

Kingsway News



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Dear Kingsway School Family,

We hope all our families had a restful and refreshing half term, ready for one of the busiest – and most joyful – parts of the school year!

As the nights draw in and winter approaches, it's a lovely time to enjoy cosy moments together and celebrate the many special traditions across our diverse faiths. With so much happening, let's remember to be patient, kind, and live out our school values each day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it means so much to us all. We're proud of our school family and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Christmas celebrations. Keep an eye on the calendar – it's a busy one!

Our youngest children in EYFS have returned to school after the half-term break with such enthusiasm and joy – it's been a delight to see! They've loved reconnecting with their friends and have shown real confidence as they explore and engage with all the areas of their classroom. Their curiosity, independence, and excitement for learning have made for a truly positive start to the new half term. We're so proud of how well they've settled and look forward to seeing their learning journey continue to flourish.



Parents' Evening

A gentle reminder that Parents' Evening will take place at Kingsway Primary on Wednesday 12th November. This is a valuable opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into the new academic year and to celebrate the academic and social progress they've made so far.

Please keep an eye out for the appointment booking system on School Spider when it goes live later on today and contact the school office if you experience any difficulties booking a slot.

We're pleased to share that Mr Walker (Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and SENCo), Miss Dunstan (Pastoral Lead and Family Liaison Officer), the school nurse, and Hannah Dixon (Trafford Parenting Coordinator) will also be available throughout the evening to offer support and guidance on a range of topics – from special educational needs and wellbeing, to sleep, diet, and the everyday challenges of parenting.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support every child's journey.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Our Kingsway Core Values

Kingsway Primary School has a clear vision for the future of our school and the education of our children. Our vision is a promise to our children and is best summed up by our mission statement:

Inspired to Make a Difference Together
So that we achieve our shared vision that...
Each child thrives from the moment they arrive.

Our values statements underpin our school culture and the core behaviours that we embrace as a school family. Our values statements are:



We Care about Togetherness

We nurture, support and show compassion in all that we do; placing children at the heart of our school family.



We Thrive on Difference

We are a vibrant, diverse school family where everyone is welcomed, valued and treated with fairness.



We are Passionate about Learning

We are resilient learners who understand that we learn by making mistakes and we support each other to be the best that we can be.



We are Inspired to Grow

We have limitless ambitions for every member of our school family as we learn, develop and thrive together.

Our values determine how we work together to achieve our vision. They embody who we are as a school and underpin every decision we make. They guide us, ground us and bind us together as ONE school family. A school family making a difference TOGETHER.

New values mural

Over the half term, a beautiful new mural was painted in our school hall – a vibrant celebration of our Kingsway values and our shared love of reading. It's a brilliant addition to our learning environment and serves as a daily reminder to our children of what our values mean in action. The mural also highlights the importance we place on reading for pleasure across all our classes.

A huge THANK YOU goes to our wonderful PTA, who funded the mural using money raised during the last academic year. We're so grateful for their ongoing support – and to all of you who take part in our fundraising events. You really do make a big difference!



New digital devices

We're excited to let you know that we've invested in new computing equipment to support and enhance learning across the school. Thirty brand-new devices will be used in class-based computing lessons, alongside fantastic resources for coding, 3D modelling, and game design.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will also benefit from one-to-one devices in class, helping them learn in new ways, access additional support where needed, and present their learning creatively. We want to reassure families that technology will be used to enrich learning – not replace it – and pen-and-paper skills remain a vital part of our curriculum.

Staff are working closely with colleagues across our Trust and Tablet Academy to ensure everyone feels confident and ready to make the most of this brilliant opportunity. Exciting things await!

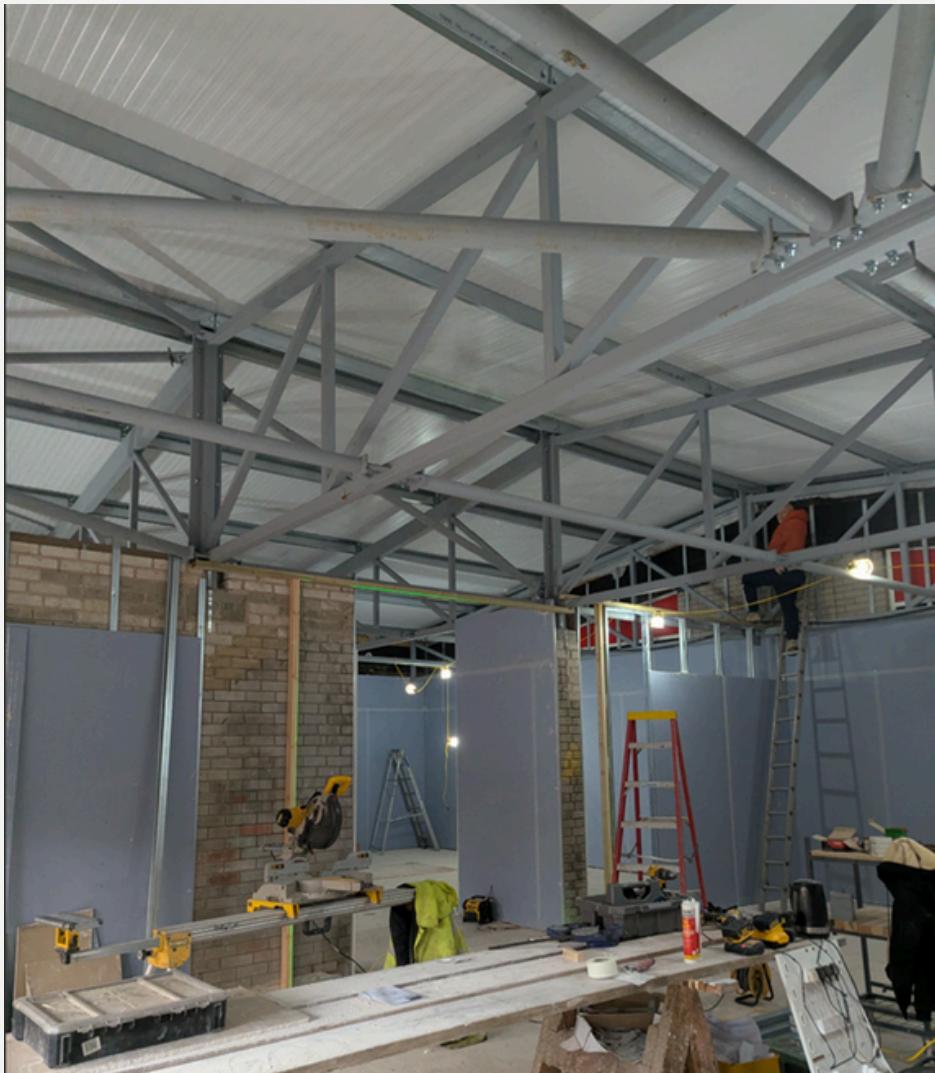


School building update

We're delighted to share some exciting progress on our new small specialist classroom – the roof is now on, and the space is really beginning to take shape!

It's been wonderful to see the children who will be joining the class visiting the site, starting to build a sense of familiarity and excitement about their new learning environment. Our dedicated staff have also been out meeting the children in their current schools, taking time to build relationships and lay the foundations for a smooth, supportive transition.

We're really looking forward to welcoming everyone properly once the space is ready – it's going to be a fantastic new chapter! Thank you very much for your on-going support and patience during the time that the building work has been taking place.



Introduction to OPAL

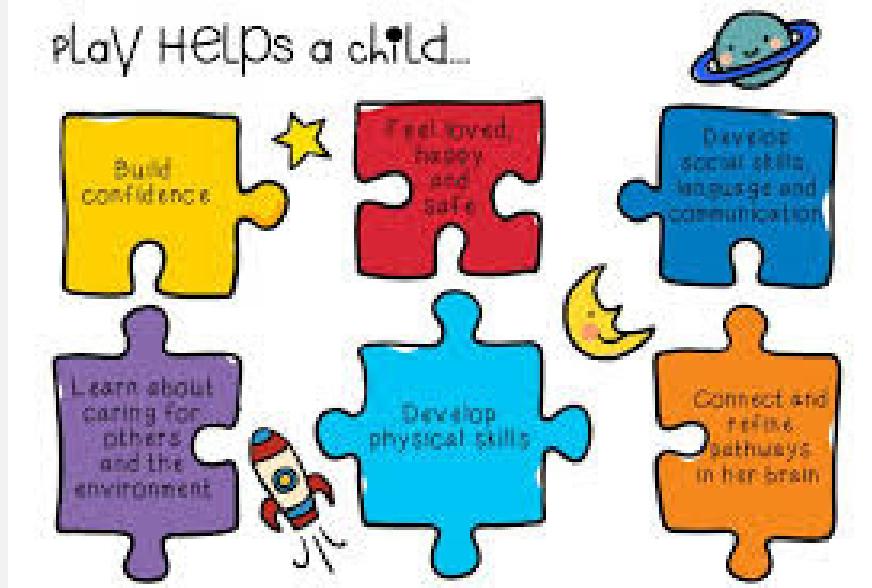
We're thrilled to announce that our school will be joining the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme – a nationally recognised initiative that transforms outdoor play into a rich, inclusive and joyful part of every child's school experience.

Over the next two years, once the SSC building work is complete, we'll be working to develop exciting new play spaces that support creativity, collaboration, and wellbeing. OPAL is based on the understanding that play is a vital part of learning – helping children build relationships, solve problems, and grow in confidence.

To make this vision a reality, we'll be forming a working party to gather ideas and feedback from pupils, staff, parents, and governors. There will be lots of opportunities for our whole school community to get involved – from donating items like pallets, plastic drums, dressing-up clothes, and art materials, to helping shape the future of play at our school.

It's a very exciting development, and we can't wait to get started. Watch this space!

If you would like to learn more about the OPAL project, please visit the OPAL website using the link below:
[Home - Outdoor Play and Learning](#).



Remembrance Sunday

We're honoured to be taking part in the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 9th November, where we'll lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Davyhulme Circle to pay our respects.

This year, two of our Year 6 children will be speaking during the service – a truly proud moment for Kingsway and a reflection of the thoughtful, compassionate young people in our school community.

If you and your child would like to join us in the parade, please meet us at Eden Square, Urmston by 10:00am. Miss Baskeyfield and other staff will be waiting near Poundland and Sainsbury's to greet you. Children walking in the parade should wear their school uniform and must be accompanied by a parent. Once we arrive at the Cenotaph, children will stand with their families.

We hope many of you can join us for this meaningful occasion – it's a special opportunity to come together as a community and reflect.



Attendance, Punctuality and Absence

Please can we ask for your support with regard to attendance, punctuality and absence at school? At Kingsway Primary School, we believe that regular school attendance is key for our children to achieve their potential.

Pupils with good attendance records benefit from:

- maximising educational opportunities
- developing good habits for secondary school and adult life
- making and maintaining friendships.

Our target attendance is 96% - Here is how you can help your children and our school to achieve this!

- Be on time - school gates and doors open at 8.45am and are closed promptly at 9.00am when learning begins. If your child arrives after 9.00am they will receive a late mark and you must enter school via the school office and speak to our attendance officer (Mrs Townsend). Any late arrival after this time must come to the school office to explain the reason for lateness.
- Please ensure that non-urgent appointments (e.g. routine dental/medical) are made out of school times where possible. If this is unavoidable, please provide copies of appointment letters/ cards to the school office.

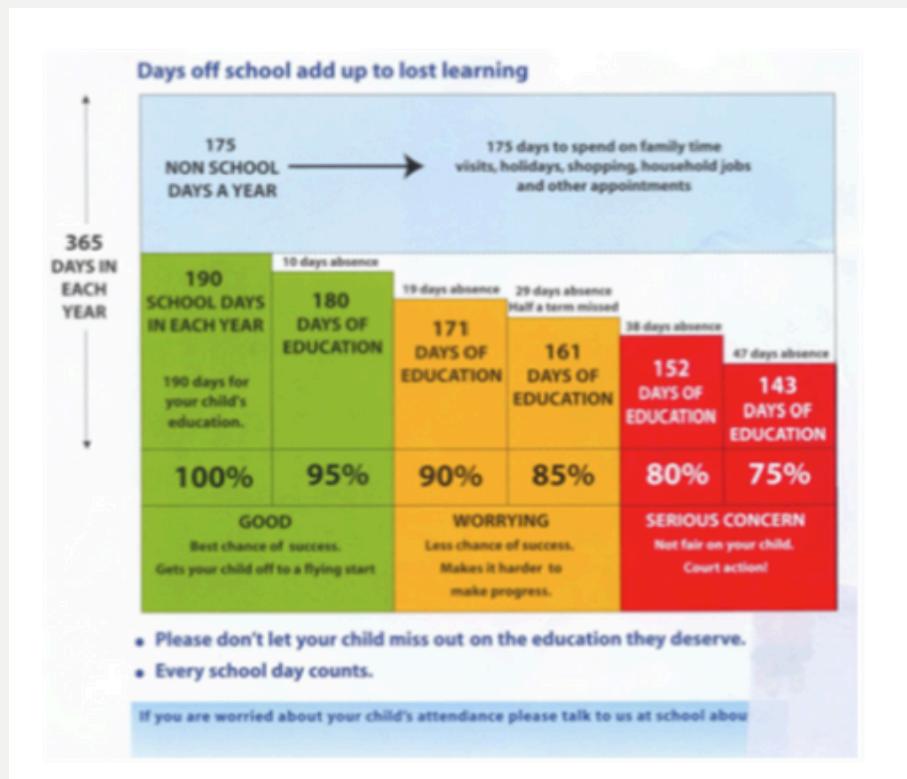
• Do not book holidays in term time, in line with the Government ruling, we are unable to authorise holidays and penalty notices and fines will be issued by Trafford Local Authority.

Please see the link below for further guidance on school attendance. You can also find more information on our school website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance>

- Inform the school of absences, providing valid reasons - this must be done each day as early as possible. Parents/ carers can do this via the school office on 0161 748 1867 or via email at kingsway.admin@trafford.gov.uk.

Thank you very much for your continued support in this matter.





School Safety



Please can I ask all parents NOT to park on the yellow lines outside the front of school. The lines are there to ensure that our children and their families can cross the road safely. Parking is available at George H Carnell across the road from school.

If you have a blue disabled parking badge, please can you contact the school office so that we can notify the parking officers within the Local Authority.

I am aware that drop-off in the morning can be stressful and sometimes we can run late but PLEASE do not park on the lines and compromise the safety of our children. Members of staff will be on the school gate each morning to welcome the children into school and to ensure that the road is clear, please can I ask that you are respectful and polite to staff if approached about parking.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Diary dates

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Parade and Service

Tuesday 11th November - Flu Vaccines Rec-Y6

Wednesday 12th November - Parents' Evening

Friday 14th November - Children in need

Thursday 20th November - SEND coffee morning

Monday 15th December - Christmas performance

Tuesday 16th December - KS1 concert at 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas dinner / EYFS concert at 2pm

Thursday 18th December - Visit from Santa

Friday 19th December - KS2 church visit at 9.30am / School closes for Christmas

So, here's to another exciting half-term where we inspire each other to make a difference together so that everyone in our school family thrives from the moment that they arrive in school to when they leave.

With very best wishes, as always

Miss Baskeyfield