

SUMMER TERM 2026 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we reach the end of the Summer Term, I would like to reflect on a period shaped by both sadness and celebration. The loss of our much-loved colleague, Sam Bamford, has deeply affected our school community. The extraordinary outpouring of love and gratitude from pupils, staff, alumni and families has been a powerful reminder of the difference Sam made to so many lives. We have taken strength from remembering her warmth, care and dedication, and I am immensely proud of the resilience and kindness shown by our pupils and staff throughout this difficult time.

Alongside this, Kings' has continued to flourish. From STEM events, educational visits and sporting successes to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, work experience, our outstanding production of We Will Rock You and Sports Day which included the 'Bamford Bound'; pupils have embraced every opportunity. We have welcomed our new Year 7 cohort, and celebrated the success of the Class of 2026 at Prom.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish all families a restful summer break.

Best wishes,
Dr James Adams





IMPORTANT NOTICES



TERM DATES 2026/2027

SEPTEMBER RETURN

1st September -INSET Day
2nd September - Year 7 only
3rd September - Whole School Return

AUTUMN TERM

1st September - 18th December
Half Term 26th October - 30th October
Christmas Break 21st Dec - 1st Jan

SPRING TERM

4th January 2027 - 26th March 2027
Half Term 15th February - 19th February
Easter Break 29th March - 9th April

SUMMER TERM

12th April 2027 - 21st July 2027
Half Term 1st June - 5th June
Summer Break 22nd July - 31st August

2026-2027 INSET DAYS

1st September
25th September
13th November
4th January 2027
24th June 2027

KINGS' FAMILY FUN DAY!

Huge thank you to everyone who joined us on our Family Fun Day, we hope you had a great afternoon out! We raised a fantastic £1727 towards our Science Lab Refurb project!



WHOLE SCHOOL ARBOR UPDATE

Earlier this term we informed you about moving our whole school MIS system over to Arbor. This process is now complete and we are no longer using Class Charts.

If you have not yet set up the Arbor Parent App, please visit our website or the link below and follow the instructions.

[Arbor Parent App](#)

There are also useful 'how to' guides available on our website.

UP TO DATE DETAILS

A timely request to please check the information we hold for your child on Arbor is correct, along with updating the consents section.



HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT AIR AMBULANCE FUND RAISING TOMBOLA IN AID OF MRS BAMFORD

Congratulations to Sophia & Naomi in Year 10 who raised an incredible £713.95!!!
Thank you to everyone who donated items or purchased tickets.



EVENTS AROUND SCHOOL



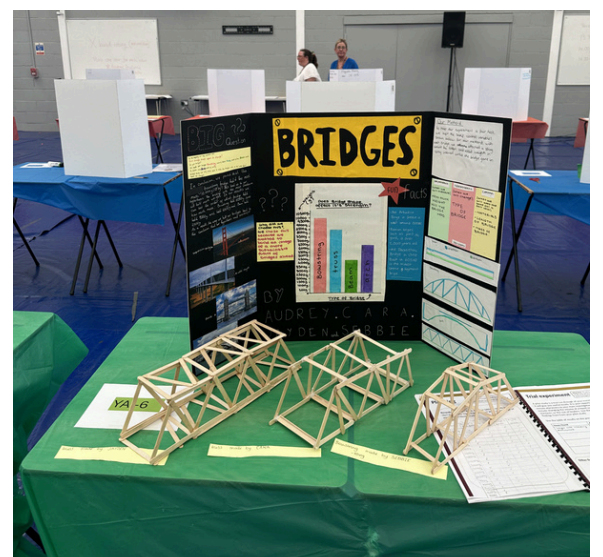
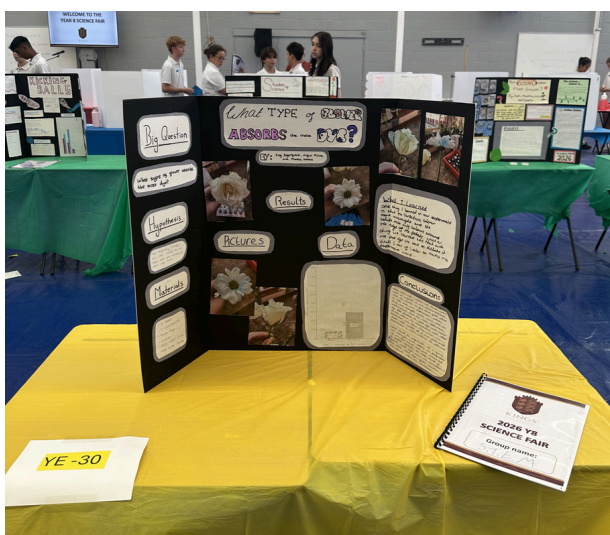
CELEBRATION EVENTS

Congratulations to all our pupils who have demonstrated exceptional character this term and been invited to attend the celebration events. We are incredibly proud of you all!



YEAR 8 SCIENCE FAIR

Well done to all our Year 8's on completing our very first Science Fair! This was a fantastic afternoon showcasing all their hard work over the last few weeks to parents and special guest judges. Congratulations to the winning teams!





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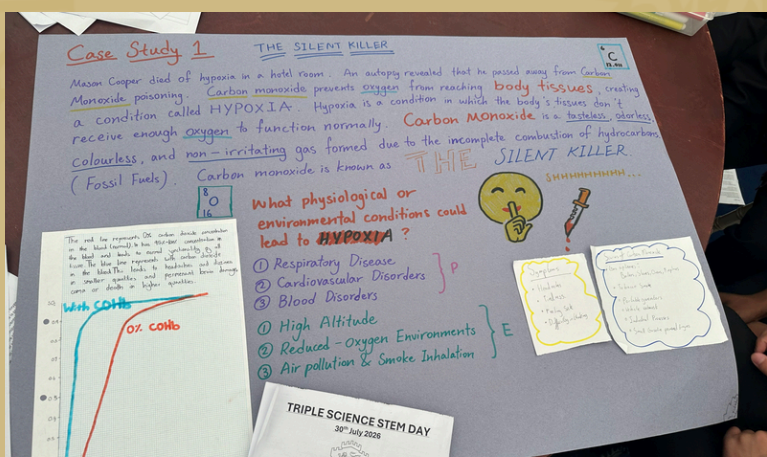
KINGS' GOT TALENT

Congratulations to all the contestants who were selected to perform in the Kings' Got Talent final - You were all fantastic!!!



YEAR 9 STEM SCIENCE DAY

Our Year 9's had a fantastic STEM day in the Marquee, working in teams on projects for the day along with inspiring guest speakers!



YOUNG INTERPRETERS

Congratulations to all our Young Interpreters on completing your training!

This peer-buddying scheme is designed to support children and young people from diverse backgrounds - fostering empathy, understanding, and enhancing our inclusive and supportive school community.

The Young Interpreters Scheme was open to all our Year 10 Prefects as part of the pupil leadership program, and is a good opportunity to develop their confidence, communication & leadership skills, alongside supporting others. Well done to everyone who signed up!



REFUGEE WEEK

Our Young Interpreters and Welfare Ambassadors took part in a creative project exploring welcome, courage, empathy and global community, as part of Winchester Refugee Week.

Their artwork is proudly displayed in Winchester Cathedral until the end of August

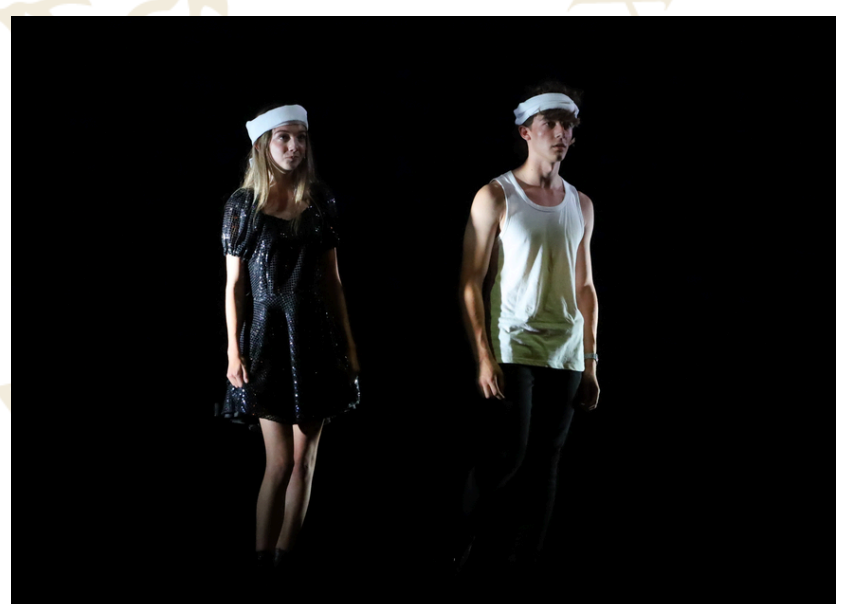




WE WILL ROCK YOU!



Huge thank you to everyone who came to see our school production, this year held at The Theatre Royal, Winchester to celebrate our 40th Anniversary...and what a show it was!!
Congratulations to the entire production team and all the pupils involved, you put on an absolutely incredible show!





SPORTS DAY



This year's whole school event behemoth that is Sports Day was an absolute cracker with superb engagement and participation from staff and pupils. Several school records were broken across the day, most notably, a trio of field event records that have stood for between 25 and 30 years. Sports Day was particularly poignant this year as we staged a 'Bamford Bound' in memory and honour of Mrs Bamford, who loved this day so much.

10BFD led this superbly and the whole school came together in celebration of a truly wonderful teacher, colleague and friend. Mr A Birch





TRIPS



NETHERLANDS HOCKEY TOUR 2026

In the Easter holidays 79 pupils and nine staff travelled to the beautiful town of Valkenburg in The Netherlands for a five-day hockey tour.

Whilst there the group stayed in a wonderful hotel; explored the quaint, historic town; enjoyed training sessions with Dutch coaches; played three competitive matches against Dutch and Belgian opposition; took part in a variety of fantastic activities and excursions and explored the majestic Maastricht. Pupils were happy and vibrant throughout the whole trip and were a joy to be around. They gave the hockey everything they had and improved drastically in a short time but more importantly made lasting memories and friendships.

A massive thank you to Happy Hot Tubs for sponsoring the playing shirts. Mr A Birch



HOLOCAUST TOUR

At the beginning of May a group of our Year 10 RS & History pupils and staff, set off on the annual Holocaust tour to Krakow in Poland.

The trip included visits to the Jewish Ghetto of Krakow and the notorious Auschwitz Concentration Camps, which are not only excellent exhibitions, but are also a place for reflection and memorial.

The tour was very much enjoyed by all. Huge thank you to Mrs Banwell and the team for organising this wonderful trip.





TRIPS



YEAR 10 ARDÈCHE ADVENTURE

During the May half-term break, a group of our Year 10 pupils travelled to the Ardèche region of France for an unforgettable outdoor adventure. Throughout the trip, the pupils were an absolute credit to both themselves and the school. Their behaviour, resilience and positive attitude were exemplary from start to finish.

The staff team were incredibly impressed with the way the pupils embraced every challenge and supported one another throughout the week. They represented the school brilliantly, earning praise wherever they went.

A particular highlight was the canoe expedition, where our pupils completed an incredible 19 miles on the water in just 24 hours. The instructors from Gauge were highly impressed by both the group's determination and the speed at which they completed the journey.

Despite experiencing soaring temperatures of up to 34°C, the pupils continued to show outstanding perseverance, teamwork and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic week full of adventure, unforgettable memories and achievements that everyone involved can be immensely proud of. Mr C Beale



YEAR 11 WORLD CHALLENGE TO PERU

Good luck to our Year 11's who embark on their world challenge trip to Peru on Saturday 18th July!

They have been busy fundraising for this trip since Year 9!

We hope you all have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing about the trip.

Huge thank you to Mrs Banwell and Mrs Hutton for all your support and organising of this trip.



SPORTS ROUNDUP



SUMMER TERM SPORTS ROUND UP

It's been an incredibly busy summer term for extra-curricular sport at Kings'. Despite some testing weather conditions clubs have run regularly and been incredibly well attended. It's been great to see so many pupils making the best of the sporting opportunities on offer to them before and after school.

Notable successes this term:

- Boys' U12 cricket, who won the traditional and state schools' cup.
- Boys' U13 cricket, who won the Eastleigh and Winchester District Cup.
- Girls' U13 and U15 tennis, who won their respective Hampshire Leagues.
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- Athletics squads, who competed and enjoyed tremendous success in the Hampshire Track Knock out competitions, an abridged version of the District Athletics competition and numerous other track and field meets. Furthermore, a huge number of talented athletes represented the Eastleigh and Winchester District side at the Hampshire athletics championships. And mentioned in despatches are, Alexa Divers, Tom Pate and Omawuni Eyesan who were selected to attend the English Schools athletics championships – an incredible personal achievement for all three.

Our sporting year was rounded off at the Sports Awards evening where all Kings' related sporting achievements were recognised by hundreds of pupils and parents on the middle field. A huge thank you to Mr Stuart for being our wonderful compere on a balmy midsummer evening. Mr A Birch



ATHLETICS



SPORTS AWARDS EVENING



U12 CRICKET



U13 CRICKET



U13 TENNIS



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



Huge congratulations to Charlotte, one of our Year 8 pupils, who recently competed at the English Gold FIG level (International Gymnastics Federation) in Telford, representing the Southern Regions.

In the qualifiers, Charlotte placed joint second within her group and finished 7th overall, which secured her a place in the final. She went on to achieve joint 5th place in the final. Well done Charlotte!

Earlier this term Radi, one of our Year 11 pupils, won the Barton Peveril Schools Art Competition! The competition is open to all Year 7-11 pupils across Hampshire and the theme this year was 'Home'

Radi's photographic piece is called 'In the House of my Father' which is inspired by a Donald Rodney piece with the same title.

Radi won a £100 Amazon voucher and a trophy. Congratulations Radi on this amazing achievement!



Congratulations to Dylan (Sergeant Smith) in Year 11, who was selected as the new Mayor's Air Cadet at the recent Mayor Making Ceremony.

This is a fantastic achievement and Sergeant Smith, along with the selected Sea & Army Cadets, will support the new Mayor on official duties.

Huge congratulations to Jemima, one of our Year 8 pupils, who has recently been selected to play hockey for the U14 Girls UK Lions Squad 2026/27, following her performance at the recent U13 Girls Regional Hockey Championships held at Nottingham Hockey Centre.

This is an incredible achievement and we look forward to hearing more about your hockey career!



We love to hear about our pupil's achievements outside of school, please share these with us by emailing kings.school@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk



INNOVATE - NEW ON-SITE CATERING

From September all our on-site catering will be provided by Innovate. We are very excited about this new partnership and the fantastic food and service this will offer our pupils. Look out for further details being sent out, along with important actions we need parents and carers to complete prior to September to enable a smooth start to the Autumn Term.

SCIENCE LAB REFURBISHMENT PROJECT



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INSPIRING FUTURES THROUGH
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