



#8 July 2026

Message from Mrs Norman



They say 'time flies when you are having fun' and this has genuinely been the case this year. I can't believe this is the end of my third year here at Kinderley. We have had so much fun with school trips, a water fight, an amazing art & music day...and of course the sleepover and residential. Not forgetting of course, the learning which has taken place and I must mention year 1 and their success with phonics. They have been phenomenal.

I must, of course, thank staff for their hard work this year. I am just 1 small cog in a big wheel and I am very fortunate that staff get behind my ideas and indeed suggest their own. This extends to fundraising which happens with very little help from me. Mrs Gourley is our main driver for this and I am sure she would welcome suggestions as to what you think would be successful. Thank you to parents and carers who continue to support our children through fundraising, allowing us to do the additional things to enrich school life and make memories. Our aim for 2026/27 is to ensure that fundraising is spread throughout the year as it has been a very busy Summer term!

I had hoped that more of you would have attended our open morning on Saturday but I appreciate you had already given your time and supported us at the summer fayre. We have reflected on the timing of the event and do intend to hold them again, but carefully planning when they happen. Thank you to all of you who supported over the 2 days of events.

A couple of changes for September which I must bring to your attention:

1 – Children will **come to school on PE days in their school uniform**, bringing their PE kit with them. Please ensure everything is named, along with their bag. Our uniform supplier has PE bags which can be named. PE kits can be left in school all week or half term as children have a named peg for their belongings. Why am I making this change? Some are not adhering to the PE uniform guidelines, and this means they are essentially in non-uniform for a whole day. Children are not getting the opportunity to practice getting dressed, which is a key skill particularly for our younger children. Finally, it gives us flexibility should we want to do an unplanned PE session on a different day or split PE sessions over 2 days.

2 – The daily mile – It is important that children attend school regularly and on time. Also, that they have daily physical activity and start the day feeling energised. The gate will open at 8.30am, children will take their belongings into school and then head straight to the field (or playground depending on weather) to do their mile. They can jog, walk, skip or a combination of all three! 3 members of staff will be on hand to run this, and I will of course be on the gate for safeguarding purposes. I am still working on the finer details, but there will be rewards for miles completed eg 50 miles, then 100 miles and so on. I think it will be cumulative too, so will carry forward to the following year. I know that for some of you this will help you get to work without feeling so rushed. We will still run the morning club from 8am and the children will join

the daily mile at 8.30. Children will then head to their classroom once the mile is complete and get ready for registration at 8.50. I hope to see everyone joining in (and staff).

Summer Reading Challenge

It's good to keep up reading skills during the holiday – I know I have a number of books I intend to get through – so please consider the Summer reading challenge.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/children-and-young-people-in-libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

While we are all looking forward to a much needed break, the school is going to be an exciting place over the holiday while Oak's new classroom is installed and hopefully Acorn is decorated. Maple and Rowan are also switching classrooms, so they will have a new look come September. I wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 3rd September.

Mrs Norman

Calendar dates



Dates for the diary -

Tuesday 14th July - After school Lego club 3:20-4:20. Please contact the office to book a place for this club.

*Thursday 16th July - End of term Superhero disco, 3:30-5:00, for Reception to year 6 children
Tickets available from the school office.*

Friday 17th July - Leavers and celebration assembly 11:15 for Year 6 parents and those receiving awards.

ALL welcome to attend the end of term family picnic on the school field at 12.00 - 12:45.

Friday 17th July - LAST DAY of TERM

New term starts on Thursday 3rd September 2026

Acorn Class



What a wonderful Year we have had. Acorns have worked incredibly hard and we have made such great progress.

The children enjoyed a fantastic time at the sea life centre and the beach and enjoyed sharing all the facts they have learnt. They have created some wonderful art linked to the rainbow fish and are really proud of their display.





We have been trying to keep cool in the hot weather and have enjoyed water fights and sitting with our feet in cool water.





We enjoyed music and art day and loved the freedom of using the paints!





Thank you for all your support this year. We will miss reception, but know they will be amazing in Year 1 and we can't wait to see how the rest of Acorns develop and the progress they make.

Have a wonderful, safe summer and we will see you in September.

Mrs Bickerdike , Miss Bains and team.

Maple Class



Well, we are at the end of this academic year, and it feels like we have only just started! What an incredible year we have had in Maple Class.

It seems like only yesterday that the children walked through the door, some feeling a little nervous about school and others still sleepy after the long summer holiday. But look at them now – confident, clever, taller, and absolutely amazing!

We have shared so many wonderful memories together. From collecting ducks and earning rewards, to dancing the day away at our Halloween disco, there has never been a dull moment.

We worked hard preparing for our Nativity performance, and even though nearly half the children were poorly at one point, the show still went on and was a huge success!

We also enjoyed joining Year 3 for Science Day, taking part in our fantastic Wisbech Reads library visit, and going on our exciting school trip to the Sea Life Centre with Acorn Class. Along the way, we have learned so many new things, developed new skills, made new friendships, and had lots of fun.

I am so proud of every single child and all they have achieved this year. Thank you to all our families for your support throughout the year—it has been greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, and I wish all our Maple Class children the very best for their next adventure!

Mrs Kuvikiene

REMINDER - Children who are moving up to Rowan class as year 3 and therefore transitioning from KS1 to KS2 in September will no longer be eligible for free fruit or vegetables for morning snack. Please ensure that your child brings their own healthy snack to school from September.

Rowan Class



As we reach the end of a fantastic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children in Rowan class and I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year.

The children have shown resilience, kindness and determination throughout the year. They have embraced new challenges both in the classroom and out of it, celebrated each other successes and grown in confidence and independence. Watching them develop and grow up has been a real privilege.

This year has been full of memorable moments. Firstly, all of the exciting trips we have been on such as the Big Sing, the Angles Theatre, Duxford and of course the Residential trip. They have also worked incredibly hard in the classroom producing fantastic writing about Vikings, letters to the government and adventure stories. Their mathematical thinking has developed with a stronger understanding of written methods and concepts such as time and money, while exploring a wide range of topics across the curriculum.

One of the things I will remember most is the sleepover (though I must admit to not getting much sleep). It was lovely to see a different side to the children and see them shine in a new and challenging situation.

As the children prepare for the next stage of their learning, I know they are ready for the challenge ahead. I have every confidence they will continue to work hard, be kind and strive to be the best version of themselves.

I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer break and hope the children enjoy every moment of it.

Best wishes

Mr Fisher





Oak Class



It's hard to believe that it's been a year since we started in Oak class. We have worked hard and learned a lot. But we've had fun too. Highlights have been LEAF days, the Duxford trip, other special days out and Spider Ball.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6s who are moving on to high school. We know they will continue to thrive and we wish them every success.

We're not so sorry to say goodbye to the old classroom! We are busy packing things in boxes and getting ready to move everything out.





1 - Spider ball!

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Important Updates for Free School Meals Please read carefully

What's Changing in September 2026

What This Means for You

Transitional protections will end 31-8-2026. Every family will have to be re-checked under the 2 new criteria for FSM entitlement.

From September 2026 onwards, to qualify for Free School Meals your household must be receiving Universal Credit to be entitled, regardless of the household income. There will be two types of Free School Meals

- **Targeted Free School Meals** – for families under current £7,400 income threshold. This also helps schools receive extra funding (Pupil Premium).
- **Expanded Free School Meals** – for families receiving Universal Credit above the threshold. Children will still receive a free meal, but schools will not receive additional funding.

From 1st August 2026, all parents should apply using the online form via the website - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

The EWB team will check FSM eligibility and inform the school of entitlement for the whole school year. At the start of each school year, this entitlement will be reassessed. The EWB Team will work closely with schools to ensure that eligible children continue to receive their meals without disruption. Need More Information? Please check out the website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. If you have any questions please email the Education Welfare Benefits Service (Free School Meals Team) ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or **01223 703200**

We would urge EVERYONE to apply even if you are unsure whether your child is eligible.

If you don't apply, or do not qualify for FSM, and your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they will continue to receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) under government policy, but will not be entitled to any additional funding and benefits.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must apply to receive UFSM.

Children in year 6 who are moving onto secondary school in September 2026 MUST also re apply for FSM after 1st August at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

KINDERLEY ECO GROUP



2 - Congratulations to Elizabeth, winner of the Young Farmers innovator competition. The ECO group were very impressed with your innovation to provide food and water for sheep during periods of heavy snowfall when sheep would find it difficult to find fresh grass to eat and have awarded you first prize!

Thank you to all of our ECO group children, for embracing the challenge of helping to make our school more ECO aware and we look forward to your support around school next term.

Local Community



The two wooden planters that were kindly donated by C S Gent and Sons earlier this term have been planted up and placed along the school playground entrance for everyone to enjoy.

We still have seed bombs to disperse around the school grounds and look forward to watching the native flowers grow in the months ahead.

Mrs Canning will be asking for some help to keep the school garden, pond area and planters in good order in the new school term, so look out for 'pleas' from September!

Useful information



School Uniform

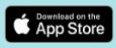
We are very fortunate to have a local company supply our Kinderley Primary school uniform. You can order direct from them and ask for your order to be delivered to school free of charge. Please take a look at their website - www.designandembroidery.co.uk for any enquiries please email - info@designandembroidery.co.uk or telephone 01945 871511.

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Attendance

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

Office Hours

Please remember to call the office to speak to a member of staff with important messages. Be aware that messages sent via Dojo are not always seen the same day.

The school office is open from 8:30 - 3:00 Monday to Friday. Messages can be left on the schools answerphone outside of these hours and when staff are unavailable. If at all possible it's best to try to avoid busy 'peak' times in the office - 8.30 to 9.30 am and 2.45 to 3.20pm.