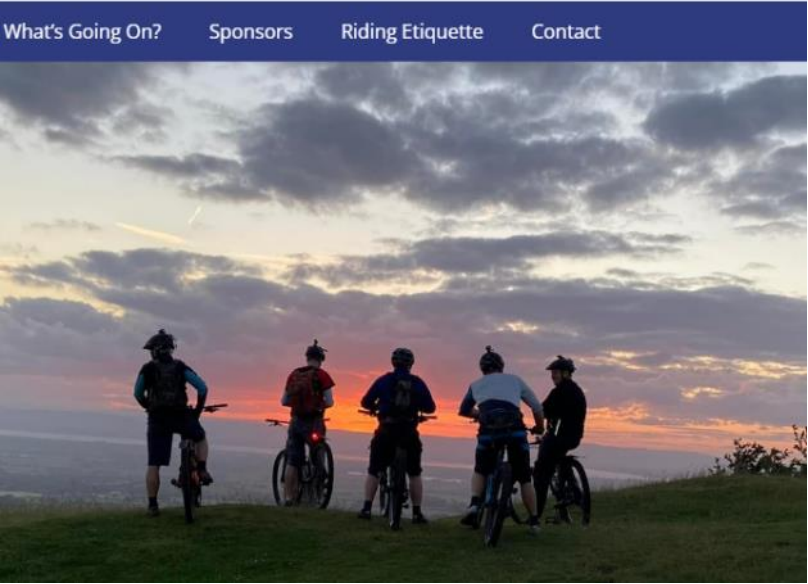




KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter 21st November 2025

DIARY DATES

Mon. 24.11.2025	Amethyst Class Forest School
Fri. 28.11.2025	KSA Christmas Fair (4.30-6.30pm)
Mon. 01.12.2025	Amethyst Class Forest School
Thurs. 04.12.2025	KSA Rags To Riches
Thurs. 04.12.2025	KSA Craft Night (7pm)
Mon. 15.12.2025	KS2 Carol Service—Time TBC



We are extremely grateful to Heaven Of The South who donated a fantastic £650 to the Kingswood School Association. Donations like these are vital to supporting Kingswood Primary School and its pupils. Thank you HOTS!

Are you interested in becoming a School Governor?

We are looking to recruit new members to join our dedicated team of School Governors. There are no particular qualifications required for the role and we would welcome interest from potential Governors of all backgrounds, so if you would like to support the school, are interested in ensuring that all pupils receive a high quality education in a safe and inclusive environment and in helping plan for its future development and improvement, please contact either Chair of Governors, Mike Brown: chair@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk or Mrs Collins head@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk for a conversation to find out more.

Gem of the week! Week commencing 17th November

Matilda R (Year R) - For her perseverance and success in reading group.

Aurora G (Year 1) - For successful oral blending in phonics.

Taya L (Year 2) - For showing perseverance in learning the spelling rules and being successful.

Archie C (Year 3) - For your success and perseverance when practicing our carols.

Sophie S (Year 4) - For your hard work and success in your handwriting practice.

Arlo B (Year 5) - For successfully applying persuasive devices in his writing.

Belle F (Year 6) - For successful use of modal verbs in persuasive text.

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Gem of the week! Week commencing 10th November

Zach J (Year R) - For successfully settling into Ruby Class this week.

Fintan S (Year 1) - For successfully counting forwards and backwards accurately.

Leila H (Year 2) - For perseverance to use our words of the day in her writing.

Logan P (Year 3) - For your effort and perseverance in all lessons.

Eldon G (Year 4) - For successfully using great vocabulary in Maths.

Rosie H (Year 5) - For successfully showing a fantastic understanding of the text during our whole class read.

Lux P (Year 6) - For successfully thinking like a Mathematician when problem solving in Maths.

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Important Information:

Allergies and food in school:

Please do not bring nuts or nut products to school. We have a child with a serious nut allergy. Please make sure snacks and lunches are healthy and balanced. Many thanks.

Packed Lunches:

Please ensure that packed lunches contain healthy choices, children should not have sweets as a snack or in packed lunches. If this occurs we will ask pupils to take them back home (we always have a supply of fresh fruit in school so can give children extra fruit should this happen).

Forest School:

Amethyst Class will be going to Forest School on Monday 24th November 2025.

Children will need to wear old clothes, coat, long trousers and a long sleeved top, with walking shoes or wellies. We will go regardless of the weather so please make sure they come prepared with sun cream/sun hat/woolly hat/scarf/gloves as appropriate to the temperature! They also need a set of school clothes to change into, in case they are very muddy or wet on their return.

Sports Kit:

From Term 2, it has been decided that children can come into school in their sports kit if they have a sports club after school. This will minimise the need for children to change in school.

Kingswood School Association

Christmas Fair



Games
Room

Santa's
Grotto*

Children's
Craft
Activities

Food &
Drink

Children's
Craft
Stalls

Friday 28th November

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Kingswood Primary School

→ entrance through the playground ←

*Grotto pre-booked only (email KSA)





Cheese & Craft Evening

7pm, Thursday 4th December
at Kingswood Primary School



£20 per person. Includes: a welcome drink, a selection of cheeses and nibbles, and create your own festive centrepiece

To book your place, please email:
ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk

Bank Transfer to:
Kingswood School Association
<30-96-26> <28987660>
Reference: <Craft Surname>



Kingswood School Association

Email: ksa@kingswood.gloucs.sch.uk

Facebook: Kingswood School Association – KSA

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fair	School
Thursday 4 th December	Craft Night	School
8.30am, Thursday 4 th December	Rags2Riches4Schools Collection	Abbey Gateway

We hope those that went to the Halloween Disco Fundraiser had a spooktacular time! You helped to raise an amazing £590! An extra special thanks to all those that pitched in and helped.



Look out for your Christmas orders being handed out in class to bring home next week.

Christmas Fair

Friday 28th November

Grotto booking letters should be in your book bags! Please get in touch if you haven't had one.



Cheese & Craft Evening

Thursday 4th December

Come and relax in good company while indulging in some nibbles and making your own table decoration

KSA Amazon Wishlist

Ever wondered how you can help the KSA, but don't have the time?

Are you cash rich but time poor?

Visit the following Amazon Wishlist link and if there is something you could buy and donate to help run an event, you can do it direct!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/30P3IDJON13WM?ref_=wl_share

Free School Meals:

This Winter Holiday, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. [The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.](#)

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

[Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child for one week.](#)

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, those wishing to find out more about eligibility and the scheme can do so by visiting our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the Winter holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

[Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the apply for free school meals](#) page. If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the link above.

Using vouchers – vouchers will only be awarded once parents have registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

Christingle

Sunday 30th November

Hot Chocolate served from 5:40

St Mary's Church



Join us to support the work of the Children's Society helping children to enjoy a better, safer life.

The
Children's
Society

*On your way to the service look out for **Mary and Joseph** in the Village Inn before they start their long journey down the High Street. Then after the service pick up a box to start a **Reverse Advent Calendar** for the **Stroud District Foodbank**.*



10am Sat 29th Nov
Lower School Room

A morning of Christmas crafts,
with a story, songs to sing, and
followed by lunch.

Fun for families of all ages. All
children must bring a parent/carer.

No need to book or pay



At GHCT we are working on some new initiatives to support our local churches with the Nationally felt decline in church attendance. With this we are looking to encourage families and young people to get back into churches, to enjoy the heritage and beauty these buildings have to offer. I have attached a copy of our free printable Festive Scavenger Hunt, which is a completely free resource, that gives people the option of a free festive activity to do in their own time.

Link to Downloadable Resource: <https://ghct.org.uk/free-festive-church-scavenger-hunt>



HAWKESBURY PRIMARY
BADMINTON

Cool CHRISTMAS Holiday CLUB

Christmas party, Christmas crafts along with multi-sports across both days

From **£24.68** per day
SIBLINGS GO FROM **£19.75**

22nd & 23rd DECEMBER
9am-3.30pm (Longer tickets available)
BOOK ONLINE WWW.FUTURESTARS.COACHING.CO.UK

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QUICK BOOK



Time Travelling: From Calendars to Almanacs

FREE family-friendly drop-in workshops

at The Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud

Saturday 22 November, 2pm - 4.30pm (drop in)

MAKE A CALENDAR

Make a traditional Norwegian calendar stick or 'primstav' - to keep track of your family's important dates and Birthdays.

Saturday 13 December, 2pm - 4.30pm (drop in)

MAKE A 2026 FAMILY ALMANAC ZINE

Make your very own special kind of calendar book, inspired by traditional folk almanacs.

With illustrator and inspirer Jenny Bowers, for ages 5+

FREE but donations welcome

Part of the 'Earth Magic' exhibition programme curated by Patricia Brien

Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud GL5 4AF

www.museuminthepark.org.uk

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2025/26
KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY							
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24		
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	5	12	19	26		
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	6	13	20	27	
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Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	3	10	17	24	31
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST							
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25		
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Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	INSET

Bank Holidays (school closed)	
Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2025 26 th December 2025
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2026
Good Friday	3 rd April 2026
Easter Monday	6 th April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	4 th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 st August 2026

- Term 1: Mon 1st Sept – Fri 24th Oct 2025
- Term 2: Mon 3rd Nov – Fri 19th Dec 2025
- Term 3: Mon 5th Jan - Fri 13th Feb 2026
- Term 4: Mon 23rd Feb – Fri 27th Mar 2026
- Term 5: Mon 13th April – Fri 22nd May 2026
- Term 6: Mon 1st June – Mon 20th July 2026

The school is open for children to attend 190 days per year. The school is closed to pupils on the days marked for INSET and holidays.