

Parent Newsletter - 12th Dec 2025

End of Term Arrangements

Term 2 will finish on Friday 19th December @ 12:15. This is a non school uniform/Christmas jumper day where we will be raising money for Save the Children.

Students will attend Tutor to P2 as normal and will then have a Tutor celebration P3 before being walked off site for their Christmas break.



Car Parking - Residential Areas

Please can we ask parents and carers not to park in the residential areas around the school, specifically Sanders Close, Derwent Drive area. We have received complaints from local residents saying that cars have been blocking their driveways.

Please be mindful of where you park. As a reminder there is parking at the Kingsdown School Sports Centre for drop off and pick up.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Church Christmas Concert takes place at St Phillips Church, Beechcroft Road on Monday 15th December at 6.30pm.



Ready to Learn for 5th January

Over the Christmas break, please use the time to ensure pencil cases are replenished and your child has everything they need to be successful in lessons.

When students arrive without the correct equipment, it creates a barrier to their learning. The equipment list can be found on our school website along with our uniform list to support with getting our students term 3 ready.



Safeguarding over the Xmas break

We know Christmas is not an easy time for everyone. Kingsdown Safeguarding team will be working over the Christmas holidays to support. If you need to contact us please email cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk.

Alternatively you can call Contact Swindon on 01793 464646 who will be able to support you.

Cakes with the Head

This group of students have been working incredibly hard. Their attendance and punctuality have been outstanding, and they consistently live by the Kingsdown Beats values—showing respect for their peers and their environment. They have put tremendous effort into their mock exams, completed all their home learning, and embraced every opportunity that has come their way..





Building Brilliant Routines

We want to thank you for supporting your child as they embrace our school culture this term, as our current focus is on embedding the spirit of High Expectations through simple, consistent routines, rooted in our TEMPO Framework, to ensure students are curious, determined, and resilient. To maximise learning time, we are reinforcing 'Ready-to-Learn' habits: this includes teachers warmly welcoming students with a 'Meet and Greet' and students arriving prepared to instantly settle, have their equipment out, and start the DNA (Do Now Activity). In the classroom, we encourage ambitious learning by celebrating moments when students 'STAR' and use 'BEATs' language to embrace mistakes, with lessons concluding with the 'End and Send' routine, ensuring the room is left tidy and uniform standards are maintained upon dismissal. By working together on these routines, we are building a secure and exciting environment for every student to achieve their very best.



Future events and important dates

15.12.25 - ASC Christmas Gathering

15.12.25 - Christmas Concert at St Phillips Church 6.30pm

16.12.25 - Christmas Lunch

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19.12.25 - Non school uniform/Christmas jumper day Students finish at 12.15pm

05.01.26 - Start of Term 3

We would like to wish you a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year.

Artwork by Carson in Year 9



With our continued thanks.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett Headteacher

