



Dear Parents,

Year Group News

Year R

Year R have been exploring their topic 'People Who Help Us' this week. In the shared area, they took part in role play as vets and pet owners. In Maths, they created tally charts to find out which pets are most popular. In Art, the children learned about designer Cath Kidston, studying her patterns and identifying different vehicles within her designs. Outdoor learning focused on investigating ice, as the children observed how it melted when warmed. It has been a busy week of learning!

Year 1

Year 1 made an exciting discovery in the woodland when they uncovered some buried cheese! They began by making predictions about who the cheese might have belonged to and why it had been hidden. The children learned that it was left by Samuel Pepys, helping them to understand that during the Great Fire of London, people buried cheese and other valuable items to protect them from the fire. In P.E., the children started creating a Great Fire of London dance, using a mixture of fast and slow movements and focusing on how flames and smoke might move. Can your child show you any of their moves?



Year 1 Reminder

Year 1, we would love to receive your Great Fire of London Model houses at school on Monday 9th February. For more information, please see the email sent on 8th January. A copy is also available to view on the letters page on our website. Thank you! From the Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying their new book, 'Beegu'. They have made predictions about the front cover and discussed their ideas with the class. In Maths, the children have been learning about addition and subtraction using 'inverse mountains', as well as multiplication. They have loved exploring how to make a moon buggy move in DT and are looking forward to designing and making their own moon buggies. The children have started the next My Happy Mind module, 'Appreciate' and have been thinking about showing gratitude.

Year 2 Reminders:

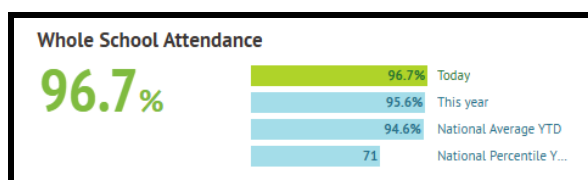
- **Year 2 Winchester Science Centre Trip**

Year 2, please remember to use the Teachers2Parents app or this link [SchoolMoney](#) to login in, give permission and pay for the visit to the Winchester Science Centre which takes place on Thursday 5th February 2026.

- **D.T Project**

Year 2 will be designing and making Moon buggies. Please remember to bring a **named** box to school (**no larger than a cereal box**) and hasn't had anything in it that contains nuts e.g crunchy nut cornflakes as we have children with nut allergies in school. We would love to receive these in school any time before Monday 26th January. Thank you!

Whole School Attendance



Final Reminder - September 2026 - Year R and Year 3 Application Deadline

The deadline for applications for September Year R and Year 3 places is today, **15th January 2026**

Please note that any late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications been received, which could significantly reduce your chances of gaining a place at your preferred school.

To apply for a place or for further information please visit: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions



Classroom drop in sessions

Every Thursday, parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom after school to look at their books and to have an informal chat with the teacher. These weekly sessions run from 3.15p.m. until 3.45p.m. Please enter and exit through your child's classroom door.



Parking Around the School – A Continued Safety Concern

We have once again received a complaint about dangerous and inconsiderate parking near the school, making it difficult and unsafe for the children.

As the mornings and afternoons can be dark and wet, many children are wearing hoods or hats, which can reduce their visibility and awareness of traffic. With the additional problem of the closure of Homesteads Road, we kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately, follow local parking restrictions, and take extra care when driving near the school.

If you witness unsafe or illegal parking, we kindly ask that you report it directly to Hampshire County Council. You can do this by completing their online form by using this link: [Report a Parking Contravention](#).

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Junior Duke Information



A reminder for children completing their Junior Duke award; you have a school year to complete 7 challenges. Once you have completed **any** of the challenges at home, please bring your award book in on **Friday 23rd January** for your Duke leader (teacher) to sign.

Please remember: The children DO NOT need to have completed all 7 challenges before they bring their book in to school.

SENDCo Surgery – Tuesday 20th January

If you would like to make an appointment at one of our SENDCo Surgeries, please drop an email to Mrs Gandy at sendco@kempshott-inf.hants.sch.uk

Tissue Box Appeal

At this time of year there are many coughs and colds around. We are running low on tissues at school and any boxes that you are able to donate would be gratefully received. Please send them in with your child. Thank you.



Managing Children's Digital Lives – A guide for parents

The Children's Commissioner has published 'A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives'. Many parents face challenging decisions about how to protect children from online harm while still enabling access to digital spaces that are central to learning, socialising and play. Please have a look at the guide through this link: [A guide for parents - Managing children's digital lives](#).

NHS Parent Information Portal

The NHS have introduced a parent information portal where all your child's health visitor and school Nursing can be accessed. Please follow this link to our website where you can find more information: Kempshottinfants.com/NHS Parent Information Portal

Kempshott Junior School – February Half-term Holiday Camp

INFANT CHILDREN WELCOME

Kempshott Junior School are now taking bookings for, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th Feb
(not Friday)

9.00 – 4.00pm £32 per child, £28.80 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: adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk.



Diary Dates

Please find below our Spring 1 term dates for your diaries.

New dates are highlighted.

January 2026

2026 Year R / Year 3 Applications Close	Thursday 15 th January
Favourite Food Thursday (Census Day)	Thursday 15 th January
SENDCo Surgery	Tuesday 20th January
Junior Duke books to school	Friday 23rd January
No Year 1 & 2 clubs today	Tuesday 27 th January

February 2026

Last Sports Xtra Football Club	Monday 2 nd February
Last Year 1 & 2 clubs	Tuesday 3 rd February
Silly Scott Magic Show	Wednesday 4 th February
Year 2 trip to Winchester Science Centre	Thursday 5 th February
No Sports Xtra Football today	Monday 9 th February
Parents Evening	Monday 9th February
No Year 1 & 2 Clubs today	Tuesday 10 th February
Parents Evening	Wednesday 11th February
Last Sports Xtra Dance	Thursday 12 th February
Half-term break	16 th – 20 th February

Additional dates for your diaries

Year 1 trip to Hilliers Arboretum	Friday 1 st May
Year R trip to Wellington Country Park	Friday 15 th May

Inset days - The school will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Yours sincerely

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