



Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival

The children will walk to St Mark’s Church on Wednesday next week (23rd October) for our Harvest Festival.



In the past the children have very generously brought food gifts with them to be distributed in the local community. We appreciate that with the current challenges it might not be possible for everyone to give items for the Harvest collection but if you are able, please send any food donations in to school by Thursday 23rd October.

This year Basingstoke Foodbank will collect any items that you are able to donate. A list of items that they are especially in need of can be found attached to the newsletter and on our website:

[Basingstoke FoodBank Harvest list](#). Thank you for your support!

Year Group News

Year R

This week Year R have been exploring rhythm and rhyme. They have been making a silly soup with rhyming words and have been matching rhyming pairs! In the shared area the children have been working with each other to create leaf bugs and have been fishing for numbers and letters. They have been successful in completing their 'My Happy Minds' module all about their brain. The children learnt how the brain grows when they learn new things. One of their favourite parts of the week has been using scarves to create big movements and dance to music.

Year 1

In Maths Year 1 have been working on their addition and subtraction skills, using cups as a practical aid to support their understanding. In Science, they’ve been using their sense of smell to identify and describe a range of scents, such as vinegar and coffee. In Design and Technology, the children begun an exciting new project to design a playground, starting by exploring different structures and the way they are joined together.

Year 2

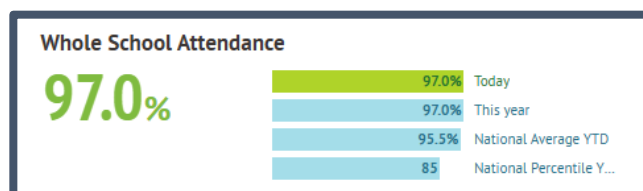
This week Year 2 have been learning how to subtract. They have followed the steps of learning from subtracting single digit numbers to subtracting tens and then 2-digit numbers. They were great! In English the children watched a short story called 'The Girl with the Yellow Bag.' The children have thought about what yellow is, e.g. Yellow is the hot summer sun, Yellow smells like yummy custard. The children will be writing their own poem about things that go in and come out of the yellow bag. In Music, the children have practised keeping a steady beat and rhythm. They even made up their own rhythms!

Year 1 & Year 2 Tuesday Clubs – Tuesday 21st October 2025

There will be no Year 1 and Year 2 clubs next week. They continue after half-term (4th November) with the last club taking place on Tuesday 2nd December.



Whole School Attendance



Letter Alert!

Copies of our year group letters can be found on our school website

Kempshottinfants.com/parents/letters.

You are also able to navigate to the 'related' year group section from here too.

Shoebox Appeal

You kindly donated 37 boxes to this year's Rotary Club Christmas Shoebox appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported the charity to help children whose families who live in extreme hardship and poverty.

Reminders:

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 our school visit dates and online booking information. Applications will open for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2025. More information can also be found on www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

Half-Term Holiday Clubs

Sports-Xtra – Multi Sports & Activity Camp

EVEREST COMMUNITY ACADEMY from Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

www.sportsxtra.com

Kempshott Junior School October Half-Term Holiday Club

Kempshott Junior School are now taking bookings for their half term holiday club.

Dates: 27th October – 30th October 2025. 9.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £30 per child, £27 for siblings.

If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please contact the Junior school office on 01256 326713 or email them at adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk.

Nasal Flu Vaccine – 27th November 2025. Action needed!

The Immunisation team will be at school on Thursday 27th November 2025 to administer the flu nasal spray to the children.

Please visit their website [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

Our unique school code is: **SH116036**



IMPORTANT, please note: School health would like you to complete the form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine. This is to ensure your child's health records are up to date.

If you change your mind or need to tell the immunisation team about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form. Please [Contact them](#) directly to tell them about any changes.

SENDCo Surgery

Appointments are available for our next SENDCo Surgery on **Tuesday 25th November**. To book an appointment please email sendco@kempshott-inf.hants.sch.uk

For more information, please see the email dated 10th September 2025.

Diary Dates



Parents Evening	Thursday 16 th October
Year 1 Kempshott Walk	Friday 17 th October
Kempshott Schools Association (K.S.A.) A.G.M.	Monday 20 th October 6pm
Last Sports Xtra Football Club for Autumn 1	Monday 20 th October
Parents Evening	Tuesday 21 st October
NO Year 1 / Year 2 Clubs today	Tuesday 21 st October
Harvest Festival at St Marks Church	Wednesday 22 nd October
Parent Tours for September 2026 Year R	Thursday 23 rd October
Last Sports Xtra Dance Club for Autumn 1	Thursday 23 rd October
Last day of Autumn 1 term	Friday 24 th October
Half-term break	27 th – 31 st October
<u>New Autumn dates for your diaries</u>	
2026 Year R / Year 3 Applications Open	Saturday 1 st November
School Closed – Staff Training	Monday 3 rd November
Children return to school	Tuesday 4 th November
Year 1 & 2 clubs continue	Tuesday 4 th November
Sports Xtra Dance starts (Yr 1 & 2)	Thursday 6 th November
Gazette First Class Photographs (Yr R)	Thursday 6 th November
Deadline for Parent Governor Applications	Friday 7 th November
Sports Xtra Football Starts (Yr 1 & 2)	Monday 10 th November
NO Year 1 & 2 clubs today	Tuesday 11 th November
Parent Tours for September 2026 Year R	Wednesday 12 th November
Children in Need	Friday 14 th November
Parent Tours for September 2026 Year R	Tuesday 18 th November
SENDCo Surgery	Tuesday 25 th November
Parent Tours for September 2026 Year R	Wednesday 26 th November
Flu Vaccine	Thursday 27 th November
Last Sports Xtra Football today	Monday 1 st December
Parent Tours for September 2026 Year R	Tuesday 2 nd December
Last Yr 1 & Yr 2 clubs	Tuesday 2 nd December
Year 1 Christmas Journey at St Marks Church	Wednesday 3 rd December
Last Sports Xtra Dance club	Thursday 4 th December
Rocksteady Children – concert to their parents	Friday 5 th December
Year R Nativity	Tuesday 16 th December 10am
Film Club (Yr R, Yr 1 & Yr 2)	Tuesday 16 th December
Year R Nativity	Wednesday 17 th December 10am
Christmas - St Marks Church visit	Thursday 18 th December
Christmas songs on the playground	Friday 19 th December
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 19 th December
Christmas holiday	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January
<u>2026</u>	
School closed – Staff training	Monday 5 th January
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 6 th January
Parent Tours for September 2026 Year R	Wednesday 7 th January
2026 Year R / Year 3 Applications Close	Wednesday 15 th January

Inset days - The school will be closed for staff training on:
Monday 3rd November 2025, Monday 5th January 2026,
Monday 13th April 2026 & Monday 1st June 2026

Yours sincerely

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Mrs N Potter
Head Teacher