

Newsletter

Kings Furlong Junior School Newsletter

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Head Teacher's news



We have had a busy and enjoyable start to the final half term of the year.

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their special cinema trip. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this memorable experience possible.

We were delighted to welcome so many families to our Year 5 Stargazing Evening on Wednesday. Although the clouds unfortunately refused to clear, we still had a fantastic time learning about the galaxy and exploring the wonders of space together.

Wow! What an incredible turnout we had for our OPAL Play and Stay event! We welcomed 64 parents and carers to listen to our mentor, Jules, share our OPAL journey and explain the importance of play. The weather gods were on our side and, thankfully, it stayed dry for our half hour outside together. It was wonderful to see so many adults getting stuck in and playing alongside the children. Several families who attended have already asked if we can host another session, and we are looking forward to running another one next year.









We have a black donation box outside the main office for any loose or small donations. If you are able to donate any items that could be used for den building, please do let us know.

A well done to the colour team captains who organised our Children in Need event last week, we raised a fantastic £205!

A big thank you also to everyone who completed our Parent/Carer Survey. We greatly value your feedback and are delighted to be able to share the results with you (see below).

Question *49/216 responses*	% Strongly agree/agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child enjoys coming to school.	98%	2%	-	-
My child feels safe and secure at school.	100%	-	-	-
The school supports my child's emotional wellbeing effectively.	100%	-	-	-
My child is making good progress in their learning.	100%	-	-	-
The school has high expectations for my child.	95.8%	4.2%	-	-
The school communicates effectively with parents and carers.	100%	-	-	-
I feel comfortable approaching the school if I have a concern.	100%	-	-	-
The school promotes good behaviour and positive attitudes to learning.	98%	2%	-	-
I would recommend Kings Furlong Junior School to another family.	100%	-	-	-

Finally, a reminder that the PTFA Non-Uniform Day will take place on Friday 27 November. Children are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a specified donation towards our Christmas hampers. Thank you in advance for your support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss Westaway

Important Dates



27 November - PTFA Non uniform day (Christmas Hamper donations)

1 - 7 December - Travelling Book Fair in school

1 December - Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Information Evening (18:00-19:00)

2 December - Elfridges

2 December - Year 4 Ukelele Concert (Lovelace 10:00, Nightingale 11:00)

3 December - Year 3 trip to QMC Science Centre

8 December - Year 4 performance for parents and toddlers (1.45pm)

8 December - Little Recyclers collection

9 December - Year 4 performance for parents (6.30pm)

15 December - Christmas Dinner Day

16 December - Pantomime trip (Whole School)

17 December - Christmas Market (09:00-10:30)

18 December - PTFA Christmas hot chocolate sale (15:30-16:00)

Attendance

Whole school attendance for week beginning 16th November 2026: 94.9%

Is your child well enough to go to school? A useful guide is available online at: https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf Children with colds are generally well enough to come into school. **Children who have had sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode.**

If your child is absent from school, we ask that you contact us by 9.15am to let us know the reason for their absence. It's quick and easy to leave us an answerphone message. If we do not hear from a parent/carer, and we cannot reach them on the phone, this is a safeguarding concern and we may need to raise it with Children's Services and/or the Police.

Unauthorised Absence

At Kings Furlong Junior School, we firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. In line with our Attendance Policy, we will only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances.

If a planned absence is unavoidable during term time, then an absence request form must be completed prior to the absence. These are available from the school office. **Family holidays cannot be considered as authorised absence, in-line with Government guidelines.**

Parents/carers who take their child out of school without the absence being agreed and authorised by written permission from the school can be issued with a penalty fine. In Hampshire, Penalty Notices are issued when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent to five school days) of unauthorised absence, in any 10 school week period. Each Penalty Notice fine is £80 (per parent, per child) if paid within 21 days of the date of posting and £160 if paid after this but within 28 days of posting.

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.

Parents can also be issued with a fine if their child is regularly late for school. This is where a child is more than 5 minutes late to school on 10 occasions during a 10 school week period.

Further information is available online at:
www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents

Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast club is open from **7:45am**, providing an earlier start time for families who require this service.

The cost of sessions is £3.00 and each session must be booked and paid for in advance.

If you would like to book, please contact the school office for a Booking Form.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact the school office.

Pre-Loved Uniform



Parking



There have been a number of incidents reported to us this week. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you all to please park considerately and drive safely around the school site at all times. Please note that our neighbours are reporting anyone blocking residents driveways to the police.

Please do not block any residents driveways and ensure you are mindful of children crossing the roads.

Mobile Phone Usage



The Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact is a way to band together with other parents in your area to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16.

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure instantly dissolves.

It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact, and the more of us who do, the quicker we'll change the social norm.

https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact

KFJS Facebook

We have set up a new Facebook group that we will use to keep parents up to date on important information and upcoming events. The instructions to join are as follows:

Open Facebook and search ***New* Kings Furlong Junior School**

Click 'Join'

It will then say 'Pending'. Click on the group and click 'Answer Questions'. Once the questions have been answered, click 'Submit'.

We will then approve the request for you to join the group.

Please ignore any other Kings Furlong Junior groups apart from ***New* Kings Furlong Junior School**

PTFA

Events Coming up.....





You can view details of upcoming events, fundraising and how to get involved on our website: PTFA

Join Our PTFA Facebook Group!

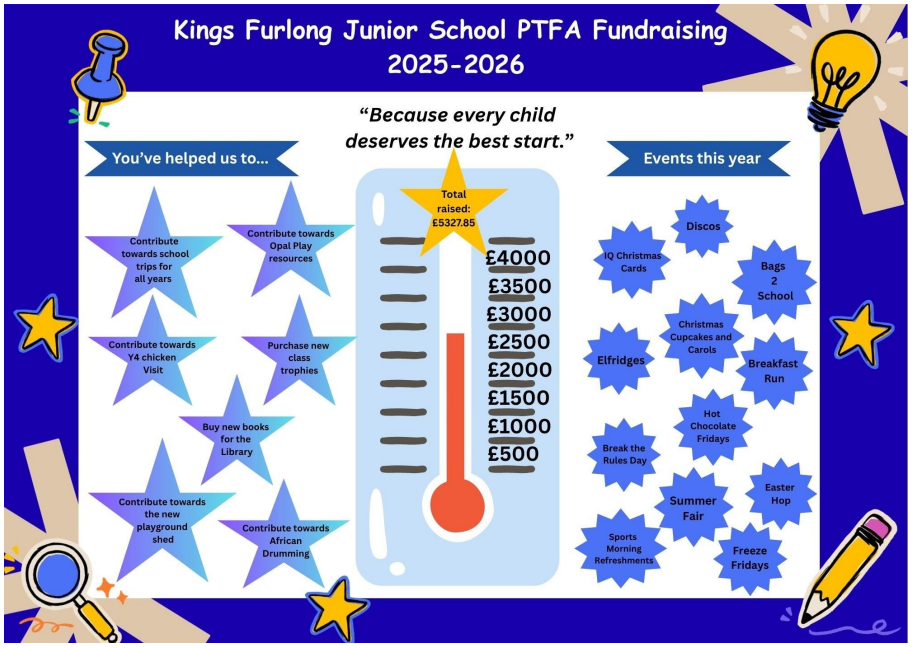
Don’t miss out on upcoming events and all the ways you can be part of our school community. By joining, you’ll stay up to date with PTFA news, fundraising activities, and opportunities to get involved. It’s simply the best way to stay connected and informed about what’s happening at school.

We truly appreciate all our volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new faces to join us! If you'd like to find out how you can get involved please email PTFA@kingsfurlong-jun.hants.sch.uk

Together, we can build community spirit, strengthen friendships, and make school life even more enjoyable for everyone.

PTFA Facebook Group

What did we help fund last year?



PTFA School Lottery

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Your School Lottery

Welcome to Kings Furlong Junior School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck! Please copy and paste the link below to join:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-furlong-junior-school?utm_campaign=Win%u00a31%2c000Cash!&utm_source=ysl&utm_medium=Leaflet&utm_content=Hyperlink

Easy Fundraising

Did you know you can raise money for the school simply by shopping online when you register with Easy Fundraising? The Kings Furlong PTA in Basingstoke was set up by a small group of parents and members of staff. Our main aim is to raise money for the Junior School, which will enhance the children's learning and their environment. Please click the here to help us raise money for our school.

Community News

In this section you will find a selection of news and family friendly events in and around our local community. If you know of any events that we should feature, please do let us know.

Festive Friday - Today!



Berg U11 Youth FC - Players needed



Spotlight UK - Fundraising Events and Raffles







NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

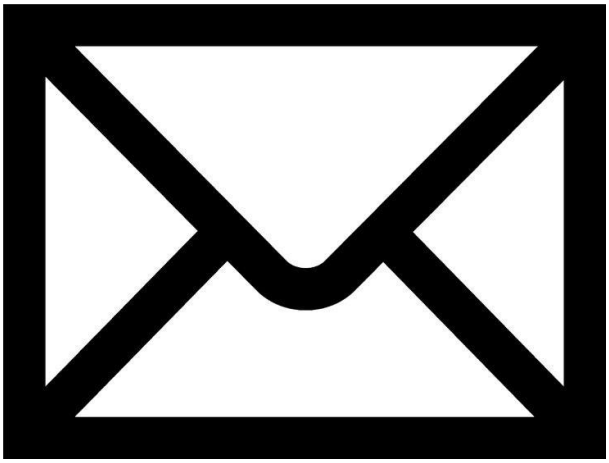
There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

- **Earache** (aged 1 to 17 years)
- **Impetigo** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites and stings** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (aged 5 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (aged 12 years and over)
- **Uncomplicated urinary tract infections** (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)
- **Shingles** (aged 18 years and over)

A summary of the service is available as an **animation** and more information can also be found at **nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst** as well as at https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first.

Letters/Emails home



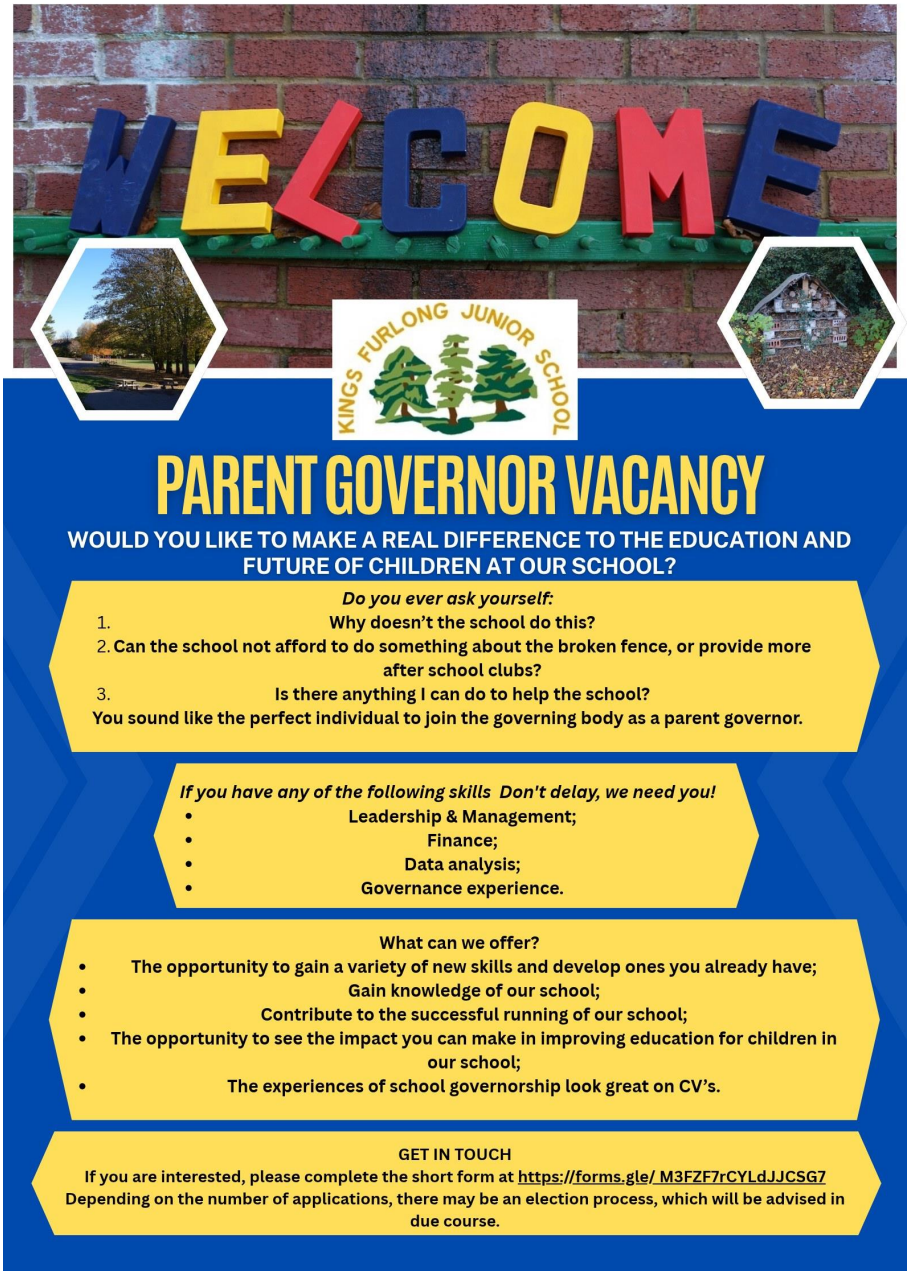
Please click the following link to view the letters that have been sent home:
https://www.kingsfurlong.net/letters/

Calendar on the website



All of our school events are available to view on the school calendar. Just head to our website in the school news section. When you click on an event in the calendar, a drop down of further information will appear which will hopefully answer any questions you may have. Please follow the link to have a look https://www.kingsfurlong.net/diary/grid/2024/03/

Parent Governor Vacancy



Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office who will be able to direct you to the right member of staff:

Tel: 01256 325324

Email: adminoffice@kingsfurlong-jun.hants.sch.uk

Visit our website at: www.kingsfurlong.net


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