



End of Spring Term 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a wonderful Spring Term we have had here at King's Lander! Our pupils have been absolutely fantastic throughout the term and have continued to make us proud with their hard work, positive attitude and excellent behaviour. It has been a busy and successful few months in school, and I would like to thank you for your continued support. As always, we are very grateful for the way our families work in partnership with us to help the children to thrive.

Staffing Update

We have a few staffing updates to share with you as we come to the end of term. We say farewell to Ms LeHane, who is leaving her role as Welfare Assistant and Breakfast Club Assistant and are delighted to welcome back Ms Mason, Welfare Assistant, from her maternity leave. At the end of this term, we will also be saying a very special farewell to Mrs Martin, one of our Teaching Assistants, who has been part of our school community since January 2003, having first joined us as a parent volunteer. We are incredibly grateful for her many years of dedicated service to the school and thank her for all she has given to our children, families and staff. We wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement. Finally, we would like to wish Ms Shin all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. Mr Smith will be taking over as the Year 5 teacher until the end of the year, and we know he will appreciate all the support and encouragement from our school community.

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. We would love as many pupils as possible to attend our Free Breakfast Club. As well as a nutritious 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, Residential and Enrichment

Trips, visits, events and residential experiences continue to be 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. We work hard to subsidise all trips and visits wherever possible so that these opportunities remain accessible to all our pupils. However, unfortunately we are not able to fully fund every trip, and we cannot run many of these experiences without the voluntary contributions we receive from parents and carers. If you are ever finding it difficult to finance a trip, please let us know in confidence so that we can offer support where we are able. 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.

This term, our ever popular 'Come Dine With Me' event continued to be a real success. 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 next term for other year groups and some still to be announced. Please see below for details of other events scheduled for this half term:

- 13th April: School reopens for all children
- 15th April: Y6 After School Maths Tuition continues weekly each Wednesday until wb 13th May from 3.15pm – 4.00pm
- 17th April: Y6 breakfast Spelling Club continues weekly each Friday until wb 11th May 8.00am – 8.45am
- 17th April: Smarties Challenge Whole School Event
- 20th April: Y6 Moel Famau trip
- 21st April: Y2 Come Dine With Me
- 23rd April: Y1 & Y2 trip to Widnes Tennis Academy
- 23rd April: Y6 Spain trip parent meeting at 2.45pm
- 7th May: Y3 & Y5 trip to Widnes Tennis Academy
- 11th May: Start of End KS2 SATs week
- 17th May: Start of the Y6 residential visit to Spain
- 22nd May: School finishes for all pupils

We are looking forward to hearing all about how the family days out to Chester Zoo went during the Easter break. We are delighted to have been able to support our families with coach travel to and from the zoo.

School Uniform

The uniform we wear here at King's Lander Primary Academy identifies us as part of the Great Schools Trust family. It is vitally important that everyone wears the correct uniform

for school every day. Recently, we have seen a number of variations in school uniform including trainers, the appearance of jewellery and inappropriate hair accessories. Please see below for a uniform reminder:

Boys Uniform

Grey trousers or shorts

Green branded school jumper with gold stripe

White shirt

School tie

Plain Black leather or synthetic (looks like leather) waterproof sensible shoes – not training shoes. Shoes should not have a sport brand logo.

Girls Uniform

Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore dress

White shirt or blouse

Green branded school jumper or cardigan with gold stripe

School tie

Grey tights or white socks

Black school shoes or flat soled sandals (no peep-toes, sling backs or shoes with high heels)

All long hair should be tied back neatly, with hair accessories in school colours only.

Summer Uniform

Shorts can be worn in place of trousers and a green and white gingham dress can be worn in place of a shirt/blouse and skirt/pinafore during the summer months. Dresses must still be accompanied by a King's Lander cardigan. Short sleeve shirts are also permitted, but not polo shirts.

For Health and Safety Reasons, all shoes should be flat and closed (no heels or mules). Children who cannot wear their school shoes for any reason will be required to change into pumps whilst in school. This should be a temporary measure while their school shoes are being replaced. Training shoes are not part of the school uniform and are not permitted. This includes black Velcro trainers with a sports logo.

Again, for safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear any jewellery (unless expressly agreed by the school). Any child with pierced ears may only wear plain stud earrings in school, which must be removed for swimming and PE.

PE Kit

Recently, we have seen a growing number of children in school who regularly do not have the correct PE kit with them in school. PE is the same as every other curriculum subject and all pupils are required to participate in PE lessons. If pupils do not have their full PE kit and are not able to participate, this will have a negative impact on their academic progress in

the subject. Most pupils have two PE lessons a week and full PE kit must be in school. I have asked class teachers to speak to individual parents about this as necessary. Please see below for a reminder of our full PE kit requirements:

- Black shorts
- White branded school polo t-shirt
- Trainers
- Children who go swimming must have a costume, towel and bathing cap (it is Year 4 this term)

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly marked with your child's name.

Exciting Developments

I am delighted to share with you news about two exciting developments to our school site which will further improve the experience of our children. The first is a canopy over the football pens, with work scheduled to begin next term. This will mean that children can make even better use of our outdoor space and take part in PE lessons and physical activity in all kinds of weather. We are also very pleased to be moving forward with plans to develop our EYFS outdoor area, creating an even more stimulating and engaging space for our youngest pupils, with enhanced opportunities for physical development, imaginative play, mark-making and exploration. We will keep you updated as both projects progress!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support this term. I hope you and your family have a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term, ready for another busy and successful period of learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Dineley
Principal