NEWSLETTER

Kelling CE VA Primary School

July 2026

KEY DATES

17th July – Leavers Assembly

14th July – Whole School Trip

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

What a summer term we are having! We've had such a fantastic and wide-range of trips that all the pupils have loved and I know how much the Year 6s get out of their transition sessions at their new High Schools. I'm currently in the process of reading through the end of year reports for all of the pupils and it really is a pleasure to read about all of the progress they have made. I'm sure you will love hearing about what your child has achieved when they are sent to you next Friday. I hope you enjoy this last newsletter of the year.
Best wishes,

Mr Snowdon

SCHOOL NEWS

We have been selected to join Tesco's Free Fruit & Veg for Schools.
All children enjoyed the fruit last week.



Summer Fete – Friday 3rd July

We would like to thank The Friends and School Council for organising *this year's summer fete. We raised* **£292.25**

Transition Days for Year 6

Sheringham High – Monday 6th July – Tuesday 7th July

Reepham High – Tuesday 7th July – Wednesday 8th July

Free School Meal eligibility changes - Autumn 2026

You may qualify for free school meals (FSM) and other help if you receive certain benefits or support. You must apply for free school meals.

From September 2026, there are two types of entitlement:

- Targeted: you receive Universal Credit and earn under £7,400 a year or another qualifying benefit: your children are entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- Expanded: you receive Universal Credit and earn above £7,400: your children are entitled to FSM only

The qualifying benefits are:

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) may also be eligible.

To apply online please click on the click below or you can request a paper application from the school office.

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Parents already in receipt of benefit related FSM do not need to reapply, checks will be made and confirmation of entitlement will be sent to you before the end of the summer holiday.

All children attending reception, Year 1 and year 2 automatically receive universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). If you think you might be eligible for FSM, you should still apply as you may be able to help your child's school get extra funding.

CLASS 1 NEWS – MAPLE



With only two more Fridays to go until the holidays, we are beginning to think about moving on and up, in Maple Class. Year 2 are looking forward to moving on to Key Stage 2, and entering Year 3, and we wish them all the best and will miss them dearly! Year 1 are looking ahead to Year 2 and beginning to think of their new roles and responsibilities in the classroom, thinking of how to be amazing role models and good friends to the newly moved up Year 1 children. Reception are coming to the end of their time in EYFS, a stage they have been part of for a long time, and they are getting ready to make the leap to Key Stage 1. This is always an exciting time in our class as we look back on our time in our first few years at school and think about how much we have changed.

Some key reminders for Maple Class as we look ahead to September:

- Please can Maple Class children ONLY bring a bookbag as we are limited on peg space and bookbags keep our books safe and prevent damage/dog ears.
- Key stage 1 children receive home learning tasks at various points of the year, based around different things we are learning about – please try your best to complete these and hand them in on time.
- All children must read at home, as much as possible, and this should be recorded on their reading records.
- From September, Key Stage 1 children will be using their Class Dojo accounts to login and upload Get Busy Time learning to their portfolios.
- A water bottle containing WATER only must be brought to school every day.
- PE days are TBC, I will update you on Dojo about this at the start of the Autumn Term.
- Have a wonderful and safe summer holiday, and remember to decorate and fill a shoebox of your special things and photos of yourselves, your families and things you've been doing in the holiday!

Would anyone like to volunteer to read with our class on Mondays, it can be a morning or afternoon. Please let the school know.



CLASS 2 NEWS - WILLOW

Our big news this week is that we walked to Sheringham along the coastal path. What a marvelous day Willow Class had. At the end, we enjoyed a delicious ice cream before returning to school.

It has been a busy few weeks including:

Celebrating all of our children's outstanding art work across the federation at our Salthouse exhibition - the church looked amazing;

A fantastic Sports Day, with all Willow Class joining in so enthusiastically with all the events;

Experiencing our new classes for September and having the chance to work together in new teams;

Year 2s and 3s had a fabulous afternoon in the Wildlife garden doing some outdoor practical learning. Willow Class will be using this area much more next year;

Local art competitions where we have entered all our KS2 children's amazing art work relating to ponds;

Kew garden competition where the KS2 task was to create a uniform for someone working at Kew gardens and then test that material, using a fair test.

It has been such a celebration seeing all of our children's amazing work. We might be a little school but we definitely can achieve big things!

In Literacy, we have been looking at performing poems and then writing our own. It has been very exciting and the children enjoyed working as a team to perform and watching these back.

In Maths, we have been looking at money (writing it as a decimal, converting pounds and pence, adding and subtracting and solving money word problems). Having more real life experience such as making decisions, counting money around the supermarket and understanding the value of money, would really help with this.

Finally, Mrs Money has had her new baby boy, Wilfred! We look forward to hopefully seeing her and her new addition when she comes to visit us nearer the end of this academic year.















<u>Kew Garden Competition KS2 winners:</u>

Well done Jessie and Matilda in Year 4 for representing Kelling KS2 in the Kew Garden competition. Good luck!



CLASS 3 NEWS – ASH

The term is now reaching to its conclusion. The year 6's are going to their trial days at high school next week and the end of term events are getting closer. One of the highlights for me is the Year 5 and 6 play. The whole class have worked really hard, learning their lines and practicing the songs. As a teacher you are never sure how they will all react on stage but for the final performance they were magnificent. They were amazing actors, reacted to each other's lines, sang beautifully and all looked amazing. They should be very proud of themselves and I'm sure family members who saw them were proud of their 'kids.'

We have the end of term trips, leaver's assembly and the school fete coming up. It will soon be the holidays and I would like to wish you all the best for the summer. Good luck to the year six pupils moving on and I look forward to welcoming back the New Year six's in September.





SAPLINGS

Saplings Stay and Play is continuing in the Autumn 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 Autumn Term 1 2026:

Thursday 17th September

Thursday 1st October

Thursday 15th October