



## Spring Term One Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the winter break. It is hard to believe we are already well into a new year - time really is flying by! It has been a joy to welcome pupils back to school and see how quickly they have settled back into routines. Across school, pupils have returned with positive attitudes, high expectations and a real determination to do their best, living out our ASPIRE values every day.

### Staffing Update

We have a few staffing updates to share with you this term. A huge congratulations to Mrs Dickinson and her family on the arrival of their baby girl Isabelle - we are delighted for them all! While Mrs Dickinson is on her maternity leave, Mrs Wood has been appointed as our interim SENDCo. I know that you will offer Mrs Wood the same warm support and partnership you have always shown to Mrs Dickinson. We are pleased to welcome Miss Durnin as the Year 1 Class Teacher and Mrs Oliver as our new Admin Officer in the main school office. We are so pleased to welcome both to the King's Lander team!

### Universal Free Breakfast Club

A reminder that our Universal Free Breakfast Club is available to all pupils from Reception to Year 6, every morning from 7.45am. Breakfast Club provides a calm, positive start to the day and ensures pupils are settled, well-fed and ready to learn.

### Winter Warmer Week: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

After the success of our previous 'Winter Warmer Week' in November, I am delighted to say that it will be returning! A selection of hot and cold breakfast items will be available to all pupils. We would love as many pupils as possible to attend our Free Breakfast Club. As well as a warm breakfast and friendly start to the day, our Breakfast Club can help pupils to:

- arrive on time and begin the day calmly
- improve their concentration and stamina for learning
- build friendships and social confidence
- develop independence and routine
- support overall wellbeing during the winter months

If you have not used Breakfast Club before, please do give it a try - staff will be on hand to welcome pupils in and help them settle.

## **Trips, Visits, Events, Residentials and Enrichment**

Trips, visits, events and residential experiences are a vital part of school life at King's Lander. They bring learning to life, broaden pupils' horizons and help children build confidence, independence and character. None of this would be possible without the careful planning, supervision and dedication of our incredible staff, who give their time and energy to make these experiences safe, memorable and meaningful for pupils. Thank you for your continued support with permissions, punctuality, payments and positive behaviour - working together helps every child get the very best from every opportunity.

Last term, our ever popular 'Come Dine With Me' event was a real success in Year 6 and Reception Class. It was lovely to welcome families into school to share lessons and lunchtime with the pupils. We have more 'Come Dine With Me' sessions booked in for this term for other year groups - please see dates below.

Our Year 1 - Year 6 Chester Zoo trips were also hugely successful! As part of this project, I am delighted to inform you that we have been given free tickets for each family of up to four to use by 19<sup>th</sup> April of this year. In order to support you with transport to the zoo, we are exploring the option of organising a coach for the Easter holidays, leaving from and returning to school, at a small cost, if parent interest is high enough. You should have received a text with a survey asking you if this is something that would be of interest. Could you all please complete the survey, regardless of whether it is of interest or not, so we can gauge numbers and book the coach as soon as possible.

Please see below for details of other events scheduled for this term:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Y6 Breakfast Spelling Club starts weekly at 8am
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y6 After School Maths Tuition starts weekly 3.15pm – 4.00pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y5 and Y6 Stay Safe Online Workshops
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Winter Warmer Free Breakfast Club from 7.45am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y5 Come Dine With Me 10.30am – 12.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y5 Bikeability starts
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: EYFS All Together Smiling Roadshow
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Valentines themed lunch
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: School finishes for Half Term at normal time
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Spring Term starts
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y4 and Y6 Visit to the World Museum, Liverpool
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March: Y1 – Y6 NSPCC Assemblies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Y3 and Y5 Visit to the World Museum, Liverpool
- 4<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 and Y4 Visit to the Catalyst Museum
- 5<sup>th</sup> March: WORLD BOOK DAY!
- 12<sup>th</sup> March: Y2, Y5 and Y6 NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe Sessions
- 18<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 and Y4 Visit to The Philharmonic Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 Come Dine With me 10.30am – 12.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March: Swimming Gala – class TBC
- 25<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Feast themed lunch
- 26<sup>th</sup> March: End of term for 2s and Nursery pupils
- 27<sup>th</sup> March: End of term for Reception – Y6 at 2.00pm

### **Online Safety Support for Families**

At Kings Lander, we are committed to working in partnership with families to keep children safe, healthy and confident in an online world. We encourage all parents and carers to scan the National College QR code to access free training and resources on online safety. These short, accessible courses are designed to help you build confidence and develop the skills needed to have age-appropriate, informed conversations with your child about the online world. Together, we can support our children to become safe, resilient and responsible as they grow and prepare for life beyond the school gates.



### **PE Kit Reminder**

Please can we remind parents and carers that all children should bring trainers for PE sessions to ensure they can take part safely and comfortably. As we will often be doing PE outside, children are also encouraged to bring warmer layers (such as a hoodie or tracksuit top), especially during colder weather. Thank you for your support in helping us keep PE sessions safe, active and enjoyable for all.

### **King's Adventure**

King's Adventure sessions, led by Mr Mansfield, continues to go from strength to strength. Pupils are developing teamwork, resilience, leadership and a strong sense of community through these sessions and working towards the pledges. We are particularly proud of our Year 4 pupils, who recently wrote to our local MP Pete Dowd to tell him about various issues that are of concern, who sent back a written response, confirming that he will raise the issues that the children have highlighted to him in Parliament! Well done Year 4!

### **Parent/Carer Survey**

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed our recent survey. We received 60 responses and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. 100% of respondents agreed that our school is friendly and welcoming, that children feel safe and well supported, and that they would recommend the school to others. This is something we are incredibly proud of and reflects the strong relationships within our school community.

Communication was also rated highly, with 95% agreeing it is regular and informative. Please remember our parent drop-in sessions every Monday until 4.00pm, and that our MCAS app (MyChildAtSchool) will soon provide regular updates, live attendance and online payments. The office team are happy to help if you need support accessing this.

One area we will strengthen is ensuring families know who our governors are. We will be sharing updated information soon. We will also continue to develop our work on positive behaviour and anti-bullying, so every child feels safe and supported.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a busy and successful Spring term, working together to help every child thrive.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Dineley  
Principal