# Kingfisher Courier

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### **Christmas Parties**

I'm delighted to share some festive news about our upcoming Christmas celebrations! Our school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for our annual Christmas parties, and I wanted to provide you with all the important details.

Next week, each year group will have the opportunity to enjoy a special afternoon filled with games, dancing, and Christmas cheer. We've planned a wonderful series of parties that will give our pupils a chance to relax, have fun, and celebrate the holiday season together.

For those wondering about party arrangements, pupils are welcome to bring a party outfit to change into, though this is entirely optional. Our aim is to create a joyful and relaxed atmosphere where everyone can enjoy themselves.

Here are the specific party dates for each year group:

Nursery: Tuesday 16th December and Thursday 18th December

Reception: Dates to be confirmed Year 1: Tuesday 16th December Year 2: Tuesday 16th December Year 3: Thursday 18th December

Year 4: Wednesday 17th December Year 5: Thursday 18th December

Year 6: Wednesday 17th December

We hope that your child will look forward to these festive celebrations. These parties are a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to come together, enjoy some music, play games, and create lasting memories.



#### Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% our whole school attendance currently stands a 95.2%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

Class	Current Attendance
1	92.6%
2	93.4%
3	94.4%
4	95.6%
5	95.2%
6	94.2%
7	96.5%
8	96.3%
9	96.5%
10	95.4%
11	96.2%
12	94.0%
13	97.5%
14	94.1%



# SNOW POLICY SCHOOL CLOSURE



In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop

overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, families should take the following advice about the possibility of school

closure. Whenever possible, Kingfisher Primary will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a great distance into school each day.

Should the need arise, in severe weather a decision will be made by 7.30 am if the school is to be closed. An App message alert will be sent informing you of school closure and a message will go up on the Facebook page. The closure will also be announced on via the school app

I would ask all families to check the App for a message if heavy snow is falling or has fallen overnight or if there is other extreme weather and there have been school closures announced. Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am. If you do arrive at school, please do not leave your children without confirming that the school is to remain open.

If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. Please do not telephone in these circumstances, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. Our aim is to open every day but hopefully, this information will give some clarity.

## It's Christmas at Kingfisher!



On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be having Kingfisher Christmas Day.

Children can come dressed as Christmassy as they like -from having tinsel in their hair to wearing Christmas Jumpers. We know that Christmas Jumpers are expensive so please do not feel this is a must anything which has a hint of Christmas will add to the festive spirit.

We hope that you will enjoy taking part in this festive event!

### Mrs Jones is Retiring

I am writing to share an important moment in our school's history that touches the heart of our Kingfisher family. After more than 30 years of dedicated service, Mrs Jones has made the decision to retire from our school. Her commitment to Kingfisher has been truly exceptional. Throughout her remarkable career, Mrs Jones has touched the lives of countless children, creating lasting memories and making an immeasurable impact on our school community. Each pupil who has passed through our doors during her tenure carries with them special memories shaped by her dedication and care. A career spanning over three decades is no small achievement. Mrs Jones has been a cornerstone of our school, witnessing generations of children grow, learn, and develop. Her contribution goes far beyond her day to day work with our children – she has been a mentor, a guide, and a source of inspiration for so many.

As we approach her retirement, it feels important that we collectively recognise her extraordinary service. Her commitment to education and to the children of Kingfisher has been second to none. The memories she has helped create, the lives she has influenced, and the foundations of learning she has laid will continue to resonate through our school for years to come.

I am sure that you will want to join everyone in our school community in expressing our deepest gratitude to Mrs Jones. We wish her the very warmest wishes for her well-deserved retirement, knowing that she leaves behind a legacy of care, dedication, and educational excellence.

### **Term Dates:**

The last day of Term is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025** and we return on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** 

The next INSET Day is: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026