



Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,

I'd like to extend all King's Oak family a warm welcome back from all our academy staff; we are so excited to see everyone back after the summer break and are looking forward to what the new academic year brings. Lower

School children have made an enthusiastic start to the term already and have demonstrated our values of 'Work Hard, Be Kind' in lessons and on the playground.

Kind regards,  
Miss Cerepanova

## KOA Coffee Mornings

KOA Coffee Mornings are back again this academic year and will continue to take place on the Lower School site between 9:00 and 10:00 am. If you do have young children below the school age, they are more than welcome to attend these sessions with you.



Date	Event
Thursday 12 October	Parents'/Carers Evening (1)
Tuesday 17 October	Halloween Disco
Wednesday 18 October	Parents'/Carers Evening (2)
Wednesday 4 October	Individual and Siblings photos YR-Y4 only
Friday 6 October 08:25—08:50	Lower School Open Door for existing parents/carers
Thursday 19 October	INSET Day
Friday 20 October	INSET Day

## Reception Update

We are so proud of our new Reception children already! They have made a magnificent start to their first year of school and have been confident, enthusiastic, and respectful.

From dinosaurs, to water play, to natural objects and habitats, they have had a wonderful time exploring the environment and are already demonstrating our values of 'Work Hard, Be Kind'.

We'd like to use this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for supporting our Reception learners in making such a strong start to their school and King's Oak journey.




## Gem Power and Value of the Term

This term we will be learning about the Ruby Gem Power. This gem helps us think about the ability to support others, being aware of others and how what you do and say might make them feel. Our termly value is 'Be Kind'.

**Learning Gem Power of the Term:** Ruby Power

**Value of the Term:** Be Kind

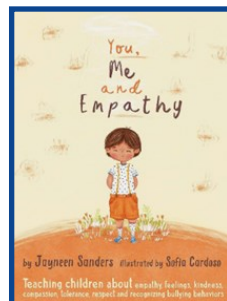
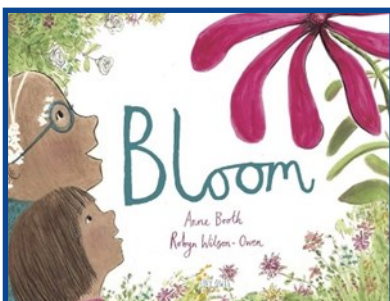
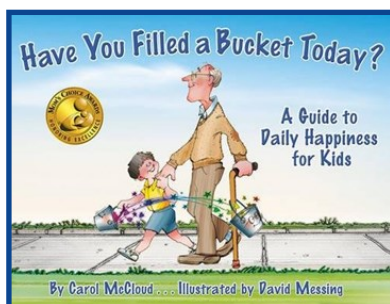
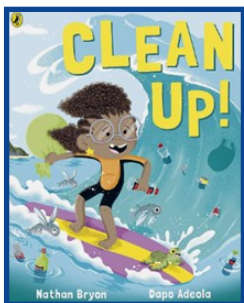
**Ruby Power**  
*Supporting others, being aware of others and how what you do and say might make them feel*



- 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

We have started to explore our termly Learning Gem Power and our termly value both in class and in our assemblies already. In order to explore our value of **kindness** we read 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud. This book encourages children to see how rewarding it is to express daily kindness, appreciation, love and empathy. Children have already made an excellent start to the academic year by performing acts of kindness, supporting their peers, welcoming new friends back to school and demonstrating respect with their **Ruby Gem Power** shining brightly!

Later on this term, we will also be reading these texts to explore the value of kindness:



## Nasal Flu Immunisations

The nursing team from Sirona Care and Health will be visiting us on **Tuesday 14 November**. See below for further information and the link to the consent which you must complete whether your child will be having the Nasal Flu spray or not.

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515 for more information.

## 500 Words 2023: Everything you need to know



500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition, opens on Tuesday 26 September and will run until Friday 10 November.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. All children are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Further details, guidelines and submission information is below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

You may also like to use these writing prompts, whether you'd like to enter this competition or just enjoy a little bit of story writing!



## Heads of Phase

Please continue to work closely with your children's class teachers to share and discuss learning and pastoral needs and achievements. Should you need to speak to another school practitioner or make a pastoral or academic enquiry, our Heads of Phases are often available on the gate or by appointment.



Head of Early Years (Reception & Year 1) and Blossom Class Teacher –  
Mrs Charlotte Whiteford

Head of Y2-4 and Rowan Class Teacher - Miss Joss



## Year 2 Class Teacher

Miss Long has joined us as our new Year 2 Class Teacher. Miss Long has previously worked within the Cabot Learning Federation at Minerva Primary Academy and we are excited to welcome her to the King's Oak community – one that she grew up in. Miss Long will be working closely with the Head of Year 2-4 (Miss Joss) and Miss Eade (Year 2 Class Teacher) to support the progress and achievement of all children in Year 2.

*'Hello! My name is Miss Long.*

*Here are three random facts about me:*

*- I currently work at Minerva Primary Academy that is also part of the CLF.*

*- My favourite food is spaghetti bolognese.*

*- I have two cats called Sukhi and Sylvester, who are 3 year-old brother and sister.'"*



## Year 3 Class Teacher

It is also our pleasure to welcome Mr Shipley-Palmer who has joined us as our new Year 3 Class Teacher.

Mr Shipley-Palmer will be working closely with the Head of Year 2-4 (Miss Joss) and Miss Baber (Year 3 Class Teacher) to support the progress and achievement of all children in Year 3.

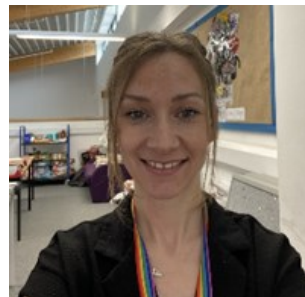


*"Hello, I am Mr Shipley-Palmer (but children often call me Mr S-P for short!) I have recently completed my teacher training with the Cabot Learning Federation and am so excited to start my teaching career in Year 3 at King's Oak Academy."*

Mr Shipley-Palmer

## SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) and Deputy SENCo

Mrs Roscoe and Miss Redwood will be leading the King's Oak SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and Inclusion Team from September 2023-24. As you know, Mrs Roscoe is currently the Head of Inclusion at King's Oak Academy. Mrs Roscoe will be working closely with Miss Redwood who will continue to work as part of the Year 5 and 6 team but will also be spending 2 days out of class each week to fulfil the Deputy SENCo responsibilities.



Miss Redwood



Mrs Roscoe

## Our Learning

Thank you for attending our Open-Door days over the past academic year. It has been fantastic to be able to regularly share our learning with you and we know that our children appreciate these opportunities to welcome you into their classrooms.

You would have now received a termly communication from your child's year group, including a termly letter, curriculum overview and additional home learning menus in KS2. These will also be available on our website. Links to year group pages are below:

Year Group	Website Page
Reception	<a href="https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/reception/">https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/reception/</a>
Year 1	<a href="https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-1/">https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/lower-school/year-1/</a>
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Year 4 Homework Menu Term 4			
<b>Starters</b>	Draw a map of South America. Can you label the countries? Can you label the capital cities?	Make a list of all the appliances in your home that use electricity.	Try and beat your high score on TTRS!
<b>Main</b>	Write a set of instructions for your favourite game.	Create a treasure map. Use compass directions to explain how to find the treasure.	Create a monster using junk modelling. What special features does it have?
<b>Desert</b>	Write a book review of your reading book. Why do you like it?	Research artists Glen Alps or Jerry Di Falco. What are they best known for? Do you like their artwork? Explain your answer.	Create your own exercise routine. Remember to warm up and cool down.

<b>Learn as a Geographer</b> As a geographer this term, we will be identifying countries within South America. We will focus on where they are located in relation to the equator and the Andes and the Amazon.	<b>Learn as a Scientist</b> As a scientist, we will be investigating electrical circuits. We will conduct our own simple circuits and investigate insulators and conductors.	<b>Learn as a Designer</b> As a designer, we will be researching four famous works. We will then design, make and evaluate our own.
<b>Year 4 - Term 4</b> This term, we will be focusing on being a Geographer.		
<b>Learn as a Mathematician</b> As a mathematician this term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division and will be particular focus on formal methods. This means we will be looking at some of the ways and connections.	<b>Learn as a Christian</b> As a Christian this term we will be focusing on the religion of Christianity. We will be learning about the Easter Story.	<b>Learn as an Author</b> This term, we authors we are studying the book <i>There is a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</i> by Jay McInerney. We will read the book together and then write our own version of the story. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about a monster.
<b>Learn as an Athlete</b> In PE this term, we will be focusing on the modern only. We will identify differences in movements and expression.		

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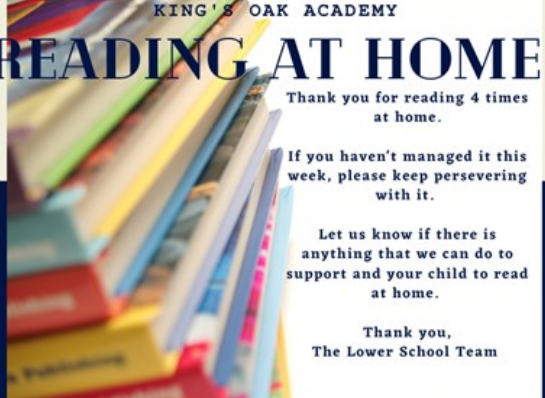
## Progressive Sports Enrichment

This year's enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 are going to be slightly different. Rather than a whole day once a term the sessions are going to be every Monday afternoon for the term. This means that each week a different year group will participate in an enrichment session.

See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 1. Note, Year 1 have already had their session.

Year Group	Date
2	Monday 18 September
3	Monday 25 September
4	Monday 2 October

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on their enrichment day.



**KING'S OAK ACADEMY**

# READING AT HOME

Thank you for reading 4 times at home.

If you haven't managed it this week, please keep persevering with it.

Let us know if there is anything that we can do to support and your child to read at home.

Thank you,  
The Lower School Team

## Term 1 Open Door Day

Open Door-Day is back!

**When?** Friday 6 October 8:25am - 8:50am

**What?** This will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit your child's new classroom from 8:25 – 8:50 to look at your child's recent learning and explore it alongside them. You can visit more than one classroom during that slot. Please sign in upon arrival and sign out using the classroom signing out sheet.

**How?** Please enter via the gate as usual. Classroom doors will open at 8.25 and you will be invited to come in. Please then exit via the school office by 8:50.

## ASPENS Lunch Menu

ASPENS have slightly altered the layout of the Autumn/Winter menu. In doing so, it has caused confusion surrounding the Halal option on offer. I can confirm, every day a Halal option is available however, the main meal itself is not using Halal meat. If a child wishes to order a main meal they can do so by ordering via ScoPay at home and choosing M as the main meal option. If they require the Halal option, this is ordered by using H. If you have any questions or queries, please do contact the Lower School office on 01179 927 129 or email [koa.lower.school@clf.uk](mailto:koa.lower.school@clf.uk)

## New School Day Timings 2023—2024

	School Day Starts	School Day Ends
Lower School	Gates Open: 8.20am <b>Classrooms Open: 8.25am</b> Gates Close: 8.30am	Gates Open: 2.50pm <b>Classroom doors open (end of school day): 3pm</b> Gates Close: 3.05pm
Middle School	Gates Open: 8.25am Year 5/6 classrooms Open: 8.30am Year 7/8 Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.10pm
Upper School	Gates Open: 8.25am Classrooms Open: 8.35am Gates Close: 8.35am	Gates Open: 3.10pm

At the start of the day, the school gates will be opened by a member of staff and the children can wait, with you, on the main playground. At 8.25am the classrooms are opened, and the children will be greeted by their teacher.

At the end of the day, all children are collected from their classroom/garden room doors unless they are going to After School Club. To assist with a smooth handover please refrain from talking with your child's class teacher until all children have been handed over to their designated person.

Lastly, please be aware that we can only hand your child over to a designated person, therefore if you plan for someone different to collect your child, please telephone the school office or send a note in with your child to confirm the end of day collection arrangements.

## Lower School Clubs

Lower School	Year Group	Activity	Location	Time	Staff
Monday	1-2	Superstars	KS2 playground/hall	3:00 – 4:00	Sporting Chance After School Clubs
Tuesday	2-6	Survival Skills	KS2 playground/ forest school	3:10 – 4:10	
Wednesday	1-2	Football	KS2 playground	3:00 – 4:00	
Thursday	3-6	Football	KS2 playground	3:10 – 4:10	
Friday	1-3	Gymnastics	LS Hall	3:00 – 4:00	
Daily	R-7	After-school club (Teddy Bears)	LS site	7.30- 8.30am & 3pm- 5.45pm	Teddy Bears provision team

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# Halloween Disco

**£3 ENTRY**

ON THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE  
BY SCANNING THE QR CODE  
ABOVE



## KING'S OAK ACADEMY CANTEEN

### TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

REC-YR 2 = 4-5PM

YR 3-6 = 5.30-6.30PM

YR 7-9 = 7-8PM

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINS BEFORE YOUR ALLOTTED TIME TO ALLOW FOR CHECKING IN. ALL CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 6 MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO STAY WITH REC, YR 1 & 2 CHILDREN.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE PRE-BOOKING TICKETS TO SAVE TIME ON THE NIGHT.

FANCY DRESS  
OPTIONAL



TUCK SHOP, TATTOOS & GLOW STICKS  
AVAILABLE.  
CASH & CARDS ACCEPTED.  
CASH BACK AVAILABLE





# The KOA Active Challenge Finale

Please join us in the canteen, after school on Friday 6th October and help us bring the Active Challenge to a close.

**FREE FACE PAINTING FROM 3.45PM**



We will also have Hook a Duck, Topple a Teacher, Lucky Dip, tuck shop, hot and cold drinks and more.

At 5.45pm we will announce the total raised so please stick around. You can sponsor us by scanning the QR code.



Friends of King's Oak



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDS 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023  
6.30-8PM  
THE NEW CANTEEN

KING'S OAK ACADEMY, SECONDARY SITE, BROOK  
ROAD, KINGSWOOD, BS15 4JT

Everyone is welcome so why not come along,  
see what we have planned for the year, and lend  
your voice to the Friends of King's Oak?

## Agenda

- Chairs Report
- Treasurers Report
- Elections
- Special Business
- AOB



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