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### School Attendance

Whole School :

Sept 2020 - June 2021: **96.09%**

Year Group :

Reception: 97.01%

Year 1: 95.09%

Year 2: 96.55%

Year 3: 95.84%

Year 4: 96.05%

Year 5: 96.34%

Year 6: 95.83%



### Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have experienced in the past week or so. It has been a real pleasure to see the children using the field at lunch and breaktimes and, all the development and training we have put into providing fun and happy experiences at lunchtime has paid off: behaviour is excellent, the children are happy and the lunchtime team have been coming up with great games for the children to play.

Can I please just give a polite reminder to make sure your children are hot weather ready: sun cream applied before the come (factor 50+ is best); lots to drink and a sun hat to (named).

Here's a little reminder for the children from CBeebies! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids>



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes  
Mr Pajak

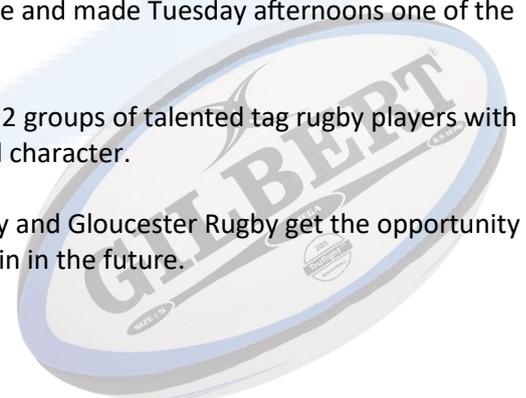
### Thank You from Gloucester Rugby

After a hectic few weeks, I haven't had a chance to say thank you to everyone at Kingsway for making last term a thoroughly enjoyable 6 weeks of tag rugby. The buy in and enthusiasm from the children and teachers was second to none and made Tuesday afternoons one of the highlights of my week!

It was brilliant to work with 2 groups of talented tag rugby players with such great personalities and character.

I hope term 6 goes smoothly and Gloucester Rugby get the opportunity to work with the school again in the future.

**Sam**  
**Gloucester Rugby**



## Spotlight on SEND

### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service or SENDIASS** provides free impartial, confidential and accurate information, advice and support about education, health and social care for children, young people and their parents on matters relating to special educational needs and disability. <https://www.kids.org.uk/sendias>

For more information, advice and support about **Getting Ready for school** can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/getting-ready-for-school/>

**A Voice For Parents** - "Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum is a voice for those with lived experience of being a Parent Carer (This means parents and/or carers of children with any disability, SEN, condition, impairment or additional need). We can create a bridge to the providers of statutory services to help build better services for all families of disabled children in Gloucestershire."  
<https://glosparentcarerforum.org.uk/>

**Mental Health Services for Children and Young People** -offer specialist emotional wellbeing and mental health service for all children and young people who are registered with a GP in Gloucestershire. They see children and young people up to 18 years of age when they find it hard to cope with their feelings. For more information: <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/other-areas/cyp/>

If you would like more information about Special Educational Need and Disabilities please contact our SENCO by emailing [senco@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:senco@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk) or via our website: <https://kingswayprimary.org.uk/send/>



## Eco Committee

This half term the Eco Committee will be continuing their work on recycling. They will produce a leaflet, video, PowerPoint and some outdoor artwork to encourage and inform about why and how we should recycle. I have recently received some wonderful suggestions from across the school about how to make our school more eco friendly and am really impressed with the level of knowledge and passion the children already have! We are excited to share our hard-work with all of the children as the term goes by.



## School Council

The School Council have been asked by pupils to debate on various topics. The council have taken this onboard and have created a questionnaire in order to gather pupils thoughts about these topics below.



Pupil privacy



Class pets



Longer lunch times



School trips

A school council representative from each year group will gather the information. It will then be discussed at the next School Council Meeting. We will let you know the outcome in due course.

## What am I enjoying at the moment?

### Pupil Voice from Year 6

I'm enjoying in school at the moment, rehearsing the Y6 production (Oh what a knight). It is really, really fun. I can't wait to do the transition day to my senior school and can't wait to learn more things about the school. I love coming to school to see all of my friends and teachers. Summer

I am enjoying being in the netball team. It's really fun going against different school. Bethany

I enjoy the trips because we get to learn and explore a subject further. Wiktoria

I enjoy the activities like football at lunch and I like to do algebra in maths. In the morning we read and when we do I feel relaxed. Hayden

I enjoyed going on the school trip (the evacuee trip) because we got to experience what a WW2 evacuee had to do and we got to learn about the WW2 and how evacuees were evacuated. We also go to do very fun activities and got to talk to a real evacuee. Sally

I enjoy going and doing the Y6 production and swimming, for it is very fun as well as reading. Edwin

The trip to Winchcomb was really fun and our first trip in Y6! Tristan

I am enjoying practising for the production since I love acting very much and I am excited to perform in front of an audience (even if we do it virtually). Paul

I really like English because it is a time to improve my language, writing and so on. I think I've really improved since last year on my writing. I'm excited to do more. Hunter

I liked learning about angles: obtuse, acute, right angle. I like learning about the degrees of angles. George

## Goodbye

You may have noticed that we are missing a valued member of our site team, who you may have chatted to or passed the time of day with, in the afternoon on the school gates. Yes, our hardworking Mr Butcher has sought pastures new in a far away island off the coast of England, in order to relax and enjoy his retirement.

I hope that you all will join the children and staff at KPS in wishing Mr Butcher a fond farewell and thank him for all his hard work and support around the school. I know the children will miss helping and chatting to him.

Take care Mr Butcher and enjoy your retirement.

## Office Reminders/Information

- ◆ **Cool Milk** - school milk is only free for under five year olds. If you wish your child to continue to have milk at school please follow the link for more information: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>
- ◆ **Labelling Items** - Please make sure all items brought into school are named, preferably with labels rather than pen as it washes off. It is easier to get these items back to the children during the school day when items are named.
- ◆ **Late Arrivals** - Arriving after your classes allocated time means you are marked as **Late**, arriving after 9.15am means you **do not** get a mark for the morning session.
- ◆ **Lateral Flow Test Kits** - Are not to be used on Children under 11, if your child is displaying symptoms a **PCR Test must be booked**.
- ◆ **ParentPay Accounts** - Please ensure that your child's account is in credit **before** booking in for breakfast club and school dinners.
- ◆ **School Absence** - If your child is not in school please let us know by 9am at the latest, either on the Parent App, or by calling the school office and leaving an absence message.
- ◆ **Sports Day** - This will be a closed event due to the COVID restrictions.
- ◆ **Sun Safety** - The weather is currently glorious and very hot. Please help us to keep your child safe in the sun: make sure they come to school wearing sun screen - the stronger the better. Please also provide them with a sun hat, cap or similar if you can (please make sure it is named) and also make sure they have lots to drink.

## Diary Dates

### June 2021

23rd: Sports Day  
28th - 30th: Year 6 residential ([more info to follow](#))  
30th: NEW Parents' meeting - Reception children 2021 - TBC

### July 2021

2nd: Summer fair  
5th: Annual reports to parents  
7th: Teddy Bears' picnic TBC  
8th: Severn Vale Year 7 transfer day - [All other schools TBC](#)  
9th: After School clubs finish  
14th & 15th: Year 6 Production - TBC  
16th: End of year school disco for Years 1-5  
16th: Year 6 Leavers disco 'Kingsway Fest'  
19th - 20th: Laches' Wood Year 3 residential trip  
20th: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly  
**20th: Last Day of Term - Normal Finish Time**  
**21st: INSET DAY - School closed to children**

### September 2021

**2nd: INSET DAY - School closed to children**  
**3rd: INSET DAY - School closed to children**  
6th: School Re-starts

### October 2021

21st: SoKS AGM and party TBC

## Term Dates

### 2020/2021

Term 6: Mon 7th June - Weds 21st July 2021

### 2021/2022

Term 1: Thurs 2nd Sept – Fri 22nd Oct 2021

Term 2: Mon 1st Nov – Fri 17th Dec 2021

Term 3: Tue 4th Jan - Fri 18th Feb 2022

Term 4: Mon 28th Feb – Fri 8th April 2022

Term 5: Mon 25th April – Fri 27th May 2022

Term 6: Mon 6th June – Fri 22nd July 2022

**Please be advised that this is only a rough outline of the year ahead. More dates will be added in the new year and some events may be subject to change due to Covid.**

## COVID Information

### NEW COVID GUIDANCE:

#### Announcement made on 14 June 2021

**Sports days** can go ahead. In line with the rest of the system of controls, pupils and students must remain in their bubbles, and early years children should remain in their consistent groups as is usual for your setting. Sports equipment should be regularly cleaned throughout the event.

#### **Leavers' events**

Currently, you should avoid hosting large group gatherings indoors for more than one bubble (or in early years more than one consistent group), such as assemblies or mass worship. The schools COVID-19 operational guidance states that children should be kept in separate, independent groups (for example, their bubbles).

Outdoor events are generally lower risk. Once you have undertaken a risk assessment and planned your event in line with your system of controls, you may consider an outdoor event (for example a leavers' celebration or prom) that caters for more than one bubble or consistent group, as long as the groups continue to be kept separate. Any parents attending outdoor events must adhere to current social distancing requirements. Where outdoors spectators can gather in groups of up to 30 – the legal gathering limit. Multiple groups of 30 are permitted.

#### **Transitional and open days**

You should complete thorough risk assessments before running transitional, taster and open days in your setting, to ensure that they are run in line with your system of controls and align with the advice contained within the guidance for your setting and the roadmap out of lockdown. This means that traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year but we are keen not to restrict individual settings from designing events which maintain the integrity of bubbles or consistent groups, and adhere to the system of controls in place."

You should follow the guidance on [how to stop the spread of coronavirus](#) at all times, including if you have been vaccinated against COVID-19. [It is underpinned by law.](#)

*Information can also be found via our school website [www.kingswayprimary.org.uk](http://www.kingswayprimary.org.uk) or from the following:*

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary> (**covid-19 Roadmap**)
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>



## Supporters of Kingsway School

SoKs

We are parents, staff and friends of Kingsway Primary School, Gloucester. Our purpose is to provide the school with much needed extra funds to help the students have the best possible school experience and education.

### Forecast of Events Summer/Autumn 2021

29 - 31 May  
Kingsway Royal Trail - recover the Crown Jewels!

FAB Friday  
Ice lolly sales in the playground as soon as restrictions/ weather allows.

23 June  
School Sports Day - tea, coffee and hotdogs!

2 July  
Summer Fair - Raffle, games, BBQ, craft stalls, Pimms and Cider!

7 July  
Teddy bears picnic for Sept 21 intake

16 July  
End of year Disco for Yrs 1-5

16 July  
Yr 6 Leavers Disco 'Kingway Fest'

TBC October 21  
AGM and Soks Party

#### Volunteers Wanted!

If you want to join the vibrant and friendly SoKs events team of volunteers, please get in touch!



Find Us: Supporters of Kingsway School



Support Us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/supportersofkingswayschool/>



Join Us: [SoKs@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:SoKs@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk) - drop us a line to find out how you can get involved in any of these events!



## Gloucestershire Animal Welfare Association & Cheltenham Animal Shelter

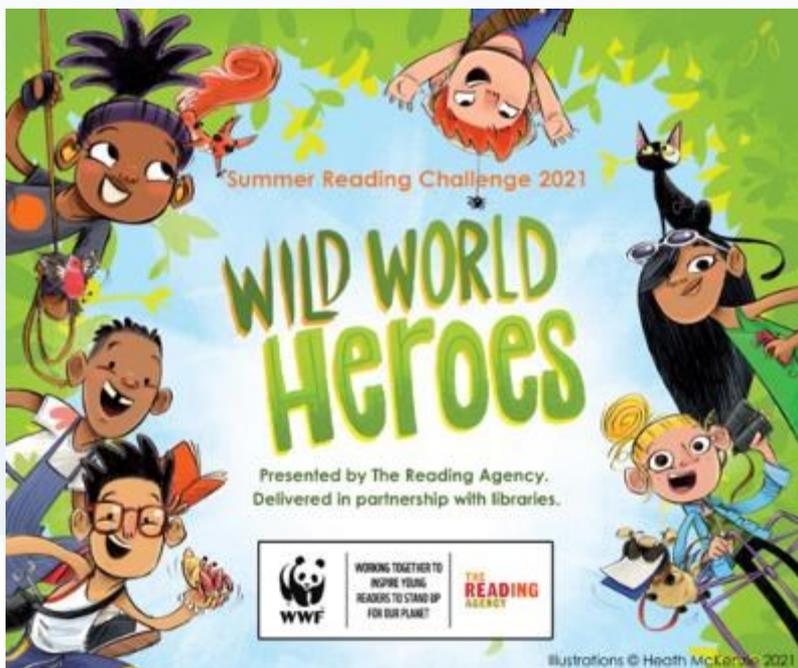


Do you know a talented young person who enjoys being creative? We have a fantastic opportunity for them to show off their skills by entering our Under 16's Art Competition.

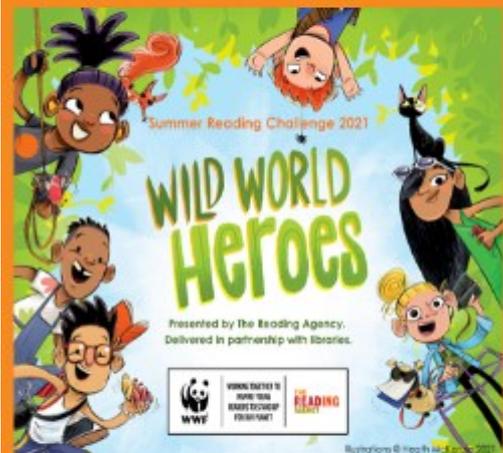
They can sketch, paint, collage, model or otherwise create an image of an animal or pet that means something to them and tell us why it is significant.

For more information about this summer competition please go to the website:

<https://gawa.org.uk/summer/art/>



## Introducing...Wild World Heroes!



We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer.

For more information on the Summer Reading Challenge go to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or speak with your local library. What a great way to challenge yourself and to keep reading through the holidays . We would love to hear about the books you have read.