

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Visit to Oxford

What a great day! Last week, the children took a trip to Oxford to visit the Natural History Museum, to learn about evolution and the Pitt Rivers Museum, to find out what it would be like living in a cold climate like the Arctic Circle (linked to our topic on Iceland).

At the Natural History Museum, the children took part in an Evolve, Adapt and Survive workshop with resident expert, Guy. After exploring how Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Darwin came up with their theory on how evolution occurs, the children looked at driving forces of natural selection and variation. Using a range of specimens from moths to crocodile skin to polar bear feet, the children heard all about how all terrestrial vertebrates evolved from a fishy, four-finned ancestor that crawled onto land some 375 million years ago. Year 6 then had time to explore all the different artefacts at the museum and learn more about different rocks, viruses and animals.



At the Pitt Rivers Museum, the children took part in a workshop about the Inuits and what life was like for people living in the Arctic Circle about 100 years ago. They looked at different artefacts that were generally all made from the poor seals (!), including canoes (skins wrapped around a wooden base), clothing (gutted and cleaned seal intestines!) and weapons.



It was a fabulous day for all the children and staff. Thank you to all those who helped make this day so special.

"I really enjoyed looking at the models of the different bacteria. It was really interesting working out what effect they can have on your body." **Joshua**

"I really enjoyed learning about the Inuits – they really made do with what they had and used every part of the seal. They even made floats from blown up seal skin and clothes from the cleaned-out intestines!!" **Violet**

"I loved looking at all the different animals in the Natural History Museum – the model otter had such soft fur!" **Tilly**



(Written by Mrs Cowling)

Spelling Shed

5S just hung onto their first position this week with 2B and 2MS following very closely behind – can they get to the top position next week? Congratulations to our individual spellers of the week too. Fantastic work – well done!

Classes

1st Place – 5S

2nd Place – 2B

3rd Place – 2MS



Individuals

1st Place – Vlad, Year 5

2nd Place – Charlie, Year 2

3rd Place – Violet, Year 6

Maths Shed

At the start of this half term, the first battle for the top of the Maths Shed leader board has been close with 5S still retaining the top spot! Well done to the individual winners! Can **you** make it the top next week?

Classes

1st Place – 5S

2nd Place – 6C

3rd Place – 3S



Individuals

1st Place – Ben S., Year 5

2nd Place – Rosanna S., Year 3

3rd Place – Skye, Year 6

Year R Parent Information Session

On Wednesday 5th February at 9:15AM, we will be conducting a Parent Information Session about Maths in Year R. We are aiming for it to last about 45 minutes. The session will begin with information about Mastering Number (the scheme that is used for Maths in Year R) and how we enable the children to develop number sense, which will help them to succeed in Maths throughout primary school. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. Your child will join you for the second half of the session, where they will be able to play Maths games with you and eagerly show you what they have been learning in school. At the session, you will receive all the materials to play the games at home to give you the opportunity to be involved in building a wonderful mathematician! We would love to have your attendance and support; please kindly fill out the Microsoft Form via the link below to confirm or deny your attendance.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aFGwOuTc0ka4I3AQYuSnnNFX0LkCja5Jj50LWi2Wc-9URUNDQjdXNkZBNE9MVjQ0RzROVkJQMVPRSy4u>

If you are unable to attend, we will upload any materials to the website **after the workshop**.

Eastleigh Fun Run 2025 – Sunday 23rd March (entries close 14th March)

The Eastleigh Fun Run will be on Sunday 23rd March 2025 providing children from 4-12 years with the chance to have fun and take part in one of the largest fun running events in the area – run 1.2km around Fleming Park in Eastleigh to earn your medal.

Click here <https://racesignup.co.uk/eastleigh-fun-run-2025> to sign up.



Snow

I thought that I should send information out to parents and carers around school closures in case of snow. We will always endeavour to keep the school open, as closing the school presents problems for working parents, and we have a statutory responsibility to provide an education for the children during school hours. I also try to not have the school open for just half a day, or allow a late arrival at school, as this poses operational problems and again is a hassle for parents and carers if they have to do a ten o'clock drop-off or one o'clock pick-up.

However, we also have to staff the school adequately to ensure the safety and well-being of the children, and most of our staff live beyond the boundaries of Kings Worthy, whereas most of the children live within walking distance.

When deciding whether or not to close the school, I have to consider the journey that staff will take in terms of distance and safety, whether kitchen staff are able to get into school to feed the children and also take into account the weather forecast for the day. If I do decide to close the school, this will appear on the 'announcement' banner on the school website as early as possible on the day of closure. It will also be on the Hampshire County Council page for school closures, and BBC Radio Solent picks up from this to announce closures. We would endeavour to email parents, but it is likely that email traffic will be high if multiple schools are doing this, and it may be that the email communication is slow. If the school remains open, then we will run as a normal school day and any absence will be unauthorised.

Reminder - Inset Day - Friday January 24th

School will be closed to all pupils.

Technology at Home 2025

Thank you to those who have already completed the short questionnaire on the use of technology at home. If you have yet to do so, and would like to complete this, please follow the link below. This will help us to continue to best support the children with online safety in school, while also tailoring our online safety newsletters and information to send out to our school community.

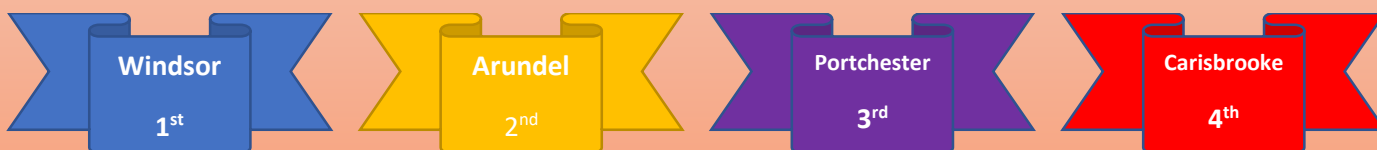
Form link: <https://forms.office.com/e/6mn8YVcnht>

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the admin team.

House Points – Week One



House Points – Termly Position



Jamie Dodson

Headteacher