

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



01/05/2026

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS PREECE

It has been another wonderfully busy week here at school, with so many exciting activities taking place. Year 2 have begun their swimming sessions and are already making fantastic progress, while Reception have been full of energy, keeping active with their daily runs and enjoying their 'Bubble Bonanza' sessions. Yesterday, we came together to celebrate Mrs Gemmell's retirement, and what a truly lovely afternoon it was. It perfectly captured what makes KTPS such a special and supportive community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration so memorable and for recognising Mrs Gemmell's incredible commitment to our school over the past 30 years. I know you will all join me in wishing her every happiness as she begins an exciting new chapter.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.  
Mrs Preece 😊



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS GEMMELL

I would like to thank each and everyone who sent messages and gifts into school, in recognition of my retirement. I could not have felt more loved and appreciated. Teaching is a vocation and it truly is an honour to be trusted with other people's children, helping them to grow into wonderful young people ready to take on the world. I feel privileged to have been part of the Kingstone family for such a long time and will always look back of my final day with my heart full of love and happiness.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

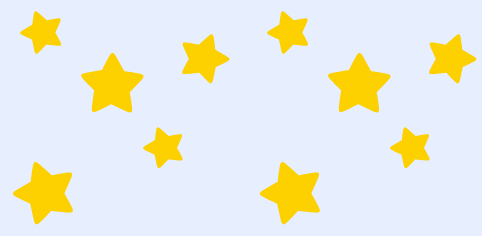
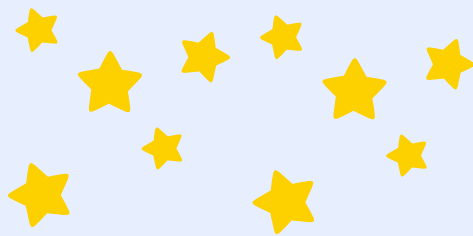
Year 5 took their computing skills outside the classroom this week by coding and testing their very own pedometers. The children created their own programs, downloaded them onto their micro:bits, and then transformed them into wearable watches. To put their creations to the test, we set an exciting challenge - who could record the highest number of steps in just five minutes? It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, creativity, and problem-solving in action.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have been working really hard in their English lessons. They've learnt the importance of writing clear instructions by following a range of good and bad instructions. Using this knowledge, the children have written some excellent instructions on how to make cornflake cakes. Making and eating the cakes was lots of fun!



# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



**YEAR R:** Wilfred – for using the set 2 sounds he has learnt independently in his writing about his space rocket design.  
Maya – for trying hard and contributing in NELI sessions!

**YEAR 1:** Stanley – for fantastic independent writing about the three little pigs.  
Brody – for a superb week all round.

**YEAR 2:** Grace W – For her incredible focus and dedication to learning!  
Grace P – For always pushing herself to achieve more in all subjects!

**YEAR 3:** Farrah – For having a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning.  
Arthur – For great explanations of his learning, particularly in Maths and Science.

**YEAR 4:** Harper for showing such awareness of her own and other's safety as we cooked toast and cinnamon apples over the campfire.  
Daisy for impressing Mrs. Gemmell with her hard work and great focus in class this half term.

**YEAR 5:** Skye – for her expression and fantastic performance of 'Please Mrs Gemmell'.  
Riley – for taking such pride in his presentation across all subjects.

**YEAR 6:** Sonny – for his excellent answers in our maths revision game for fractions.  
Rhys – for his arithmetic progress.



## MRS PREECE'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

My award this week goes to Matty. I had the pleasure of sitting with Matty on the Golden Table at lunchtime this week and he was so polite and sociable. Matty told me all about his learning in Reception class and about the rocket that blasted into space! Thank you for your enthusiasm, Matty!





**CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 6**

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

**OTIS - YEAR 2**



**CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 5**

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

**JUNO - YEAR 4  
SKYE - YEAR 5**



**THIS WEEK, GOOD CHOICE  
GORDON WAS AWARDED  
TO**

**YEAR 4**



**CLASS TROPHY: YEAR 2**

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

**MABEL - YEAR 1**

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

**04/05** Bank Holiday - School Closed

**05/05** Oaker Wood Year 3 Residential Trip

**05/05** Young Hopefuls School Quiz with Sunshine Club

**05/05** SEN Coffee Drop in Session 2:30pm

**08/05** Year 4 Showcase Assembly





# NOTICES

## Sickness - a reminder of the 48hr rule

If your child has sickness or an upset tummy they must stay off school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick or had an upset tummy.

## Celebration Assembly - Creche



A gentle reminder that we provide a crèche during Celebration Assembly for any younger siblings who attend, and you are very welcome to make use of this.

Our assemblies are a special time for pupils to share and celebrate their achievements, and they can occasionally run a little longer. While we completely understand that younger children may become restless, noise from siblings can sometimes make it difficult for pupils to concentrate and fully enjoy the moment. Making use of the crèche can really help create a calm and focused atmosphere for everyone.

If you would like to use the crèche, please speak to a member of staff at the start of Celebration Assembly, who will be happy to help.



## Labelling Uniform and Snack Pots

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled. We have lots of unnamed items in lost property at present. Clear labelling these really helps us return them to the right child.

Thank you.



## Head Lice

We have been notified of a few cases of headlice recently.

We would appreciate you checking your child's hair and treating it if there are signs of lice or eggs. We would also recommend that children with long hair have it tied up for school.



## Photographer

We have a photographer onsite, across the academy, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May to take promotional photos for our school website. Children will only be included in these photos if they have website consent.



## School Uniform

A reminder that ties are an important and compulsory part of our school uniform, and children are expected to wear them to school each day. We have noticed that a number of pupils have recently been arriving without a tie, so we would appreciate your support in ensuring this element of the uniform is worn consistently.

If you need to purchase a new tie, these can be ordered via ParentPay and collected from the school office.

We will be sharing more details soon, but we are pleased to let you know that we will shortly be using an additional uniform provider. The uniform itself will remain unchanged; however, the new provider will have a store in Hereford where pupils will be able to try on items in person. The store is expected to open before the summer break, and further information will follow shortly. You can continue to order online from Monkhouse for the time being.

# Halo's BIG OPEN DAY

## Saturday 9th May

Come along to one of our Halo Centres and enjoy:

- Have-A-Go sessions
- Family Fun activities
- Competitions with prizes to be won
- Special Offers
- Gym challenges
- Meet the Team

Scan to find out more!

[www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on)

HAMPTON GARDENS

## JOUSTING - THE FIRST ENCOUNTER

MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>

Join us for the first installment in our jousting series. Expect knights, armour and medieval shenanigans!

Event day ticket prices apply - Book online NOW for 10% discount!

The Conquest Theatre Presents

# CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV

Based on the MGM Motion Picture Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Rodriguez

## AUDITIONS

Auditions are now open for anyone aged 10 and above!

Pre-audition workshop - Sunday 17th May 2.30pm  
 Youth audition - Sunday 24th May 2.30pm  
 Adult audition - Tuesday 2nd June 7.00pm  
 Adult audition - Sunday 7th June 2.30pm

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - This amateur production is presented by arrangement with MusicTheatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI - [www.MTIShows.co.uk](http://www.MTIShows.co.uk)

# GET INVOLVED!

## Ledbury Young Poets Competition

### IN MY IMAGINATION

What's in your imagination? A rocket to zoom to space? A sky full of candyfloss clouds? A world where everyone is kind? A memory of the perfect day? Whatever you're imagining, we want to hear it... in a poem! We don't mind whether the poems are happy or sad, funny or angry, we just want to see you painting incredible pictures with words. Good luck!

**WHO CAN ENTER?**

You! As long as you live in the UK and are able to come to Ledbury for the prize-giving.

2 age categories: 5-11 & 12-18

Make sure you get your entries in by the closing date: **Entries close at 23:59 BST on 7th May 2025**

To enter and for more info and detailed guidelines, please go to our website.

[LEDBURYPOETRY.ORG.UK](http://LEDBURYPOETRY.ORG.UK)

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## School Holiday Club

For children age 4 - 12yrs

Hinton Community Centre

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 8.45am-3pm

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July 8.45am-3pm

**BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

### AT HALO LEISURE

Every school holiday we have a fantastic lineup of activities to keep kids active, engaged, and having a blast!

- FAMILY FUN SWIMMING
- RACKET SPORTS
- JUNIOR GYM SESSIONS
- JUMPING INDOOR SOFT PLAY
- INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS
- AND MORE...

Halo Leisure are here to keep your kids active and having fun!

To find out more and view timetables visit [www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on)