

Autumn Term 1 September 2026



1 - Welcome to the first newsletter of the new term.

Message from Mrs Norman

Welcome back after the summer break and a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this term. I can't believe I am starting my fourth year at Kinderley – the time really has flown by. The children have settled really well into their new year groups and classrooms, and I am already seeing some super work being produced. A big shout out to Oak children and staff who have adapted well to their temporary classroom in the hall. It's not ideal, but it's for a short period and will absolutely be worth it once the new classroom is ready. It is looking amazing and so much better than the old one. It has meant that we can't use our hall at the moment, so lunch time has had to change a bit and wet PE days are interesting! I have enjoyed seeing the site develop during the holiday and it is going to be a fantastic addition to the school.

Unfortunately, this has impacted plans to start The Daily Mile, with a provisional start date of 21st September. The gates will open at 8.30am for children to come and do a mile...they can run, walk, hop...whatever they feel like doing. The school will then be open at 8.40 as usual for children to enter school. Any children coming onto the school grounds before 8.40 will be directed to the field to do the mile as this is where staff supervision will be. Breakfast club children will also take part and hopefully help us run it. We will be keeping track of how many miles the children complete and there will be a reward for 50 miles, 100 miles etc and will carry over each year. We will plot the combined distance of how far the children have walked on a

map and see where we get to each term. We hope that you will encourage children to come and join in for a bit of fresh air, exercise and catch up with friends.

I'm really pleased to share that we will also, from 2 November, be offering a free breakfast club to all children from reception to year 6. This will run from 8.10am every day and include breakfast (there will be options available such as toast, cereal, yogurt and fruit). Because this is a DFE supported scheme, we have to report daily attendance, therefore you will need to pre-book spaces for breakfast club. There will be a limited number of places available as we need to consider space and staffing. We will have themed weeks and different activities throughout the week and further information will follow shortly.

Thank you for everyone's efforts last year with fundraising, it really does make a difference to what we can offer as additional opportunities. This year our fundraising will be focused on providing enrichment activities for the children. We hope to provide them with opportunities which they might not have had before, e.g. trying different sports or crafts or visiting somewhere new such as a museum. I will keep you informed of how the fundraising is going throughout the year and what the funding is used for. We will also continue to support national events and charities such as NSPCC and Children in need.

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to an enjoyable year.

Mrs Norman

[Make a note...](#)



Acorn Class - Wednesday

Maple Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Rowan Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Oak Class - Swimming Wednesdays from 23rd September to 2nd December inclusive.

We would encourage children to leave their kits in school for the term, so that they have them available at all times.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS

School Uniform Reminders

The School Uniform

We want children to feel proud that they are part of the Kinderley Primary School community by wearing their uniform. The school uniform consists of:

- Dark green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (available to purchase with school logo if required)
- Yellow or white polo shirt or white shirt/blouse.
- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses.
- Green gingham dress in summer.
- Grey/black/white socks or tights.
- Black shoes/closed sandals

Our uniform suppliers are a local firm Design and Embroidery. Orders can be made on their website www.designandembroidery.co.uk and items are delivered to school for collection.

Green book bags are available for purchase and can be used as an alternative to a ruck sack. Children do not need a book bag and a ruck sack.

Plain, unbranded uniform items can also be purchased from supermarkets/department stores if you wish as long as these are in our school colours.

We have second hand/pre-loved uniform for sale in school. Please ask at the office.

Please ensure that all items of removeable clothing are clearly named.

PE /swimwear Kit - (No branded clothing e.g Nike, Addidas)

Plain yellow or white polo shirt/T shirt

Plain black jogging bottoms/shorts and tracksuit top

Black plimsolls or trainers

Female swimwear - Full, one piece swim costume only. NO cropped top, bikini or two piece swimwear permitted

Male swimwear - swimming trunks above the knee.

Jewellery

One set of studs can be worn but will need to be removed for PE sessions (including swimming). PE is a statutory requirement of the primary national curriculum.

Children are able to wear watches (without SMART capabilities). All other items such as necklaces or bracelets should be removed before school.

Make-up

Please ensure all make up, false eyelashes/nails and nail varnish are removed before school. This is not part of our school uniform.

Illness guidance



We expect children to attempt to come to school unless they are too unwell to complete basic tasks. We will contact you if they need to return home. The school holds Calpol on site to be used for the purpose of pain relief, such as headache, toothache or tummy ache. Please complete the school Calpol permission form (available from the school office), as without permission your child can not be given any pain relief.

It is important to let school know if your child has been given any form of medication before school and to let staff know if your child is feeling 'under the weather' for any reason, so that we can 'keep a close eye on them', and report back any changes.

Children who are unable to attend school due to diarrhoea or sickness can return **48 hours after the last episode** if they are well enough and do not have a temperature.

Children with mild coughs, colds, sore throats, sneezes and runny noses who are otherwise well can continue to attend school. However, if they develop a high temperature they should stay at home until their temperature has reduced and they are well enough to return to school.

Please check the NHS guidance 'Is my child too ill for school?' for common childhood illness.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

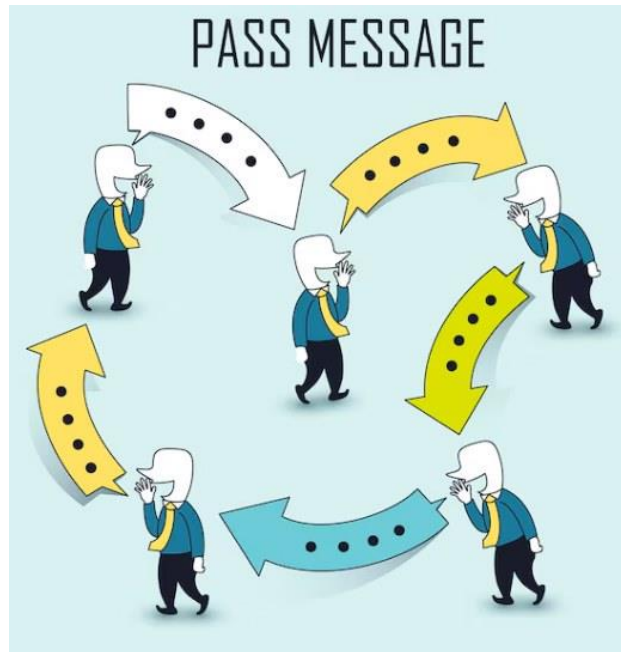
Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well, and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Who do I need to speak too?



Class Teachers -

Anything that directly involves your child's classroom experience, such as friendships, work, behaviour, day-to-day concerns is best raised with your child's class teacher, as they know your child best and can usually sort things quickly for you. Drop them a Dojo message and ask for a convenient time to catch them.

Office

If your child is absent please call the office as soon as possible and state your child's name and reason for absence. You can leave a message on the school answerphone if no one is available to take your call.

General school enquiries, such as trips, letters, breakfast club, payments, attendance and medical updates can be dealt with at the main office.

The office is open Monday to Thursday 8.00 to 15.30 and Friday 8.00 to 15.00. Unless you are reporting an absence it is advisable to telephone school with any messages out of peak times, preferably mornings between 10.00 and 11.00 or afternoons between 13.30 and 14.20.

Please do not use Dojo to pass on any important or time sensitive information.

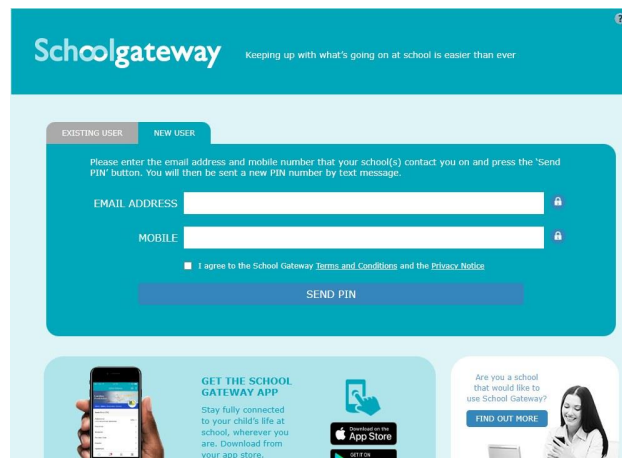
SEN

Our school SENDCo, Mrs Bickerdike, should be contacted for any SEN queries you may have. You can email her at senco@kinderley.cambs.sch.uk or contact the school office and ask for a call back. Please be aware that Mrs Bickerdike is also a class teacher, so may not get be able back to you the same day.

Headteacher Mrs Norman

Mrs Norman can be found at the school gate entrance each morning and the playground at the end of the day most afternoons.

School Payment System



The screenshot shows the Schoolgateway website interface. At the top, the logo 'Schoolgateway' is displayed with the tagline 'Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever'. Below the logo, there are two tabs: 'EXISTING USER' and 'NEW USER'. The 'NEW USER' tab is selected. The main content area is a registration form with the following elements:

- A heading: 'Please enter the email address and mobile number that your school(s) contact you on and press the 'Send PIN' button. You will then be sent a new PIN number by text message.'
- An 'EMAIL ADDRESS' input field with a lock icon on the right.
- A 'MOBILE' input field with a lock icon on the right.
- A checkbox labeled 'I agree to the School Gateway Terms and Conditions and the Privacy Notice'.
- A 'SEND PIN' button.

Below the form, there are three promotional banners:

- 'GET THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP' with a smartphone image and text: 'Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are. Download from your app store.'
- 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' buttons.
- 'Are you a school that would like to use School Gateway?' with a 'FIND OUT MORE' button and an image of a woman.

School Lunches

Lunch is more than a meal-it's part of your child's school day. It's a chance to recharge, enjoy food with friends and be ready to learn. As a school we encourage the children to try new foods and our catering staff are very good at adapting our meals to individual needs. Please take time to look at the menus with your child and send them in with a packed lunch on days that they will not eat any of the lunch choices. Paper copies of the menus are available from the office.

Throughout the school year we may change the planned lunch options for school events, such as school census days, Christmas lunch, sports day and end of term events. The children really enjoy these lunches and there are financial benefits for school on census days when our children in Reception, year 1 and 2 and those eligible for FSM order a school lunch.

KINDERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL Autumn 2026				
MENU A			September 3rd and 4th and weeks commencing – September 14th & 28th and October 12th.	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef burger, potato wedges and sweetcorn	Gammon, chips and carrots	Tuna pasta bake	Roast chicken, roast potato, broccoli, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.	Fish fingers, mash and peas
Veggie burger Served with above.	Cauliflower cheese crispy grill served with above.	Vegetable pasta bake	Quorn pieces served with above.	Veggie fingers, mash potato and peas.
Jacket potato topped with tuna and sweetcorn mayo	Jacket potato topped with cheese or baked beans	Jacket potato topped with cheese.	Jacket potato topped with chicken and sweetcorn.	Jacket potato topped with baked beans
Cheese sandwich	Tuna sweetcorn mayonnaise sandwich	Ham sandwich	Cheese sandwich	Egg mayonnaise sandwich
A SALAD BAR AND BREAD & BUTTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY DAY				
Ice-cream and toppings	Chocolate sponge with chocolate custard.	Jelly and blancmange	Biscoff crunchy cake	Cookie
ALTERNATIVELY FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT IS AVAILABLE EVERY DAY				
The school sandwich option includes the planned dessert.				

KINDERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL Autumn 2026				
MENU B			Weeks commencing – September 7 th and 21 st . October 5 th and 11 th .	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pepperoni pizza, garlic bread and sweetcorn	Turkey sausages, mash potato, peas and gravy	Maccaroni cheese, broccoli and carrots	Roast chicken, new potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower and gravy	Fish fingers, chips and baked beans
Cheese and tomato pizza served with above	Quorn sausage served with above		Quorn pieces served with the above	Veggie fingers served with the above
Jacket potato topped with cheese or baked beans	Jacket potato topped with tuna and sweetcorn	Jacket potato topped with cheese	Jacket potato topped with chicken mayo	Jacket potato topped with cheese or baked beans
Ham sandwich	Egg mayonnaise sandwich	Tuna and sweetcorn sandwich	Cheese sandwich	Ham sandwich
A SALAD BAR AND BREAD & BUTTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY DAY				
Ice-cream and toppings	Vanilla sponge cake with pink custard	Jelly and biscuit	Biscoff crunchy	Chocolate brownie
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- Monday 21st September - school photographs
- Wednesday 23rd September - Oak swimming
- Monday 28th September - NEW Reception 2027 open afternoon 2 pm. If you have family or friends with pre-school age children please let them know about this date. A great opportunity to come and meet staff, have a look around and play.

- Thursday 1st October - School census day lunch. More information to follow