

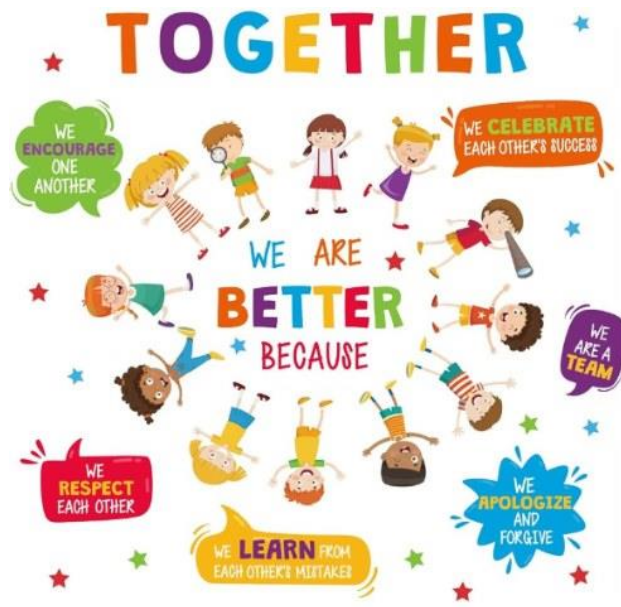


Autumn Term 1 October 2026

Message from Mrs Norman

Let's start with my favourite topic...the weather! We are now at the point when we don't know what the weather will do, unpredictable to say the least. Please ensure that children bring a raincoat because we do still go outside unless it is a very heavy downpour. Also, from half term if children can have a change of footwear that would be great. It means we can continue to use the field but also keep the carpets relatively clean too. Spare footwear can be left in school all week, half term, whatever suits best.

We had fun doing a trial Daily Mile and it was lovely to walk around with the children and have a natter. I hope that many children (and staff) will join us after half term for the daily mile. There will be awards for 50, 100 and 200 miles and beyond as it will be cumulative. We will have a map so we can see where we could have travelled with our miles added together.



I'm pleased by the response to the free breakfast club which will also start after half term and the booking form will be shared with you shortly. Please also remember that there are the after-school clubs on Tuesday (KS2 football) and Thursday (Lego for years 1 to 6). Please let me know if you need the form re-sending.

We have lots of school events coming up so do please keep an eye on the Dojo calendar, starting with our harvest festival on Friday. If you are able to spare a tin or 2 of food for the food bank that would be great. And if you haven't already done so, please sign up for Easy fundraising. It's so simple to do and earns the school money; every penny really does add up.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kinderley-primary-school>



P.E and Swimming

The new school rule for P.E days is that ALL children come to school in their normal school uniform and get changed for their P.E session in school.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS

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

If you or your child are unsure about the new P.E expectations please talk to your child's teacher about this. Knowing the root cause of any worries helps us all to find a workable solution.

We would urge children to practice changing, managing buttons and tying laces at home to help build physical confidence and independence.

P.E DAYS

Acorn Class - Wednesdays

Maple Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Rowan Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Oak Class - Swimming Wednesdays from 23rd September to 9th December. (no swimming on 2nd December)

Children without their own P.E kit or incorrect P.E uniform will be asked to wear the school spare P.E kit for the lesson.

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 logo sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- 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
- Friday LEAF days - Green LEAF t-shirt or LEAF hoodie. Plain black shorts or joggers. Comfortable shoes.

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.

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. Hair extensions and hair colourings are also not permitted and should be removed before school.

Acorn Class



We have had a wonderful time starting back this term. Reception children have been amazing, starting full time from Day 1. I am enormously proud of them.

They have been learning their phonics sounds already and really trying to blend sounds.

Our theme this half term is “All about me” and we have been learning about our bodies and our families. We had a full week learning about our senses.

Our new nursery children have settled really well, as if they have always been with us. We have enjoyed lots of outdoor play and listening games and using the parachute.

Today reception used the magnetic whiteboard to make a word for the first time. We are learning the routine and learning what the sounds look like. I am really proud of them; they can FRED talk and read the word. I can't wait to see how they all progress.





Maple Class



A Wonderful Start to the Term

What a month it has been! The children returned to school and settled in exceptionally well. Together, we established our classroom routines, and the children have worked hard to learn and follow them independently. One of the first things we learned was how to line up in alphabetical order using our surnames, and the children absolutely smashed it on their very first attempt!

In Maths, we have been learning all about place value. The children have used a variety of manipulatives, including counters, cubes and place value charts, to deepen their understanding and secure their learning. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explore numbers in different ways.

Our Year 1 children have been working incredibly hard on their phonics and are making great progress with their reading and writing skills. Meanwhile, our Year 2 children have already completed their first reading comprehension book, 'Beegu', and have now moved on to 'Where the Wild Things Are'. They have enjoyed discussing the stories, learning new vocabulary and sharing their thoughts and ideas.

In Science, we have been learning about the seasons and how the world around us changes throughout the year. The children have explored the different characteristics of each season and noticed how weather, plants and animals change over time.

Overall, we are delighted to have the children back in school and are incredibly proud of all they have achieved so far. Thank you for your continued support at home, especially for taking the time to read with your children. Your support makes a huge difference to their learning and development, and we truly appreciate it.

We look forward to another exciting month of learning ahead!







Useful Reminders

The start of the new academic year, new pupils and families joining school is the perfect opportunity to pass on some important reminders to you all.

- **Nursery Timings**

Morning sessions run from 8:50am – 11:50am

Afternoon sessions run from 11:50am – 2:50pm

Nursery operates an afternoon 'Late Club' from 2.50-3.20pm for anyone needing to collect later. There is a £3 charge per session payable at the time of booking.

All children should be dropped and collected at the Nursery gate entrance. Late arrivals or collections will need to go to the main school entrance.

- **School Timings**

The main school gate onto the playground opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.50am.

Class registers open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am.

Anyone arriving after 8.50am must use the main school entrance.

Children arriving between 8.50am and 9.00am will be marked as 'L' (late)

Children arriving between 9.00am and 9.10am will be marked as 'U' (late after registers have closed).

Children arriving after 9.10 will be marked as 'O' (unauthorised) if the school office has not received notification of absence by 9.15am.

School finish time is 3.20pm. The school gate is open just before the end of the day. Late collections are monitored and if children are collected late (after 3.20pm) on more than three occasions parents/carers will be invited into school for a meeting with the Headteacher, the schools attendance champion.

We understand that sometimes events happen, such as a flat tyre, which cause adults to run late. However, if school staff are needed to supervise children after 3.20pm there will be a charge of £5 for up to 15 minutes, and an additional £5 increment for every 5 minutes after this.

Children from Reception to year 6 should be dropped and collected on the main playground. At least one member of staff is at the school gate or on the playground at the start and end of the day, so please speak to the adults on duty if you have any messages for class teachers. NO parents, carers or visitors should attempt to access the main school building, mobile classroom, nursery play area or playing field without prior permission. As you would expect, all staff take safeguarding very seriously and we expect all parents, carers and visitors to support us in keeping everyone safe.

REMEMBER, KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOO!

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?'

Rowan Class



What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Rowan Class! The children have settled in brilliantly and have already shown such enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience in their learning.

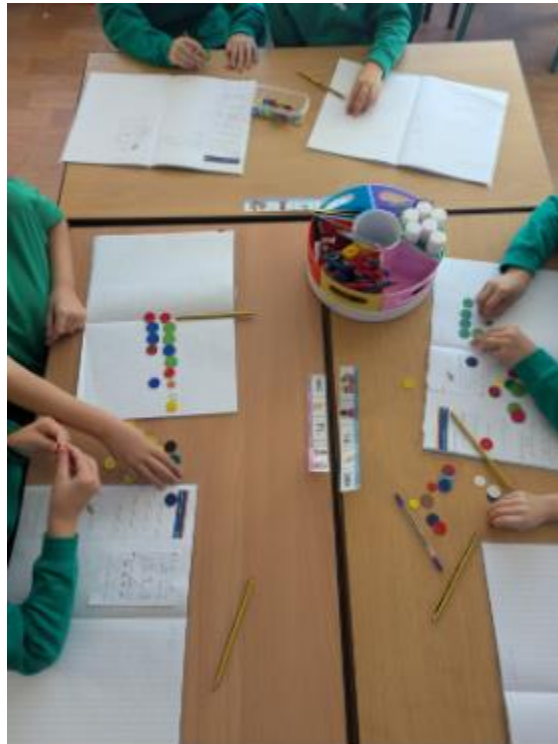
In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value, exploring the value of digits within numbers and using a range of practical resources and representations to help us understand numbers more deeply. We have been working hard to explain our mathematical thinking and reasoning.

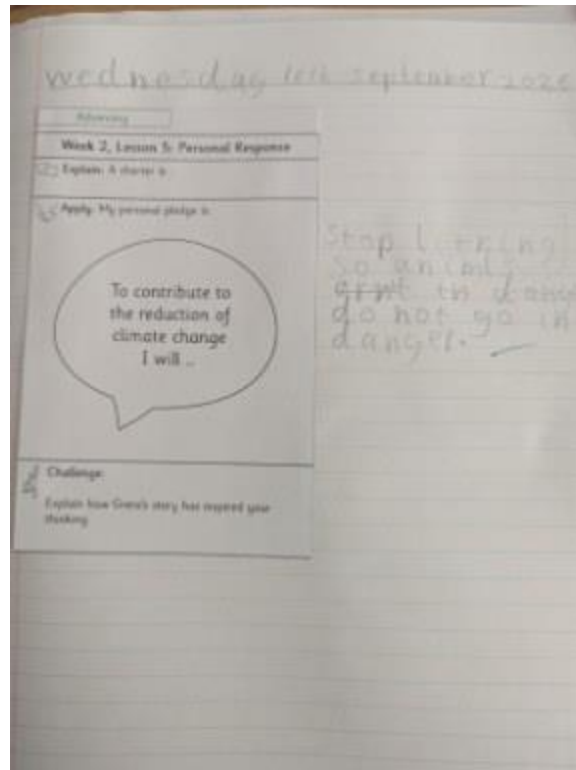
Our English learning has been inspired by the wonderful book *Mini Rabbit Not Lost*. We have been using the story to develop our narrative writing skills, thinking carefully about characters, settings, vocabulary and how to build an exciting story. The children have produced some fantastic ideas and have really enjoyed bringing their own narratives to life.

In Reading, we have been enjoying *Greta and the Giants*, which has provided lots of opportunities to discuss themes, characters and the important messages within the story. We have been developing our comprehension skills and thinking carefully about what we can learn from the text.

We have also travelled back in time in History, beginning our new topic on the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We have been learning about how people lived, how their homes, tools and communities changed over time, and how historians use evidence to find out about the past. The children have already enjoyed becoming history detectives and making comparisons between different periods.

It has been a brilliant few weeks in Rowan Class, and we are incredibly proud of the positive attitude the children have shown. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come this term!





Oak Class



After a few weeks in the hall, it has been fabulous to move into our new classroom. We still have a few boxes to unpack and Miss Radford hasn't found everything yet, but we are getting there. We will be having an official opening event so you can all come and have a look.

We are loving:

- The carpet so the chairs don't make so much noise.
- The size – it's massive! We have plenty of room to play Spider ball.
- The heating and air-con – we can set the temperature.

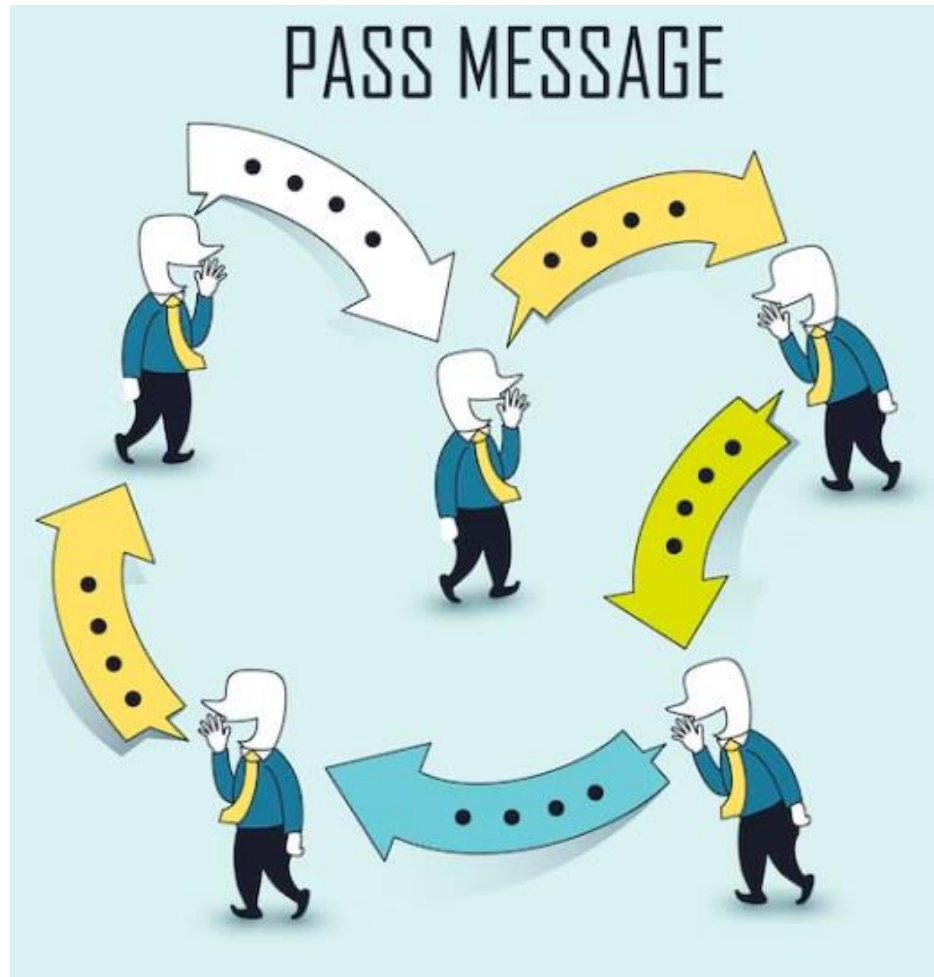
- The toilets are much nicer – with windows.
- The wood on the outside makes the building blend in more with the grounds. It feels like we are in a cabin.







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.

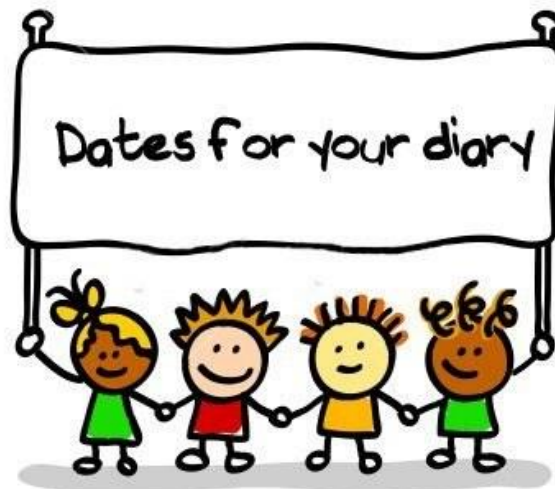
Please do not use Dojo to pass on any important or time sensitive information.

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 be able back to get 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. If you wish to make an appointment to speak with Mrs Norman you are welcome to do this in person or through the school office.



1 - Please check for more information about these upcoming events on Dojo nearer the times.

Monday 5th October - Maths Open Afternoon 2.45-3.15. All parents welcome. Come to the main entrance.

Tuesday 6th October Year 1 parents/carers Phonics meeting 2.24-3.15pm.

Thursday 15th October - Quiz Night Fundraiser 6-8pm. Up to 6 per team, £2.50 per person, book/pay at the office.

Monday 19th October - Maple Class Crafty Cuppa afternoon 1.30-3pm. All parents/carers of children in Maple welcome.

Tuesday 20th October - Halloween Disco 3.30 - 5pm. Year 1 to year 6 children

Thursday 22nd October - 9 am -9.45 Coffee Morning. All welcome.

Half Term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

School term starts again on Monday 2nd November.

[News Extra...](#)



The school would like to invite you to the Harvest Festival at St Marys Church this Friday (2 October) at 1.30pm. I understand due to the late notice but we'd love to see some of you if you are free. Meet at the church for 1.30pm and then collect children from school afterwards. We will be collecting tins for the local Foodbank throughout October. Just send your donations into school with the children.

School Payments



We're using the Arbor Parent App!



We are now taking all school payments using the **Arbor Parent App**!

You will now need to make payments for meals, breakfast club, trips, nursery fees/snacks, swimming, leaf uniform etc. using this system. The new app allows you to top up school meals if you wish.

Your balances from our last system (School Gateway) have been moved over to the Arbor Parents App and will show from today. After 30th September, you will no longer be able to use School Gateway, so please download the app as soon as possible.

See the steps below for logging into the **Arbor Parents App** for the first time and let me know (dojo) if you have any queries.

Many thanks
Miss Cooper

Accessing Arbor

Step 1: Download the '**Arbor Parent App**' from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

Step 2: Click on 'forgotten password'

Step 3: Enter your email address that the school uses for you

Step 4: Click on the 'change password' link emailed to you

Step 5: Create a password

Step 6: Log in using your email and new password

Step 7: Select School

Step 8: Accept terms of Use

Step 9: Enter your child's date of birth to verify