



Nursery News

Welcome message

We hope you and your child have enjoyed the first week of Nursery at Kingfisher. They have settled well, and we are very happy to see their friendships forming already.

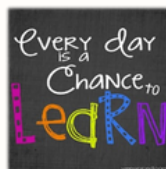
Starting Nursery is a big transition. We have ensured that has been as smooth as possible and have written this letter to give you some key information.

We will be talking about ourselves, learning about each other and then celebrating our similarities and differences. We will discover that we are part of our family, our new classes and our school community. We are learning collaboratively within both classes and our outdoor area to maximise our learning opportunities.

We look forward to getting to know you all better. If you have any questions regarding the information in this newsletter, or other more general queries, please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Thank you,

The Nursery Team



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Important updates



The car park gate will no longer be open in the mornings or afternoons. Please ensure that you have made safe arrangements to drop off and pick up your children.

Please remember Nursery begins at 8.30am. This is when children begin their learning. Please be on time. The gate locked at 8.40am. This is to safeguard all our children.

We are now a mobile free zone! From the start of term we would appreciate all phones to be switched off or put away on the playground. Please greet your child with a smile and not your phone!



If you would like your child to have a school meal, please purchase it on the Schools Food United app. If you are having any trouble with this, please see the office for support.



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Meet the Teacher



About Me

Hi! My name is Jodie and I am the Nursery Teacher. Our children are three and four years old. Exploring and discovering through play is how we learn. I have worked and taught in Nurseries for over 20 years working alongside inspiring colleagues and truly amazing little people.

Music is my passion; you can hear me sing in most places of the school good or bad!

Outside of school I like to spend time with my family eating together and visiting the theatre.

A bit about me!

Favourite colour: green

Favourite animal: Cat

Favourite drink: cup of tea

Favourite subject: Music



Our Class Author

All our classes at Kingfisher CE Academy are named after authors. My class is named after Pip Jones. She is famous for writing the books 'Daddy's Sandwich' and 'The Chocolate Monster'. She has written several other picture books. I have sent a copy to share with you!



Pip lives at home with her husband, her 2 daughters and her real invisible cat.





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Meet the Teacher



About Me

Hi! My name is Emma and I am the teacher in the two year old room.

The children are two and three years old. We love exploring in our classroom and outside.

I have been working and teaching in nurseries for 6 years. I love my work as a teacher in nursery, helping the children to discover and learn new skills and knowledge is amazing!

Outside of school I like to visit the seaside with my family and bake delicious cakes.

A bit about me!

Favourite colour: *Pink*

Favourite animal: Elephant

Favourite drink: Cold drinks

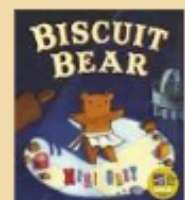
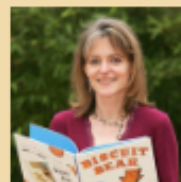
Favourite subject: Art



Our Class Author

All our classes at Kingfisher CE Academy are named after authors. My class is named after Mini Grey. Mini Grey is a British illustrator and writer of children's books, especially picture books for young children. She is famous for writing the books Biscuit Bear and Toys in Space. She has also written lots of other great story books.

I have sent a copy to share with you!



Our team



There are lots of people who are part of our extended Kingfisher family. You and your children may see them around the campus.

Senior Leadership Team



Ms Bishop
(our fabulous
Headteacher and
Designated
Safeguarding Lead)



Miss Telling
(Assistant Headteacher,
SENCO and Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead)



Mrs Bishop
(Campus Co-Ordinator)

Our Nursery Team



Mrs Lane
(Nursery Manager
- Pre-School)



Miss Watts
(Deputy Nursery Manager -
Two year olds)



Mrs Engley
(EYFS Teaching Assistant)



Miss Henry
(Reception teacher)



Miss Baddeley
(Year 1 teacher)



Mrs Connell
(Year 2 teacher)

Our Reading Champions

These two fabulous ladies support reading and phonics across the school. They work with individual children and groups.



Mrs Stoddart



Mrs Khan

Our team



Our Teaching Assistants

Our team have so many different skills and experiences. They work across the school to utilise these:



**Mrs Drewry
(HLTA)**



Mrs B



Mrs Sara



Miss Gallo



Mrs Shim



Jill

Admin Team

Our Kingfisher Admin will be front of house to answer your questions and provide you with support:



Mrs Strange



Mrs Huxtable

Reverend Owen Green

Owen leads a Collective Worship assembly each week. He also works with us across the school.



Our team



Safeguarding Team

THE KINGFISHER SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Miss Telling
Assistant Headteacher
and DDSL

Ms Bishop
KCEA Headteacher and
DSL

Miss Luckman
Assistant Headteacher
and DDSL

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"Let your light shine" (Matt. 5:13)

Premises Team

This super team keep us ship shape and shiny! We'd be lost without them:



Wayne



Glen



Andy

Reading



We are committed as a school to ensuring all children develop the skills they need to read independently and have access to life long learning. Our team believe in ensuring all children find themselves represented in books. We aim to expose our children to high quality, award winning and diverse literature.



Books for the term

This term our focus books will be...

Izzy Gizmo - Pip Jones

Biscuit Bear - Mini Grey

Guess how much I love you - Sam McBratney

Families, families, families - Suzanne Lang

How you can help at home

Share and read any books you have at home. Read recipes, magazines, print in the environment. Let your children see you reading!

What you will need...

P.E.

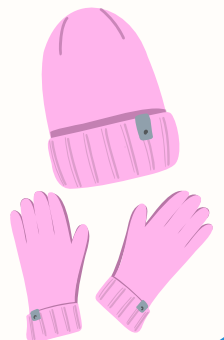
PE will be on a Thursday. Please send your child to Nursery with their PE kit on. Please remember our PE uniform is a T-shirt, shorts or trousers and plain trainers or daps. They will be in this all day, so please ensure it is weather appropriate.



Outdoor learning

We will be doing regular outdoor learning and Welly Walks. Please can all children have a pair of named wellies in school for these.

We also go outside in all weathers. Children will need waterproof coats and appropriate weather gear for the season.



PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Christian Authenticity

This term our enquiry question is:



Who do we share the world with?

Our value for the term is HOPE!



Child of Hope



Owen went to visit our Kingfisher family at the Child of Hope school in Uganda. Each class wrote letters to the children in their matching age class. We sent them a book of our class author, lots of reading books and our class photo. Jack the puppet also went on the adventure! The children loved the reading books and got stuck in straight away. Owen brought back handmade items from the children of Uganda. We were amazed to learn they were made from banana fibres! We also saw photos of them and they wrote back to us!



Festivals

Later in the term we will be celebrating the festival of Harvest. We will be holding a whole school Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 18th October 2023. Please come along to support and celebrate with us if your child attends this session!



Term dates

- Friday 1st September 2023 - INSET Day
- Monday 4th September 2023 - INSET Day
- Tuesday 5th September 2023- First day of term 1. Usual starting times. Nursery 8.30am, Reception and Year 1 8.45am through their classroom doors, Year 2 8.45am through the hall door.
- Wednesday 13th September 2023 - Meet the teacher / curriculum expectations - 3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 18th September 2023 - Individual school photos. There will be an opportunity for sibling photos. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 21st September 2023 - Phonics and Reading workshop - 2-3pm / 5-6pm
- Wednesday 11th October 2023 - Maths Workshop - 2-3pm / 5-6pm
- Friday 13th October 2023 - Year 2 Class Assembly - 2.30pm
- Wednesday 18th October 2023 - Harvest Assembly - 2.30pm
- Wednesday 18th October 2023 - End of term 1



Safeguarding

Please contact Swindon MASH if you are concerned about a child.

E-mail: Swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk

Telephone: 01793 466903

8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am to 4.00pm Friday

The Emergency Duty Service (EDS) is available outside office hours on

01793 436699

If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police.



Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity



Learning Campus



We wanted to let you know more about the Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus, and the events that we are planning for this academic year.

We raised over £2500 last year and we have great plans for future events. We would also like to invite you all to join us for a drink and a chat at school to discuss what you can do to assist the friends by way of volunteering, sponsorship, support, corporate sponsorship, social media, marketing etc. Drop-in sessions will be held in the first few weeks of September, so look out for more information.

This year, we hope to host more discos, as well as ice cream sales, cake sales and second-hand uniform sales. Our big events for the Autumn will be the Family Fireworks Extravaganza, another quiz night, fayre and more.

Whilst all of these are very exciting and we would hope that at least one of the events would be of interest to most families, there is an obvious need for volunteers to enable any of these to run safely. Kingfisher are looking to the friends for support in purchasing items that will benefit our pupils, and it would be great if we were able to fund these from events and fundraising.

Please email:

fowtlc@dbat.org.uk