



Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome all the new families who have joined us this year and welcome back our Year 1 and Year 2 families. This newsletter contains lots of information about our school and polite requests. We really hope you find this helpful. Please persevere, you will reach the end!

This half-term the children will be learning about:

Year 2's main topic will be 'A World of Imagination.' In English we will be reading stories, writing character descriptions and retelling the stories, adding more detail. In Maths we will be exploring numbers by looking at where numbers are on the hundred square and adding and subtracting 2 numbers. Ask your child, 'What number has 4 tens and 5 ones?' Can they tell you the answer? In Art we will be learning about Romero Britto and creating their own pictures in the style of 'Pop Art'.

Year 1 - Our topic is '*Sensational Senses!*' The children will be learning to name different parts of the body and exploring the five senses we use every day. They'll also be finding out which sense is connected to which body part through fun and practical activities. In RHEd, we'll be thinking about feelings, talking about different emotions and sharing ideas for how we can manage them in a range of scenarios.

In Computing, the children will be practising how to log on safely and enjoying some creative work using a paint program. In Art, we'll be taking inspiration from the artist 'Giuseppe Arcimboldo', who used fruit, vegetables, and flowers to create amazing self-portraits. The children will have lots of fun experimenting with their own imaginative artwork!

Year R - Wow – what a fantastic start to the school year, Year R!

The children have been settling in beautifully this week. It's been such a joy to see them smiling, making new friends, playing together, and getting stuck into exploring their classrooms. Our top priority is making sure your child is happy at school. So, if you ever have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to chat with your child's teacher – we're here to help! This half term, we'll be learning all about '*Ourselves and our Families*'. We'll also be exploring the changing seasons as Autumn arrives. In addition, the children will be working hard on building independence and resilience!

A big well done to all of our brilliant new Year R's – you're already making us proud!

Safety

Nut allergy

For some children, contact with nuts or products containing nuts, can be life threatening.

As we are a Nut Free School, please make sure you do not send any products containing nuts into school, this includes ensuring that all sandwich fillings, such as chocolate spread, and cereal bars do not contain them.

Your co-operation in ensuring a safe environment for all children is appreciated.



Earring Safety

For health and safety reasons, all earrings must be removed on your child's P.E. days.

If earrings cannot be removed, parents must cover them with **microporous tape** before arriving at school. If you don't have any tape, please speak to your child's teacher at drop-off, and they will provide some for you to apply.

Please note:

- Tape applied at home will remain on for the day unless your child can remove it themselves.
- If ears are not taped before school, staff will apply tape—but we will not remove it.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe during P.E. lessons.

Polite Request – Parking

Last year I received several complaints from parents and our neighbours about inconsiderate/dangerous parking at the start and end of the school day. To allow our children to cross and walk safely to School please could we ask drivers NOT to double park, stop on double yellow lines, zig-zag lines by the school gate, across resident's driveways, on dropped curbs or in the school car park.

Parking in Shears Court and October House are for residents only and are not public parking areas.

Hampshire County Council have a form to report details of parking contraventions that you believe pose a risk to our children: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/parking-contravention>.

I appreciate parking is difficult at these times and thank you for your support to help keep our children safe!

School Grounds -Scooters/Bikes

It is lovely to see children cycle and scoot to school. For the safety of everyone at school, children should dismount at the school gate and scooting/cycling should not take place on the playground or paths around the school. Cycles/scooters need to be locked to the rails in the shelter on the school playground.



Outside Play Equipment

The play equipment around the school must only be used under the supervision of a member of school staff. Therefore, regrettably we are unable to allow anyone to use the equipment before or after school.

Thank you for your co-operation

Year R P.E. Lessons

P.E. lessons for Year R start next week on **Wednesday 17th September**. Please remember to wear your P.E. Kits to school every WEDNESDAY. A gentle reminder: Please no laces unless your child can tie them themselves. Thank you!

School Uniform

The children look very smart in their new school uniform – to help us return items when they are misplaced, please make sure **all items are clearly labelled**.

Please may we politely request that the children do not wear large hair accessories to school. Thank you.



Children starting school in September 2026

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? Please visit our website [Parent Tours for September 2026](#) for visit dates and online booking information

Nasal Flu Vaccine – 27th November 2025

The Immunisation team will be coming to school on Thursday 27th November 2025 to administer the flu nasal spray to the children. Please look out for more information soon.



Year 1 & Year 2 After School Clubs

Year 1 and Year 2 After-School Clubs start on **Tuesday 23rd September (3.15-3.55pm)**. Please look out for more information shortly.



School Photographs

The school photographer will be at school on **Thursday 25th September** to take **individual/Infant School sibling** photographs of the children. Please look out for a separate email next week. All children should wear their school uniform on this day. Year 1 and Year 2 children do not need to wear their P.E. Kit on Thursday 25th September.



Family Photograph Session – Thursday 9th October 3.30-5.30pm.

Please look out for more information soon.

School Milk

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk & once they reach five years old, they are then entitled to subsidised milk. To register for this, please visit the Cool Milk website - www.coolmilk.com. Milk provides essential nutrients and can be a great energy boost at mid-morning break, refuelling them until lunch.



School Website and School Contact Information

Our school website, www.kempshottinfants.com is a great way to keep up to date with news and information. You will find copies of our newsletters, calendar dates, letters and the latest news from your child's year group and much more.



Most queries can usually be answered by your child's class teacher but if you need to contact a member of staff during the day, please ring in the first instance. If you wish to advise us of information that is **not urgent** and does not require an immediate action, we have an email that you can use; kisinfo@kempshott-inf.hants.sch.uk Please note that this email is not constantly monitored and therefore should not be used for absence notifications, end of day changes or emergency messages. **To ensure that your messages are dealt with promptly it is very important that your child's name and class should always be entered in the subject line.**

Absence Messages

To report your child's absence please ring 01256 461795 option 1 by 9.15am, it is very important that you leave your child's name and class in the message. Thank you!

Absence requests

May I remind you that children are not entitled to absence from school during term time for holidays. Absence from school for holidays will be recorded as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. In all cases a leave of absence form must be completed in advance. Please note that the leave of absence reply forms will be returned to you via email.

No Smoking Policy

Our school and school grounds are No Smoking areas and this includes smoking manufactured cigarettes, hand-rolled cigarettes, e-cigarettes (vaping), heated tobacco devices, cigars, pipes and herbal cigarettes on school grounds. Please can we politely ask that you wait until you are a distance away from the school entrance/gates to help us to maintain our school as a smoke-free community. Thank you!

Celebration Certificate

We really enjoy hearing about the children's successes, such as writing a friend's birthday card, learning to ride their bike, swimming without armbands etc. We would love to celebrate the things that your child achieves at home so please remember to send in your 'Celebration Certificates'. These are available from your child's teacher or to print from the school website [Kempshott Infant School/our school/our achievements](http://www.kempshottinfants.com)



Your child's achievement will be celebrated in class and then put on the Year Group display. We hope that you and your child enjoy sharing their successes with us and we look forward to receiving certificates soon.

Diary Dates

Please see the separate sheet for forthcoming events at school.

Reminder:

Our Year R Welcome Meeting take place at 3.30pm on Wednesday 24th September

Well done you made it! Thank you for persevering.

Yours sincerely

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