This was thanks to one of our governors, Mr J. Baugh, who brought it a huge selection of drums and other instruments for the children to try out.

I would also like to mention that the new phonics/early reading approach called Little Wandle, which we introduced last year, was successfully implemented across Early Years and KS1. This year our staff will continue with further training on different elements and we will be providing more workshops for parents to attend, the aim being to help parents with them supporting children's learning at home, particularly with reading.

We are delighted to announce that our enrichment programme which takes place each Tuesday, after school, is being extended so that we can offer different activities such as a sports club for our Year 5/6 pupils, with other year groups having the opportunity to participate during the year. Further information will be sent out soon. The enrichment programme for Autumn 1 starts on Tuesday 16th September.

Trips/visits/visitors to school to broaden children's learning experiences and make learning fun and enjoyable are continually being explored so be assured that your child will have access to a wide range of opportunities, here at King's Hill.

The 'A' Stars programme that we are involved in also begins soon so we will be contacting you about the different ways in which the children and parents can participate, so please look out for the information.

Our residential trip for Year 6 pupils in July 2025 was extremely successful so we are looking at offering it again for our current Year 6 pupils, but much sooner. Further information will follow and if your child is in Year 6 you will be invited to attend a parent workshop regarding the trip, very soon.

We will be appointing our School Council members and House Team Captains and Vice-Captains this half term – the children are so excited about the elections taking place in school this week. They look forward to the fact that they are able to engage in discussions and conversations that have an impact across the school.

The importance of excellent attendance and punctuality cannot be stressed enough as we want all children to have full access to learning. Please ensure your child arrives on time in the morning so that they do not miss any crucial learning time. We have a drop-off window of 15 minutes from 8.30am to give everyone time to come into school.

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Working together to achieve excellence

Please note that staff are always present at the gate entrances in the morning and end of the day. If you have any queries or concerns then do speak to a member of staff or ask to speak to someone in the main office.

We would like to welcome our new staff members who have joined us this September and wish them the very best as they begin their time here at King's Hill.

We look forward to working with you for the coming academic year, which once again, I am certain, will be excellent.

Mrs Matharu

Executive Head Teacher

Term 1 Activities / Events

We have a great half term ahead so please make a note of the things that are coming up. Ensuring children are provided with a wide range of opportunities at school is very important to us. Our aim is to incorporate as many different, enriching experiences as possible for them. This term we have the following taking place:

Year 2 Visit to the Black Country Museum – Friday 12 September

Year 1 Visit to the Black Country Museum – Monday 15th September

Year 6 Visit Grace Academy at 1.30pm—Monday 15th September

Year 1 Local Walk—Tuesday 7th October

Please note we will be running some parent workshops (dates TBC)

Reminders

Please remember to provide your child with a water bottle everyday.

Remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.

Reception and Nursery are entitled to milk daily.

Bagels are given as a mid morning snack to all pupils.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with fruit daily at break times.

Milk is provided to Reception children.

If your child has allergy/dietary requirements please inform your child's class teacher or School Office.

After-School Clubs

Artsmark Enrichment Activities for Years 1 to Year 6 will start next week from Tuesday 16th September. On the day if your child participates in the activities, the school day is extended till 4.00pm.

Please complete the consent slip and return to your child's class teacher if you would like your child to take part.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn term 2025

School closed on Friday 24th October due to parent consultations

- **Half term holiday:** Monday 27th October to Friday 31 October 2025
- **School begins:** Monday 3rd November

Packed lunches

If your child brings in a packed lunch from home please ensure it has healthy options. No nuts and sweets allowed.

School meals

Please note school meals are £2.30—all monies must be brought in a named envelope with the child's class clearly marked on it.

Attendance and Punctuality

We expect children to attend school regularly and to arrive on time, ready to begin their day. This is essential if children are to get the best from their education. Being punctual and attending every day, forms a good habit for life. It is also important that children are collected on time as they are most likely to be tired and hungry by the end of the school day.

The school cannot take responsibility for children arriving at school before 8:30am unless they are attending the school's breakfast club. Until 8:30am children are the responsibility of their families.

At home time please ensure children are collected on time, and if for any reason you have arranged an alternative collection or are running late you contact school in advance.

Year 6 children, that are authorised to walk home are released first and are encouraged to go straight home. Please discuss the importance of vigilance and road safety with your child.

Uniform Expectations

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform everyday. On PE days, children can come to school in their PE kit. Our PE kit consists of the following:

- White t-shirt, Red shorts & black pumps/ trainers
- Plain black tracksuit can be worn, only in the winter term

Children should wear their school jumper where possible with their PE kit. Strictly no football tops are not allowed.

PE Kit

- White t-shirt, Red shorts & black pumps
- Plain black tracksuit can be worn, only in the winter term

Children should come into school wearing their PE Kit on the day that they take part in PE lessons.

Swimming

Swimming costume, trunks, swimming hat and towel

Jewellery

Small stud earrings. No other jewellery is allowed in school

Hair accessories must be able to match our school uniform colours

Our Schoolwear stockists are:

Clive Marks Schoolwear—

[19 Park Place Shopping Centre Park Street, Walsall WS1 1NP](#)