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Greeting of the week:
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Meaning: used as a
greeting, when meeting or
parting, to wish someone a
joyful time.



It has been a busy final week in school with a visit for Lower School to see the pantomime at The Mercury Theatre, where their behaviour was described as excellent. Upper School had a great time out at the Odeon cinema with an exclusive screening of 'Elf' for their treat trip.

We would like to thank Happy Days Charity and Friends of Kingswode Hoe School for their generous donations for Christmas outings.

Primary class brought the Christmas Nativity story to life in their special assembly and showed the rest of the school just how much fun performing can be. We are very proud of all our pupils who worked hard on their scenes for our 'Caring at Christmas' show last week. We celebrated end of term achievements in our assembly, including 100% attendance certificates. Pupils who participated in the Christmas Kingling competition were also praised for their creative designs with 99 entries in total! You can see the winning themes on page 4.

The traditional Christmas Carol Service was a wonderful way to end the term with pupils singing, reading and presenting the Christian Nativity story at our local church, St Leonards, Lexden.

Many thanks to our super staff for all the work that goes into end of term festivities and their support for pupils throughout.

Best wishes to all our families too.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and Happy New Year.

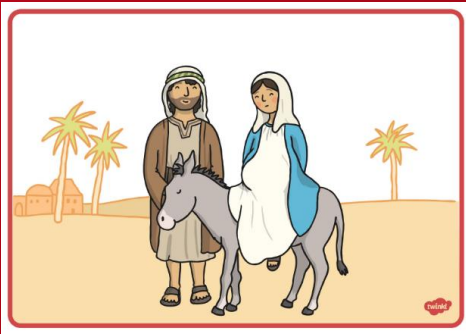
Pupils return to school on Monday 6 January 2025.

Mrs A Constantine

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

More highlights from our Caring at Christmas production on page 3!





Christmas Story Sequence

Well done everyone!

Pupils worked hard to prepare pieces for our 'Caring Christmas' show...
Thank you to pupils, staff, parents and carers!



Year 7 got musical with their renditions of 'Do they know it's Christmas?' and 'The Little Drummer Boy'



Year 9- Weald class shared their acts of kindness with everyone and Copse performed a piece inspired by 'A Christmas Carol'



Year 8- Orchard class performed their rendition of 'Be Kind to your Turkeys this Christmas' by Benjamin Zephaniah and Spinney

Rendlesham class helped us think about all the people who work over Christmas

Primary went on a 'Hunt for a Baby' with their tuneful retelling of the Nativity story



Epping class made the audience aware of the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal they have taken part in this year



Thetford pupils used puppetry to tell the story of 'The Giving Tree' by Shel Silverstein



Christmas Kingaling Competition

Pupils each had a special kingaling to open on the Christmas lunch table.



Masterful Makers!

- ★ This term's Kingaling competition was to design a special Christmas Kingaling!
- ★ It could be anything you liked, as long as it used a pom-pom and had a tail.
- ★ We said that you should be as creative as you could- any idea is a good idea.
- ★ Y11 Enterprise group judged the entries in two ways- firstly for creativity (did they look awesome?) and secondly for feasibility (could they be made as a Kingaling?).

There were nearly 100 entries and the Year 11 judges really enjoyed looking at each and every one. It really showcased design talent in the school so well done everyone who independently produced ideas and entered.

The judges liked elements of many of the entries, so decided upon three overall themes, but took elements from a wide range of entries.

The winning themes were:

- ❄ Lorraine the Reindeer
- ❄ Jerry the Berry
- ❄ Sprinkles the Angel

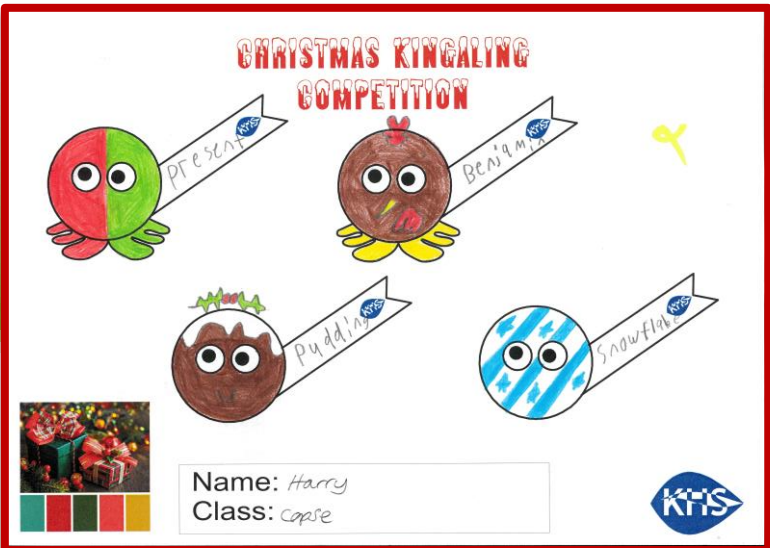


Christmas Kingling Competition

Winner **Harry B**



Lili S



Name: *Harry*
 Class: *capse*



Saharsh



Ruby F



Lily T



Betsi

*Imaginative yet practical ideas.
 Excellent attention to detail
 Skilful use of colour pencil
 Clear and well drawn*



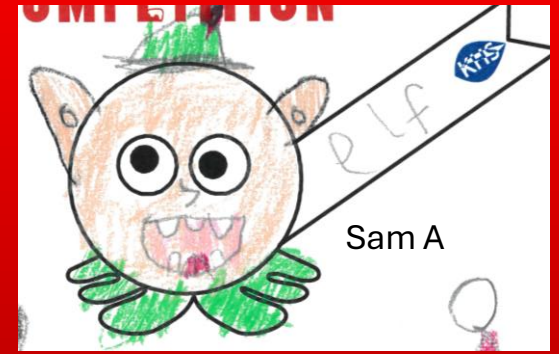
Jasmine F



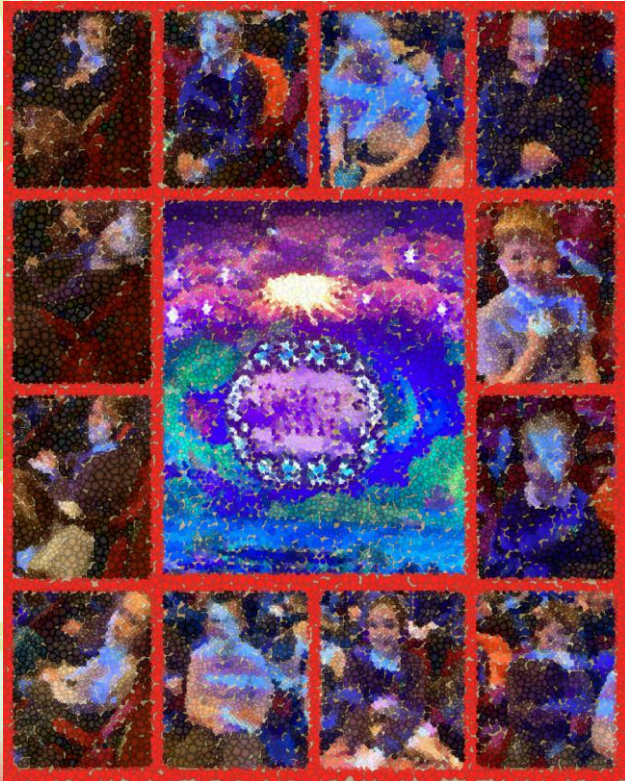
Rosie E



Liam M



Sam A



This week, Primary, Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils visited The Mercury Theatre to watch their pantomime production 'The New Adventures of Peter Pan'. There was lots of singing, dancing and laughing from pupils and staff. The pupils were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to the school. A big thank you to Happy Days Charity for funding our magical trip, it is greatly appreciated.

Birch class had a fantastic time at the pantomime Peter Pan. They sang, clapped and enjoyed themselves.

<https://www.happydayscharity.org/>



Pupils on the Pantomime trip enjoyed the experience and were commended on their behaviour which makes us very proud.



Lower School Pantomime Trip

Upper School Carousel Activities



Nellie loves joining our celebration assemblies on a Friday



Pupils enjoyed a range of activities during our Christmas timetable including cooking, screen printing and sports.



Thetford pupils used 2 Design Tools and designed Christmas badges. The badges were printed and then pressed in the KHS badge press.

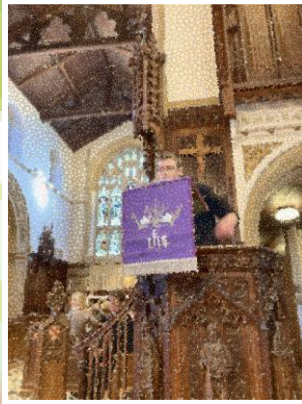
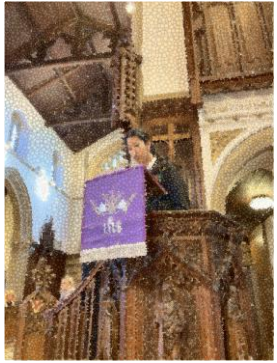


Greeshma and Isla S, they have supported each other in the food room and between them, almost single-handedly, made the gingerbread cookies for Thetford's class Christmas card!



Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this special traditional end to our autumn term. We hope you enjoyed this special occasion.



With many thanks to our wonderful readers from Year 10 and 11 who read the Nativity story beautifully to the packed church. Well done.

Year 10

Smriti
Megan
Harley C
Lauren

Year 11

Adam
Charlie C



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

E4L Home Learning



Emily visited her cousin in Slovakia at the weekend and enjoyed some lovely treats at a Christmas market.



Evan went to Darth Vader's Christmas Grotto



Some pupils from Weald class have been busy in the kitchen at home! Lewie built a gingerbread train with his brother. Kyle has made some delicious looking recipes too.

Delicious

Thank you to our catering team for our lovely Christmas lunch and to Epping and our site team for setting up and serving as well as the work that went into making kingalings for every pupil. Everyone involved helped to make it a special, festive, occasion.



Thank You



Chocolate robins' nests recipe | BBC Good Food



- ✓ 100g milk chocolate, broken into pieces
- ✓ 100g dark chocolate, broken into pieces
- ✓ 100g cornflakes
- ✓ icing sugar, for dusting

Chocolate Robins' nests

PLEASE NOTE: This is the menu for week beginning 6 January 2025

KINGSWODE HOE

LUNCH MENU Week 2

* 11.11.24* *2.12.24* *6.01.25* *3.02.25*

* Week Beginning

Key to allergens

Milk M
Fish F
Soya So
Gluten G
Sulphites S
Celery C
Egg E
Mustard MU

Monday
Pizza GM
Coleslaw M
Baked Beans
Salad
Fruit Delight M

Tuesday

Minced Beef Tacos G
Cheese and Bean Slice GM
Sweetcorn
Peas
Salad
Jam sponge and Custard GEM

Wednesday

Sweet and Sour Chicken
Southern Fried Veggie Nuggets G
Egg Rice E
Green Beans
Salad
Jelly and Fruit

Thursday

Roast Gammon
Veggie Sausages GM
Yorkshire Pudding GEM
Roast Potatoes
Cabbage
Carrots
Ice-Cream Pot M

Friday

Battered Fish GF
Veggie Fingers G
Baked Beans
Peas
Chips
Oaty Cookie G

Autumn

Fruit & Yogurt available

daily

Baguettes available

Tuesday & Wednesday

Christmas Lunch



DIARY DATES

Christmas Break:

Friday 20 December- Friday 3 January 2025 inclusive
Pupils return to school on Mon 6 January 2025

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thanks to Mrs McMillan for all her hard work and support for our school since joining KHS 27 years ago. She will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Thank you

To all our staff team for their support of pupils in so many different ways this term...
To all of you who take time to read the newsletter, share work and evidence from home and join us for our parent café, EHCP meetings and special occasions - we greatly appreciate your support too!



Thursday 19 December 2025

Coming up...

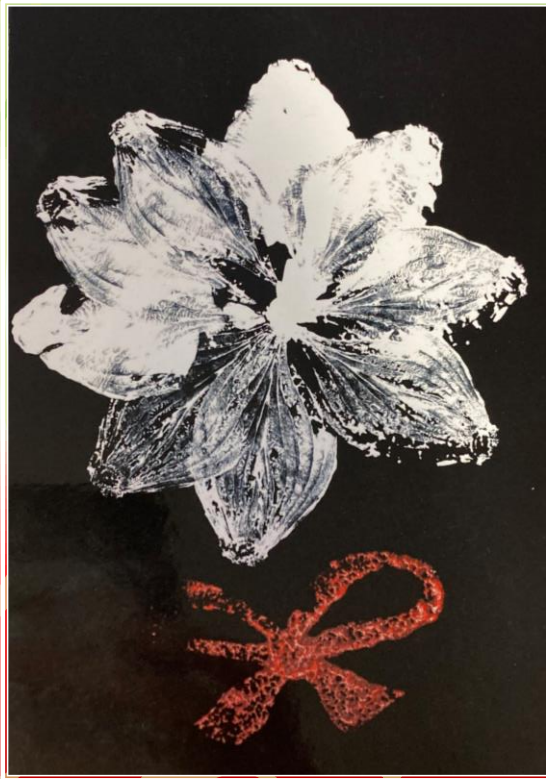
Themes next half term:

Week beginning	Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events
6/1/25	New Year traditions New play plans!
13/1/25	Wisdom of Winnie the Pooh Day The Snug
20/1/25	Chinese New Year- 23.1
27/1/24	Wider World: RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch- 24.1
3/2/25	Community & Wider World: Eco-School
10/2/25	Resilience & Independence: Safer Internet Day

Kingswode Hoe School
What we plant today, we grow tomorrow

Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas

Creative Festive Wishes
One and All!



We have chosen these designs printed using vegetables by Year 11 pupils Charlotte and Kaius for our festive greetings this year-
With many thanks to Mrs Wilkinson for working with all year groups to produce these original pieces of artwork.

From all at Kingswode Hoe School