



Newsletter

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Update from Mr Cox

We have been making changes to the school's Attendance and Punctuality Policy which will be shared with you soon. However, I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few of the key messages with you. The target for children's attendance at the school is a minimum of 96%. This means that there is an expectation that children will attend school for a least 183 days out of the possible 190. Unfortunately we already have children who have missed more than 7 days this academic year and as a result they will not meet the target.

Obviously children do get ill and will not be in school; and we also enforce the 48 hour rule if a child has been sick or is suffering from Diarrhoea to help minimise the possibility of other children becoming ill. When myself and Mrs Gregory are analysing the attendance data we are looking for what is known as 'Irregular Attendance'. The official definition for this is 'an accumulative total of 5 days or more (10 sessions) (90%) over a period of 10 weeks.' It is the frequent single days absent from school that lead to broken weeks of education and also have the largest detrimental impact on your child's education.

To support you with your child's attendance, if we have a concern we will be inviting you in for a discussion about any potential barriers to your child attending school. This will then lead to us working together to help your child so they are able to come to school. If you are concerned about your child's attendance then please get in touch with us, there are things we can do to help.

We also have a few children who are arriving at school late. The register is taken at 8.45 a.m. and they close at 9.15 a.m. What this means is that if your child is late after this time the absence will be unauthorised unless we have a valid reason why—for example an appointment. Persistent lateness could lead to a referral being made to the Local Authority and possible action being taken. If there is a problem, please speak to us.

The policy with regards to holidays during term time has not changed and we are not allowed to authorise any absence due to this reason. We also cannot authorise time away from school for birthdays and other family events.

A copy of the policy will be emailed soon. Have a good weekend.

Thank you

I would like to say thank you to those parents who have contacted the school to express their support for the letter sent out yesterday about changes to our policy on mobile phones. Parents can feel under a tremendous amount of pressure to get their child a phone, hopefully this change in policy gives you a very good reason to say no.

I have been asked again about smartwatches and have explained that it is a no for those because they are classed as a smart device.

Staffing Update

As already communicated to 3J, Miss James will be leaving the school at Christmas to start the next stage of her teaching career at All Saints CEVA Primary School in Wellingborough. We are sad to see her go but this is an exciting opportunity for Miss James to further develop her promising teaching career in another setting. Miss James joined the school as an Early Careers Teacher in September 2023 and she very quickly became a large part of school life – the bar has been set very high with our Strictly Come Dancing participation and outfits. I know that you will all want to join me in wishing her all the very best for her future career.

To replace Miss James we have appointed Mr Ward. He joins us from Deanshanger Primary School where he is currently teaching a Year 3 class. We hope to be able to arrange with Mr Ward's current school for him to spend some time with the children before the end of term. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Mr Ward to the team.

Changes to the PE Timetable from January 2026

From January we are moving the PE day for some of the classes. This is to give greater flexibility with the use of the hall during spells of poor weather or the playground is out of use. **Mr Ward's class** will have PE on a **Monday** and **Mrs Eltherington's** will have their PE lesson on a **Tuesday from January**.

We are also delighted that we have been able to book extra pool time for our Year 5 children so they will continue to go swimming on Tuesdays until the end of the Spring Term. This will give them half a school year of swimming which should give all of the children the opportunity to make wonderful progress.

Monday	Mr Ward
Tuesday	Mrs Eltherington & Year 5 swimming
Wednesday	Mrs Jennings
Thursday	Mrs Newbery
Friday	Mrs Colton

DIARY DATES	
03/12/2025 Pupil Parliament Disco	09/12/2025 Panto, Deringate
12/12/2025 NMPAT Woodwind Christmas Concert 09:30	15/12/2025 Christmas Service 10:30 St Lawrence Church, parents welcome
17/12/2025 Kingswood Christmas Lunch and wear Christmas Jumper day	19/12/2025 Last day before Christmas break
05/01/2026 Teacher Training day	06/01/2025 First day back after Christmas Swimming recommences for 5SH



CURRENT PE TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY	MRS JENNINGS
THURSDAY	MRS NEWBERY & MRS ELTHERINGTON
FRIDAY	MRS COLTON MISS JAMES

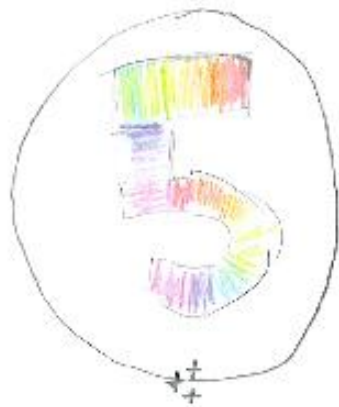
PE KIT SHOULD CONSIST OF NAVY SHORTS OR JOGGING BOTTOMS, WHITE T-SHIRT, BLACK TRAINERS, NAVY SWEATSHIRT OR HOODIE.

PLEASE REMOVE EARRINGS.

MUSIC TIMETABLE

MONDAY AM	GUITAR
MONDAY PM	STRINGS
TUESDAY AM	PIANO
TUESDAY PM	BRASS
WEDNESDAY PM	WOODWIND

Amazing thoughts on paper
by Eliza. 5SH



Reasons To Put Your Phone AWAY!



1. Lower concentration
2. Warps your view of reality
3. Reduces memory
4. Makes your sleep worse
5. Increases stress and anxiety



NO

Life is better
with out a
Phone!

Try a class with out it

NOVEMBER IN PICTURES



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND JUMPER DAY

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

This year we are asking children to wear Christmas Jumpers for the day we have our Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 17th December and raise some much needed funds for a local charity Harrys Pals. If you are able to, please donate via the QR code on the poster on the next page, thank you.

Deadline for ordering Christmas lunch from Kingswood is;

10am Thursday 11th December.



Christmas is Coming
Christmas Dinner

Please check with your school for your Christmas dinner date

This **must** be booked by 10am on Thursday the week before.

Please book by visiting
www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

NOT REGISTERED?
Then simply go to our website, register and book

Need to Contact Us?
Please e-mail enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk



Harry's 
Pals

Long Buckby
Junior School

Festive Jumper Day

Wear your Christmas jumper
to school on

Wednesday 17th December

in aid of Harry's Pals.

Providing emotional support to
parents who have a severely ill or disabled child.

www.harryspals.co.uk



Anyone is welcome

LBAFC'S Free Xmas Grotto

Turkey and Stuffing Rolls

Mulled wine

Mince Pies

LBAFC Teabar
20th December
14:00-16:00
Booking Only
Limited Spaces
Tickets available via Eventbrite
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otto-lbafc-tickets-1964369218211](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santas-grotto-lbafc-tickets-1964369218211)

**Free entry to game with
each booking**



Christmas dance

workshop



RECEPTION AGE UPWARDS

10-2pm £25

7th
December-
Longbuckby
Community
Centre

DANCE, GAMES, ART
AND CRAFTS

Email

jenfinney@live.co.uk
to book a space

Message Miss

Jenny

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