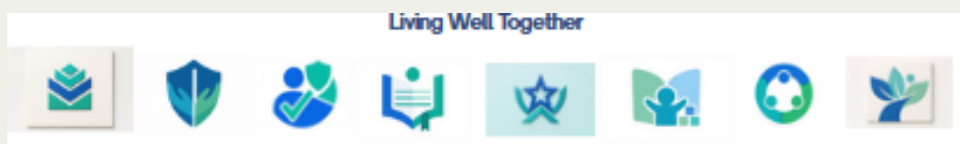


The King's C of E Primary Academy



Welcome Back!

As I am sure you are all aware, school reopens on Monday. Our staff team has been busy throughout the week preparing classrooms, resources and systems, ready to welcome the children back. We are all incredibly excited to see them return and begin another fantastic year together.

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. It is also a great pleasure to welcome all of our new pupils and families to The King's community.

Each morning, Rachel Baker, our Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead, and I will be on the gate at Gladstone Road to greet families. Members of our staff team are also available at collection time should you wish to share any information that will help us continue to care for and support your child. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or need our help.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Our curriculum is packed with engaging learning opportunities, memorable experiences and inspiring educational visits that will enrich children's learning throughout the year. We will be sharing further details about these exciting opportunities in the coming weeks.

In previous years, pupils entitled to Free School Meals received a notional voucher that could be used towards the cost of a trip or experience. This year, we have taken a different approach by reducing the cost of trips and experiences for all families. We recognise that the rising cost of living can affect many households, including working families, and we are committed to ensuring that opportunities remain as affordable and accessible as possible. Our aim is that every child can participate fully in the rich experiences that form an important part of our curriculum.

We are also pleased to continue offering all clubs and after-school activities free of charge to every child at The King's. This remains a key part of our commitment to providing opportunities for all pupils, and we look forward to sharing details of this year's club offer very soon.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Monday and look forward to another successful year of learning, achievement and enjoyment together.

Kind regards,

Sarah Clarke
Headteacher

Achieving Together

We are delighted to share some of the highlights from our annual self-evaluation. The report celebrates the many strengths of our school, including strong teaching, excellent inclusion, positive behaviour, high attendance and outstanding support for children's well-being. We are particularly proud of the strong progress pupils are making, the success of our Early Years provision and the way our school community continues to live out our vision of Living Well Together. As always, we remain committed to further improvement and ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.

A Strong and Improving School

The King's Academy continues to build on its previous Good Ofsted judgement, with leaders judging the school to be operating at a Strong Standard in Inclusion, Curriculum and Teaching, Attendance and Behaviour, Personal Development and Well-being, Leadership and Governance, and Early Years. Safeguarding remains fully effective.

Inclusion at the Heart of Everything We Do

The academy is recognised as a highly inclusive school where all children are welcomed, valued and supported to succeed. Increasing numbers of pupils with additional needs are thriving through bespoke provision.

Strong Progress for All Learners

Children across the school are making strong progress from their starting points, particularly disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND. Many outcomes are stronger than headline data alone suggests, reflecting the impact of high-quality teaching and targeted support.

Early Years Success

Early Years continues to be a significant strength. The percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development increased by 36%! Disadvantaged children achieved particularly impressive outcomes, with 82% reaching a Good Level of Development.

Improving Reading and Phonics

Reading remains a priority throughout the school, and Year 1 phonics outcomes rose significantly, reaching 80%, an increase of almost 7 percentage points on the previous year. The school's systematic approach is helping more children become confident readers.

Excellent Attendance and Positive Behaviour

Attendance continues to exceed the Department for Education target, with overall attendance at 94.3%. The school has a strong culture of positive behaviour, where pupils feel safe, respected and supported to succeed.

Safeguarding is a Strength

Safeguarding remains a priority across the academy. Children report feeling safe, staff are highly trained, and strong partnerships with families ensure that support is available whenever it is needed.

Personal Development and Well-being Thrive

The school's motto, "Living Well Together," is evident across all aspects of school life. Pupils benefit from strong pastoral support, counselling, nurture provision, leadership opportunities, enrichment activities and a curriculum that helps them develop confidence, resilience and respect for others.

Strong Partnerships with Families and the Community

The academy continues to support families through initiatives such as the Community Food and Hygiene Hub, uniform swaps and close working relationships with parents and carers. Parent feedback highlights the positive impact of these partnerships and the school's inclusive approach.

Dates Coming Up

Term Starts 7th September

Reception transition week

End of Autumn 1 Half-term Thursday 15th October

INSET 16th October

Autumn 2 starts 2nd November

End of Autumn 2 Term 18th December

Spring 1 starts 4th January

End of Spring 1 Friday 12th February

Spring 2 starts 22nd February

End of Spring 2 Thursday March 25th

Summer 1 starts 12th April

End of Summer 1 28th May

Summer 2 starts 7th June

Last day of the school year 28th July

