




Dear families and parent carers of our King's Oak community. We hope you have had a lovely week and are starting to feel settled into Autumn. We have had another great week in the lower school where children having been shining throughout using lots of ruby power to ensure they have a positive and hard-working day at school. Here is a bit more information about how children can fill their class gem jars with lots of ruby's.

Miss Montgomery

**Ruby Power**  
*Supporting others, being aware of others and how what you do and say might make them feel*

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- I perform acts of kindness
- I listen and value others
- I know the power of a smile
- I praise and help others
- I show respect and tolerance
- I can show empathy to others

## Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday 10 October	YR & Y1 Phonics Open Door Day 08.25-08.50
Friday 11 October	Open Door Day Y2—Y4 08.25-08.50
Thursday 17 October	YR—Y4 Parent's Evening
Tuesday 22 October	YR—Y4 Parent's Evening
Wednesday 23 October	Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 24 October	INSET DAY
Friday 25 October	INSET DAY
Monday 4 November	First Day of Term 2
Thursday 14 November	Y4 M Shed Trip
Friday 15 November	Local MP Visit & Open Door Day 8.25-8.50
Friday 22 November	Nasal Flu Vaccine

## Healthy Snack Information for Y3 and Y4

Now that your child is in years 3 and 4 they will no longer receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable during their break times (even if your child is entitled to Free School Meals), as this is a Government Scheme administered by the Department of Health for KS1 pupils (Year R-2).

If you would like for your child to have a piece of fruit etc. at break time, please ensure you send them in with a healthy snack. This could be a piece of fruit, a vegetable or a yoghurt drink. Children will not be permitted to eat crisps or chocolate at break times.

## YR and Y1—Open Door Day

We hope that you will join us for our first Open Door Day next Thursday and Friday. Our Reception and Year 1 classes will be opening their doors next Thursday, where our teachers Mrs Whiteford, Mrs Bartlett, Mr Diggle and Miss Carter will be delivering a phonics session to the children. We hope that you will join your children's class and see how phonics is delivered in our school. Please note Y2, 3 and 4's Open Door Day is on Friday 11 October.

## Year 4 Parents Only —

### M Shed Trip

Next term, our Year 4 children will be learning about the Saxons and we are pleased to be able to offer a school visit to M Shed on



Thursday 14 November 2024. It will be a fantastic opportunity for our children to immerse themselves in the Saxon culture and learn about the Saxon origins of Bristol, handling replica artefacts and learning about different roles in Saxon society.

Please sign your child up for the trip via MCAS app or speak to the Lower School Office. Payment needs to be made via Scopay by Friday 11 October. Unfortunately, if all payments have not been received the trip will not go ahead.

### Celebrating Birthday's in School

Whilst we will always acknowledge a birthday in school and sing Happy Birthday to children in the classroom, going forward we will not be taking birthday treats from home into school. This is to be extremely mindful of allergies. Thank you for your understanding.

### Timings of the School Day

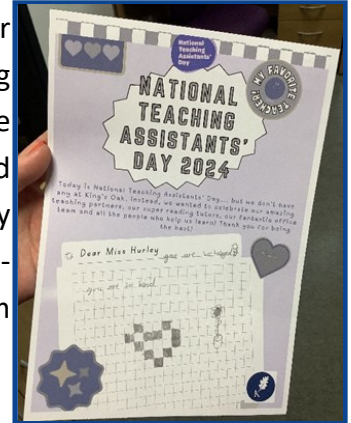
See below a table of timings for the school day for Lower, Middle and Upper School. Please can I remind you that children are welcomed into classes in the morning for a prompt start at 08.25am and collection at the end of the day is 15:00pm.

## Cold Weather

Whilst we are still having some sunny days, the weather is starting to get a lot colder. Please ensure your children are wearing a jumper/cardigan each day and bringing in a coat.

## National Teaching Assistants' Day 2024

Friday 27 September was National Teaching Assistant's Day and the Lower School marked this important day by celebrating all the people who help them learn.



Our super student council members wrote thoughtful messages to our TPs, Office Team and Reading Tutors to remind them how much they are valued.

It was lovely to see our children showing our value of 'Be Kind'.



School	School Day Starts	School Day Ends
Lower School <i>Reception to Year 4</i>	Gates Open: 8.20am Classrooms Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.30am	Gates Open: 2.50pm Classroom Doors Open: 3.00pm
Middle School <i>Year 5 to Year 8</i>	Gates Open: 8.25am Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.05pm Classroom Doors Open: 3.10pm
Upper School <i>Year 9 to Year 11</i>	Gates Open: 8.25am Gates Close: 8.35am Tutor Time Starts: 8.40am	Gates Open: 3.10pm

## Stationery from Home

Could we please ensure children are not bringing anything in from home such as pencil cases, pencils, pens and scissors etc. This will ensure children are ready to learn with what is provided through schools stationary and work stations will remain nice and tidy.

## Open Evening for 2025/2026

On Monday 7 October at 3:30pm, we will be opening our doors to our prospective Reception cohort joining us in September 2025. The first of our Reception events will be our Open Evening where we will be sharing information about life at King's Oak Academy in our Early Years setting.

For those families looking to start with us in September 2025 or families that you know of looking for a new school for their child, we ask you to share the information below.



Located on the edge of Kingwood and Witley, we are an all-through academy with children joining us in Reception through to Year 11.

Proud to be part of the Cabot Learning Federation, we are an Ofsted 'Good' school. Our staff are committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum alongside a wide range of extracurricular activities, designed to help your child become a happy, successful, curious and resilient individual.

Come and have a look around, we look forward to welcoming you to our school.

**Reception Open Events 2024**

Open Evening	Monday 7th October	3.30 - 4.45pm
Open Mornings	Monday 11th November	9am
	Thursday 21st November	9am
Stay and Play Sessions	Saturday 23rd November	10-11am
	Saturday 7th December	10-11am

For children starting in Reception September 2025

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Call 0117 992 7129 Email [koa.lower.school@clf.uk](mailto:koa.lower.school@clf.uk)  
or visit the school office: Brook Road, Kingwood, Bristol BS15 4JT

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### Why King's Oak Academy?

- Ofsted rated 'Good' all through (4-16) school
- A community school with a focus on high expectations and high inclusion for every child
- Children and staff who know and uphold our values, Work Hard, Be Kind
- A broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum that helps to create inquisitive, articulate and happy children
- Fantastic school facilities for both learning and play
- High quality pastoral care provision
- Regular Pupil Voice enabling children to drive debate and action in both the school and local community
- Breakfast club before school and provision after school
- Parent networking and support opportunities

Come and see us!

We love showing visitors around our school. If you would like to arrange a visit please email: [info@koa.clf.uk](mailto:info@koa.clf.uk) or call our school office 0117 992 7129

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## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

As you will be aware all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 get a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM). These are free of charge and not linked to any benefits a family may claim.

However, we would like you to be aware that should you be on a low income, you should still apply for free school meals so that your child's school can claim the Pupil Premium, this can range from (£55 to £1,345 per year. This extra money is paid direct to schools for each child eligible for free school meals and used to support your child's education.

**You can read who may be eligible for the Pupil Premium Funding and how to apply on the link below.**

[School meals | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk)

## Jungle Fest with ASPENS

Every term our catering company, ASPENS hold a 'Special Menu' and October's theme was Jungle Fest. See below the lovely food on offer.



The children had a roar-some lunch time!



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