



Monday 3rd August 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School!

I appreciate that this letter is long and contains quite a lot of information, and I apologise if it feels a little overwhelming. However, I wanted to make sure you have everything you need to help make your child's transition into school as smooth and positive as possible. If you have any questions after reading through it, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we are always happy to help.

I am absolutely delighted to welcome you and your child to the start of what I hope will be a happy, exciting, and successful journey through primary education. Starting school is a major milestone for every child and their family, and I am so pleased that you have chosen to begin that journey with us at Kingstone.

At Kingstone and Thruxton, we pride ourselves on being a welcoming, nurturing, and inclusive school where every child is valued. In the first few weeks of term, as your child finds their feet, they will begin to explore, learn, and build new friendships through play, discovery, and structured learning opportunities. Our Reception curriculum is carefully planned to spark curiosity, foster independence, and build the foundations for a lifelong love of learning.

We understand that this transition can be both exciting and a little daunting; please know that we are here to support both you and your child every step of the way. Communication between home and school is key to a successful start, so we encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns.

The best start in life website also has some great information and resources about children starting school: [Preparing for school - Best Start in Life](#).

Uniform

You will have received information regarding school uniform in the booklet you were sent last month. Our provider is Schoolwear Direct, based on Thorn Business Park, Rotherwas. We take huge pride in presentation and children are expected to be in full school uniform from their first day. If you need support with purchasing uniform or have any questions, please do reach out. We have an eco-rail in school and will likely be able to support you with ensuring your child has all they need ahead of September. Please don't hesitate to email the school office if you need support: ktpsadmin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk.

Toileting

We understand that toileting accidents can happen from time to time, and our staff are fully equipped to support children in these situations with care and sensitivity. However, unless there is a medical need, children are expected to be toilet trained when they start school in September. If a child is still wearing nappies when they begin school, parents or carers will be required to attend school to change their child as needed during the school day. If you would like support with toilet training before your child starts school, the Best Start in Life website offers helpful advice and guidance.

Home-School Contact

You will have daily contact with Mrs Perrin when you drop off and collect your child each day. Mrs Perrin as the Class Teacher will be your main point of contact. However, if you have any pastoral or SEND concerns, we have a dedicated team who can support you. Ms Wilson is our school SENDCo and Miss Exley is our Pastoral Lead. If you would like to arrange a time to speak to either of these staff members, please speak to the school office who will be happy to arrange this for you. The first Parents' Evening of the school year will be in October. For this you will be able to book a 10-minute appointment with Mrs Perrin to discuss how your child is settling into school.

I greet the children in Years 1 – 6 on the main school gate each morning but will be at the Reception entrance to welcome the children from time to time, too. I will be popping into the Reception classroom regularly, especially in the first few weeks, to see how the children are settling in and to get to know them better. If ever you have something you would like to discuss or if you would like to book an appointment with me, this can be arranged via the school office. I can be contacted directly via apreece@kingstoneacademy.co.uk.

You will be able to keep in touch with all that is going on in school throughout the year by looking at the 'News' section on the school website, following our school Facebook Page (Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School) and by reading the weekly newsletter. The weekly newsletter includes news about what has been happening in classrooms but also shares important messages, announcements and dates; it will be emailed out to the email address you have provided each Friday at 6:00pm. We encourage parents and carers to read this each week so that nothing important gets missed. Over the coming weeks, when classrooms are ready, we will be posting some photos on our Facebook page that you can share with your child. This will allow them to see their new classroom and begin to get excited about all the brilliant things to come.

Home Visits

A reminder that home visits will be taking place on Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd September. If you have not yet booked a visit, please email Mrs Perrin: pperrin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk.

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Mrs Perrin will be able to answer any questions you may have at this visit but if there is something you are worrying about, no matter how silly you think it is, please do send an email to ktpsadmin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk so that we can help. I promise that there is no such thing as a silly question!

First Day of School

The first day for our Reception children is on Friday 4th September. Children should arrive at the Reception classroom between 8:35 and 8:50am. After you have dropped your child off on Friday 4th September, there will be tea, coffee and pastries in the hall for parents and carers until 9:30am. This is a lovely opportunity for you to breathe for 5 minutes after dropping off your child for the first time and is also a great chance to meet the other parents. I hope you can join us. The eco-rail will be available at this time too, providing an opportunity for you to pick up some second-hand items as spares, should you wish to. The price of items ranges between £1 and £5. Payment for eco-rail items is by cash only please.

Thank you once again for choosing Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School. We know that the first day of school can bring a whole mix of emotions—for children and grown-ups alike! There may be a few wobbles, a few tears, and perhaps even one or two from the adults, but I promise they rarely last long. Before you know it, your child will be coming home full of stories about new friends, exciting discoveries, and all the wonderful adventures that school life brings.

We can't wait to welcome you all in September and begin making many happy memories together. Have a fantastic summer, make the most of these precious weeks, and we'll see you very soon for the start of an exciting new chapter.



Amy Preece

Head of School