NEWSLETTER

Kelling CE VA Primary School

May 2026

KEY DATES

SATs week 11th – 15th May

Bikeability Year 6 & Year 5
18th May – 21st May

Sports Day 19th June

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

The summer term is now fully up and running and what a fantastic and fun-filled few weeks it has been. There really is so much to celebrate, including... Mr Cunningham, our highly-skilled Site Manager, has done a brilliant job in painting the new Kelling library which looks fantastic as we get closer to it being ready for the grand opening (watch this space!). The Year 5 pupils who attended the residential trip to How Hill on the Broads last month had a brilliant time (check out all the pictures on your schools' website!) and were a credit to the Federation, behaving impeccably and really engaging well with all of the activities. And our annual Founding Day celebration, this year held at Binham, was a triumph - we had a lovely service at Binham Priory and then the pupils all loved having a picnic lunch and playing together at the Village Hall.

And finally... good luck to all of the Year 6 pupils with their SATS next week. You've all worked so hard, stay calm, it is your time to shine!

Enjoy reading the newsletter and, as ever, thank you for all of your support of our wonderful schools.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mr Snowdon

SCHOOL NEWS

Please can everyone share the below vacancy,

Catering Assistant required at Kelling Primary School Holt, Norfolk £12.71/hour, equivalent to £25,777.12 pro-rata 8.45 hours per week Monday to Friday, 11.45 till 1.30 Join the team at Norse Catering.

https://www.careers.norsegroup.co.uk/job/catering-assistant-kelling-primary-school-5896725



CLASS 1 NEWS – MAPLE

We are continuing to learn more about the place where we live, through our artwork, history, geography and more! If the children could bring in any old photos of our local area in the past, maybe photos of the beach, Kelling Heath, your house in the past, that would be amazing to share with everyone. We are looking forward to finding out even more about our local area and how it has changed, in both living memory and beyond, so if you've got any stories to share about your time growing up locally, we would love to hear! One last request to families from across the school, if you attended Kelling as a child, how has the school changed? What can you remember? Please share!



CLASS 2 NEWS - WILLOW

This term our exciting new learning theme is all about 'Where we live' and 'Diversity'. In the coming weeks, we will have some fabulous opportunities to visit Houghton Hall and explore our glorious local beach, hopefully painting some seascapes too.

In Science this week, we have grouped and classified vertebrate species. The children were confidently able to identify individual species belonging to different vertebrate groups. They used classification keys to classify animals (see photos) and group these into fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. In the following few weeks, we will go on an invertebrate hunt, continue with using classification keys and study our local habitat.

During art lessons for the last couple of weeks, we enjoyed working with Ash class (Year 5 and 6) creating landscapes using watercolour and exploring the outdoors. The children have explored colour, shape and texture.

Our current Maths topic is 'decimals'. We have explored tenths on a number line and tenths as a decimal. We have been really impressed with the children's growing independence and ability to explain their answers in Maths lessons.

In English, we are reading 'The Barnabus Project'. It is a story of acceptance and belonging. The themes focus on working together and explores having dreams and following those dreams. The children have created some nice descriptive pieces which have related to the story.











CLASS 3 NEWS – ASH

Class 3 have been looking at our local environment. This has included looking at the features on local maps and aiming to learn the Ordanance Survey Map symbols. We are also making a study of our grounds. This has included finding as many species as possible and recording them. The children have been using a grid to find as many different species within a smaller area both creatures and plants. The class also went into the garden area to look at the different plants and trees. They have also used their grids in the wild garden to compare it with the less wild Trim Trail area.

The class have been using watercolours in the Trim Trail area to look at painting an actual scene. They have been mixing colours and using the paints to paint what they see. This week they have been painting a single leaf or plant.

SATs next week, so good luck to all the Year 6 children.













SAPLINGS

Saplings Stay and Play is continuing in the Summer Term for 2026. We are a Stay and Play group for babies and toddlers aged 0+ up to school age. Maple Class children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, help to run the Stay and Play session every other Thursday at 10 – 11am. Saplings is open to all, please spread the word to any local families.

Saplings dates for Summer Term 1 2026:

Thursday 7th May

Thursday 21st May