



Headteacher's Update

It has been such an action-packed term that the beginning of September seems like an eternity ago. Memories of the smiles, excitement and kindness will stay with me forever. It is an honour to be the Headteacher of such a caring school.

Approaching the end of term, I am delighted by how well our Nursery and Reception pupils have settled. When you see the levels of independence and confidence now, it is hard to believe that they have only been with us for seven weeks. Every visitor has commented on our calm and engaging environment. Seeing older pupils lead by example and the nurture provided by staff demonstrates what a strong community we have.

One of our guests was Dr Kieran Mullan MP. When he visited, he spent time with our school council before presenting our royalty certificates in Achievement assembly. Seeing Dr Mullan last week at a Heart of Sidley meeting, he commented on the strengths of our pupil representatives — their understanding of democracy, awareness of the rule of law and ability to articulate their views confidently.

Look out Sir Keir Starmer, our pupils may soon be knocking at the door of No. 10!

Whilst our school environment is very positive, we are always looking to improve. We all have high expectations for our school, but occasionally actions have not quite matched. As we work hard to consolidate our five-star behaviours, both in school and across the community, I urge us all to continue with kind words and kind hands. Most pupils have sustained five-star behaviours throughout the term, being ready to learn and supporting others. Well done team, keep up the good work!

I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Autumn break. Let's come back refreshed and ready to make the most of the exciting term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES TOWNER
Headteacher,
King Offa Primary
Academy



Major Building Works Starting Soon!

We're delighted to be able to share news about the redevelopment of our Camelot buildings. We have finally received funding from the Department of Education and work to improve the buildings will start really soon. It was a source of great frustration that these works were repeatedly delayed and we can assure you that we were relentless in getting things moving. The new building will include improved heating, lighting and ventilation, as well as the creation of teaching spaces, and much, much more!



Updates



King Offa Primary Academy library is officially open.

Reading is at the core of everything that we do and we wanted to celebrate that by expanding our space. To achieve this, we have invested nearly £2,000 in new resources and repositioned the library into a larger area.



Our dedicated team of sixteen pupil librarians from Years 3 to 6 ensure regular access to the wonders of a new book for all pupils. All pupils follow the Accelerated Reader programme which directs to stage appropriate reading to ensure progress.

Whether it be the in the cozy treehouse or surrounded by the vast collection of books; our library offers everyone the opportunity to find pleasure in reading.



Reception and Nursery Pupils Settle

Can you remember your first day of school? King Offa Reception and Nursery Pupils certainly do.

As one parent described;

“The first day back! All teachers ready and waiting to welcome the children with open arms. It felt like family welcoming back family to the school.”



If ever you need a pick me up, just step into our Early Years Foundation stage environment. The awe and wonder of our pupils is truly heart-warming.

Care and kindness are attributes that we foster in all King Offa pupils. Visits from the police and ambulance crews shared links to future careers for our young pupils.

Sometimes the best learning occurs when we don't even realise it is happening. King Offa's immersive curriculum provides every opportunity to learn through play and exploration.



Sponsored Walk

King Offa's first sponsored walk took place at the end of September.

Fortunately, the weather was fair and the ground still firm as every pupil took to their feet. The distance covered increased by age group from our Nursery pupils completing a lap of the school field to our Year 6s completing an impressive 6 miles.

In true King Offa fashion, the family support on the day was incredible. Over forty families volunteered to walk with the pupils making it a community affair. With little siblings in prams to Mr Towner's parents the age range spanned eight decades. Walking really can be enjoyed by all ages!

The total distance covered was over one thousand miles. A great achievement considering the stride of our youngest pupils.

Remarkably, the pupils raised over £3600 in sponsorship. This far exceeded our expectations but just shows the extent of support for our school. School councillors decided to donate £600 to the homeless charity, Bexhill HUG with the rest being put aside for the redevelopment of the KS2 playground. A project that will be guided by pupils and families of King Offa.

There were a few tired legs by the end of the walk but the pupils clearly took pride in their achievement and the unexpected delights of the event.



"I loved walking through the woods; it was like being in the jungle."
Year 1

Lying flat on his back, Archie:
"My feet hurt...
Can we do it again?"

"We walked 3 miles! I can't wait until we are in Year 6 so we can do the full distance."
Year 3

"Did you see how many acorns there were? It was like acorn city." Year 6



Ambassadors and Librarians

Congratulations to our newly appointed year 6 pupils!

Pupils from Year 6 were invited to apply to become an Ambassador for the school. Letters of application were submitted to Mr Towner and the Senior Leadership Team. The standard was really high from all pupils. Meet the newly appointed team.

Front of House Ambassadors



Daisy W

Elijah T

Noah P

Mia Rose B

Ruby D

Erin T

Wellbeing Ambassadors



Daisy S

Imogen D

Oliver M

Pippa W

Sports Ambassadors



Jacob A

Alyx B

Precious R

Maizie D

Teddy G

Zac C

Dining Hall Ambassadors



Megan W

Niamh T

Rosie D

Isabelle P



You Said, We Did

We're excited to share our "You Said, We Did", which highlights how we've responded to feedback from our parent surveys. Your views are incredibly important to us, and this page is our way of showing that we listen, reflect, and take action based on what you tell us. Thank you for helping us shape the best possible experience for the children and families at King Offa.



Most parents agreed or strongly agreed that pupils at King Offa behave well. However, some of you wanted us to do more to make sure that all pupils met our high expectations.



You would like improved communication.

We have heard loud and clear that you want us to improve communication. The trust has helped us to design a comprehensive communication strategy that aims to make sure you have the information you need when you need it and you know where to find it. Changes we have made include:

- Publication of a weekly bulletin that contains all the dates of upcoming events.
- Publication of an end of term newsletter (6 times a year) that includes information about the work of the school as well as key dates and upcoming events.
- Ensuring that the school calendar that is on our website is up to date with key events and term dates.
- Sharing a weekly update from Mr Towner on our website and Facebook.

We are proud that when Ofsted visited King Offa they judged behaviour to be 'good' and said 'behaviour around the school is calm, and pupils play well together'. However, like all schools, there are times when some pupils need extra help to meet our high expectations. To ensure that all pupils behave well we:

- Provide training and support to all staff so they use the most effective approaches to help pupils to behave
- Are updating our behaviour policy to include the King Offa 5 star behaviour expectations. We'll be consulting with pupils and parents as we develop this further
- Have been using the Aurora behaviour curriculum since the start of the academic year. This explicitly teaches pupils what our expectations are, how to manage their emotions and how to act when things go wrong
- Celebrate when pupils behave well through our celebration assemblies and personalised postcards.

- Creating the 'how we communicate with you' guide that is available on our website.
- Updating our website which remains a work in progress. Check out our prospective parents' page as an example [King Offa Primary Academy - Prospective Parents](#).



**KING OFFA
PRIMARY ACADEMY**

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Prospective Parents



Starting School for the first time in
September 2026

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You Said, We Did



You would like to know more about the work of the Local Academy Board (LAB) and get to know the members

The LAB will

- Be present at school events
- Continue to visit classrooms throughout the year
- Provide updates on their work through our end of term newsletters



The vast majority of parents agreed that their child did well at King Offa but lots of you wanted more information about what their child was learning and how they are doing at school.

We're really grateful for the fantastic support you give to us and we want to make sure you feel fully involved in your child's education. We will:

- Keep sharing the curriculum on our website so you know what your child will be learning ahead of time.
- Continue to invite you to two-parent consultations each year
- Maintain the improvements made to our end of term reports this summer
- Consider how we can provide you with more information on the academic standards your child is reaching throughout the year



You would like more opportunities for trips.



We know that some staffing changes last year meant that there were occasions when trips were changed or cancelled. We're really sorry about this and will make sure this doesn't happen this year. We have:

- Made sure that each year group has at least one trip each year and we've shared details of these during the Summer transition.
- Enriched our curriculum by not only planning trips from school but also by considering what we can do in school and in the local area. So far this year every pupil has had the opportunity to take part in the sponsored walk, Year 5 visited Bexhill Museum, Year R explored the Downs during their autumn walk and Year 2 completed a Samuel Pepys workshop in school. There's lots more planned for all classes!



Hall of Pride

At King Offa, we promote **PRIDE** in ourselves and others, and honour **ACHIEVEMENT** in our school community.

This year, we introduced our Hall of Pride. Located at the centre of our school, the Hall of Pride, can clearly be seen by all as they enter and exit the building. We are immensely proud of our pupil's hard work and progress.

To celebrate their achievements, each week class teachers and teaching assistants select one piece of work that stands out. This work is framed and presented in the Hall of Pride for all to see.

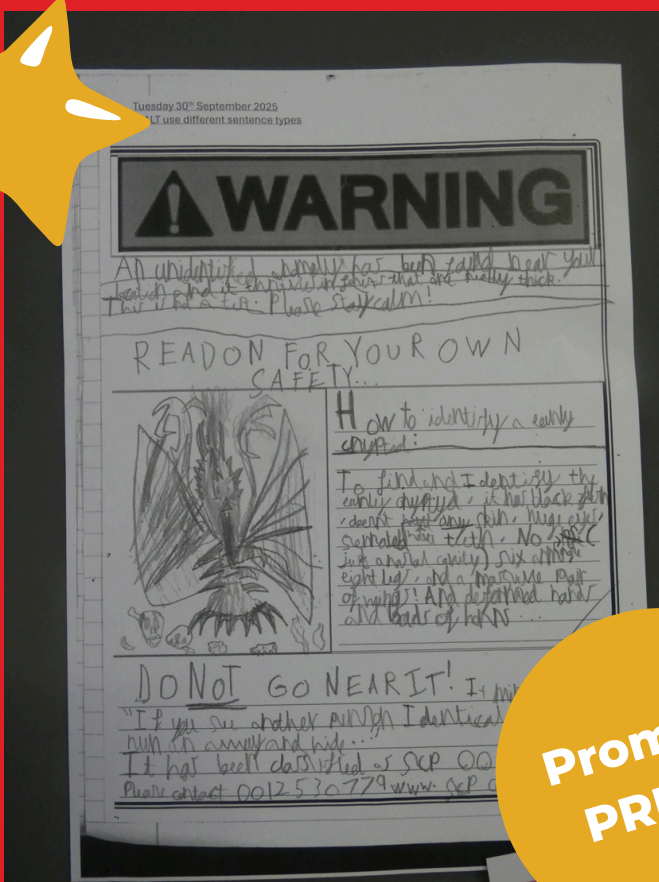


Amazing Independent Reading Albie

Honour **ACHIEVEMENT!**

Well done to all pupils that have been selected this term. And for those that have not been recognised yet, keep working hard, next time it could be you.

At King Offa we value all subjects. This term in the Hall of Pride we have seen exquisite works of art, Mathematical excellence and captivating pieces of writing. Our Key Stage 2 SATs results illustrate how well King Offa pupils attain. Whilst attainment is important, we see great value in progress. Whatever the starting point, we are proud to celebrate those that work hard to improve.



Promote **PRIDE!**



Nursery Update

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress the children have made.

It has been a term full of learning, laughter, and settling in, especially for our new starters, who have joined us with such enthusiasm and curiosity. We are so proud of how well all the children have settled back into nursery.

This term, our learning focus was “Superheroes” celebrating not only the imaginative characters children love, but also the real-life heroes in our community. This theme has sparked meaningful conversations and hands on experiences. One of the most memorable moments was a visit from our local police officers. The children were thrilled to explore the police van, try on hats and jackets, and hear the siren with its flashing lights. These first hand experiences helped children understand the world around them and encouraged language development through storytelling and role play.



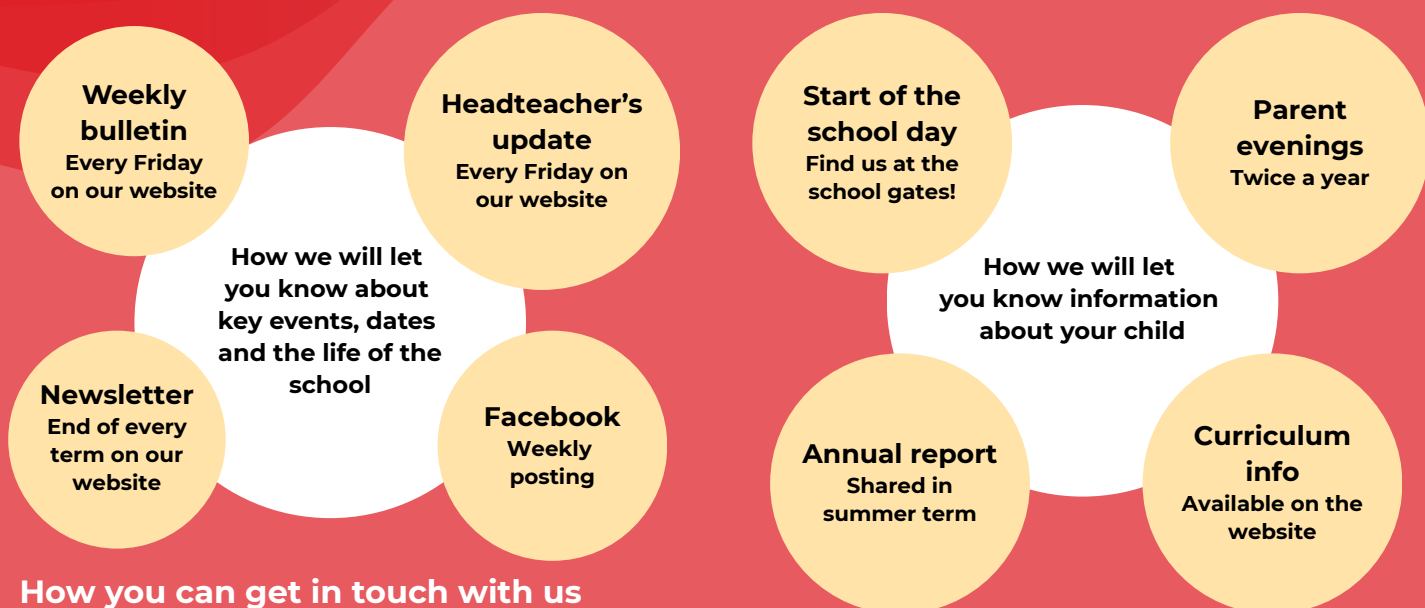
Throughout the term, we have seen our nursery values come to life. Children have built knowledge by learning about people who help us and the important roles they play in our community. They have embraced opportunities to explore, ask questions, and engage in imaginative play. We saw them take pride in their creations, from superhero masks to group activities and in their growing independence and friendships. And every day has brought moments of achievement, whether it's settling in for the first time, sharing ideas, or dressing up as a hero.

As we look ahead to next term, we are excited to continue building on this learning with new topics; Light and dark and winter.

Please note that nursery will be closed on Friday 14th November for an inset day. For families wishing to order a school hot dinner, payments can be made through Arbor at a cost of £3.00. This includes a main meal and pudding. If you have any questions or need support with Arbor, please speak to a member of the nursery team.



Family Communication Guide



How you can get in touch with us

Topic	Who to contact
Your child is unwell or will be absent from school...	Please notify the school office as soon as possible each morning of the absence by calling the main school office on 01424 211548 or emailing office@kingoffapa.org.uk
If you have a message for your child's teacher about collection arrangements, health concerns, home learning...	Messages may be left at the school office by phone 01424 211548 or emailing office@kingoffapa.org.uk and will be passed to the class teacher.
If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club or an After-school Club...	Register interest in a place through the school office by phone 01424 211548 or emailing office@kingoffapa.org.uk
If you have a question about your child's learning progress...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher 01424 211548 or emailing office@kingoffapa.org.uk . If, following your discussion, you would like more information, make an appointment through the school office to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
If you would like to talk about child protection/safeguarding concerns...	Contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) as soon as possible – no prior appointment is required. The DSL is Lily Satchell. Include how to contact directly – this should be in the safeguarding policy as well
If you are concerned about behaviour or bullying...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher 01424 211548 or emailing office@kingoffapa.org.uk . If, following your discussion, you would like more information, make an appointment through the school office to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
If you would like to discuss something related to your child's teacher...	Make an appointment through the school office to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
If you would like to discuss your child's special educational needs....	First discuss with your child's class teacher. For further support make an appointment to meet with the SENCO: Tess Gale 01424 211548 or emailing office@kingoffapa.org.uk
If you would like to discuss payments for school dinners, clubs, school trips, etc.....	Please contact the school office 01424 211548 or emailing office@kingoffapa.org.uk

Save the date – Upcoming events

Wednesday 5th and Tuesday 11th November

Prospective Parents school tours



kingoffaprimaryacademy.org/prospective-parents-tour



Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance at 11:11am



Thursday 13th November

PTFA launch 15:30 to 16:30



Friday 14th November

INSET day school closure.



Monday 1st December to Thursday 4th December

Scholastic School Book Fair



Monday 1st December

Year 1 and Reception Nativitys

Wednesday 3rd December

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Wednesday 3rd December

Year 6 Big sing at Dell a Warr Pavillion 7.30pm



Saturday 6th December

Christmas Fair 12pm – 3pm



Wednesday 10th December

Year 2 Christmas Sing 9am - 10am



Friday 12th December

Y3-5 Carols at St Stephen's Church 2pm – 3pm



Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day





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