



Kingsdown Nursery School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2025



Hello again to our existing families - and a huge welcome to our new families that have joined us since January. As some of you are new to us, this newsletter contains lots of information about life at Kingsdown which we hope you will find useful.

The children have settled well into the nursery routines; they have been so excited to explore all of the different areas. We have had lots of fun experimenting in the sandpit, reading stories, painting and exploring playdough. We have spent a lot of time learning outside and the children have worked so hard at putting on their own coats and hats and learning to use the wheel toys and the climbing frame.

We have been learning all about winter; we were all very excited to play out on the snow days! We have also been creating some lovely winter paintings and collages, you'll see these displayed in the classrooms and entrance.

We are currently learning about Chinese New Year and we will be tasting some delicious Chinese food. Our theme will then be traditional tales, rhymes and stories and then after half term it will be Pancake Day when we will try some pancakes and then it will then be time to keep our eye out for signs of spring and new life.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child at nursery we will always try to speak to you at the door; if you need a longer period of time to talk just pop to the office or email and we will happily book in a time that suits everyone.

We look forward to another busy, fun filled term.

Kind regards,

Diane Ingham
Head of School



A Message from Laura Cook, Executive Headteacher

As the Executive Headteacher overseeing the four maintained nursery schools within the Lincolnshire Maintained Nursery School Federation, I am privileged to work with such dedicated teams and wonderful children. While the Head of School at each nursery is your primary point of contact for the day-to-day running of the school, I want to reassure you that I am always available should the need arise. The school office will be more than happy to help arrange a time to speak with me if needed.

I am incredibly proud to be part of this federation, which brings so many benefits to our schools. By working closely together, we've been able to share expertise, resources and best practices to ensure that every child has the very best start in their early years. This collaboration strengthens each of our nurseries and enables us to meet the unique needs of every child and family we serve.

Over the coming term, we will be writing to you to explore ways we can further strengthen how we all work together and I look forward to hearing your views.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in our schools. It is a privilege to work with such vibrant communities and I look forward to continuing to build on our shared successes together.

Warm regards,



Laura Cook
Executive Headteacher
Lincolnshire Maintained Nursery School Federation

Communication



If your child is unable to attend due to illness please call or email the office BEFORE your child's session is due to start.

Our phone number is 01522 684335 and our email is enquiries@kingsdownnurseryschool.co.uk

Office Hours

The office is open every day from 8.30 until 1pm and on a Friday until 3.30pm. When there is nobody in the office there is an answerphone to respond to your telephone calls. Please leave your full name and child's name along with a message.

Facebook and emails

Please look for updates and news on our Facebook page.

We also regularly send out communication by email so please remember to check your junk email box and update us with any changes.



www.facebook.com/KingsdownNurserySchool



E-Safety.

If you would like to know more about e-safety the website below has lots of useful information about how to keep children safe online, including top tips and recommended apps.
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5>

**internet
matters.org**

School News

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**



World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday, 6th March. Your children are welcome to dress up as their favourite characters and we will all have a fun filled day.



Staffing

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Lauren who has moved on to pastures new after 11 years working here.

Raffle

Thank you to every one who donated chocolate treats for our Christmas raffle and/or bought raffle tickets. You managed to raise a wonderful £81.20 which we will be spending on some plants for the garden.

THANK
YOU



Celebration Day



Our last Day of the school year for all children will be Monday 21st July. We will then be having a celebration day for the children who are moving up to school. This will take place for those children only on Tuesday 22nd July. This will be for a shorter day where the children can come for a special party between 10am and 1pm. There will be no breakfast club or afterschool club on that day. More details will follow.





Staying Safe

We take the safety of our children extremely seriously at Kingsdown Nursery School. You can find out about our safeguarding policies and some useful information on our website.

We also help children to keep themselves safe through our practical curriculum where we learn about how to take care of ourselves and wash our hands, how to play nicely with each other and share so we know how to stay safe.

If you are worried about your child or any other children then please come in and speak to us straight away or contact Lincolnshire Safeguarding Board on 01522 782111.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about children you can talk to :

Diane Ingham - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Laura Cook - Deputy Safeguarding Lead



The Birchwood Children's Centre has a range of children's resources and equipment that you can borrow. For more information, follow the link below or scan the QR code.



Lincolnshire Children's Centres Lending Library

Our free Lending Library offers early years resources to support your child's development, bonding, and attachment, from pregnancy to age 5.



Use the QR code to find out more information



www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lendinglibrary

Citizens Advice Lincoln & Lindsey have recently started a new project aimed at families in Birchwood. Please see the poster below for more details.

ADVICE IN BIRCHWOOD FOR FAMILIES

Citizens Advice Lincoln & Lindsey are here to help Birchwood families with any problems they may have, such as income maximisation, benefits, housing, employment, families and relationships, debt, and more.

For help, please visit the following webpage or scan the QR code - <https://tinyurl.com/CALLBirchwood>

citizens advice Lincoln & Lindsey

In partnership with Birchwood Big Local

Reminders

Toilet Training

If your child is toilet training please remember to pack plenty of spare clothes for them. If possible try to dress them in bottoms they can easily pull up or down, joggers are perfect! Please also remember to bring wipes & nappies/pull-ups in with your children. There is lots of useful information on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/potty-training-and-bedwetting/how-to-potty-train/>

Please can you remember to return any borrowed items of clothing to the nursery

Illness

If children are not well / have unsettled nights / have a temperature etc then please keep them at home. In the case of vomiting and/or diarrhoea they should stay home for at least 48 hours after the last episode.

Lunches

Please see the NHS link for some healthy lunch ideas.
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

REMEMBER!

Funding

Please do not forget to renew any childcare codes that are expiring. If you think you might be eligible for funding in April, please apply before the 31st March. You can find more information online at <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Dates for your Diary.

Friday 14th February - Last day for term 3

Monday 24th February - First day of term 4

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day!

Friday 4th April - Last day of term 4

Tuesday 22nd April - First day of term 5

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday

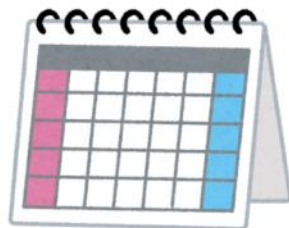
Friday 23rd May - Last day of term 5

Monday 2nd June - First day of term 6

Monday 9th June - Staff training day - school closed

Monday 21st July - Last day of term for all students

Tuesday 22nd July - Leavers celebration day 10am - 1pm



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