

July 2025

KINGFISHER SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Summer Term News

It has been a very exciting end to the Summer Term.

Pupils have transitioned into their new groups and settled well.

Secondary pupils also enjoyed a trip to Drayton Manor. As always our pupils are such a credit to the school and behaved impeccably throughout the day! The weather almost certainly helped as did the fast passes for the rides!

The school has also celebrated Pride Day which was spectacular! A special mention to Andy Morris, he went to town and his enthusiasm was infectious for both staff and pupils!

There was also our annual sports days for both Primary and Secondary. Although the weather did it's best to disrupt, both days were very successful and it was lovely to see so many of our parents and carers at the days.

Headteachers message

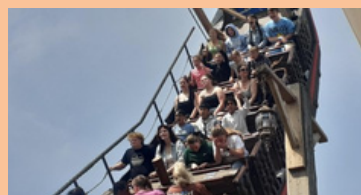
Another fantastic year at Kingfisher. So many exciting visits and activities across the school. Pride day in school was a real success, and our transition has been very successful with our pupils settling well into their new classes.

We had to say goodbye to some valued members of our school community as our sixth form leavers moved on to the next stage of their lives.

All that remains is for me to wish all of you a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back in September

Dates for the diary

- 23rd July 12pm End of Term
- 24th July Free School Meals Vouchers issued to those eligible
- Monday 1st September – school **closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 2nd September pupils return for Autumn Term 1**



Summer Term News

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bromsgroveandredditch/summer2025/>

Please use the above link from Raring to Go! - They have amazing offers for families with discounts too!

Unity Hub

We are taking our Unity Hub into the Community. Every Week for 6 weeks during the Summer Holidays Starting July 21st Finishing August 25th Every Monday and Wednesday at 1pm we are holding a drop in session where you can have a chat, a brew and get a listening ear. Every Friday Evening at 6pm we are Holding a Free Family Self Defence session . We are also offering free 121 counselling and chats in private (appointment required) This is being run in conjunction with Redditch Borough Council, Public Health and Redditch Police SNT. Please share you may not need it but someone else may do Thank-you #droptheknife

WHERE KIDS CAN EAT FREE OR CHEAP THIS SUMMER

Restaurant	Offer
Asda	Kids eat for £1 daily. No minimum spend
Tesco	Kids eat free with a 60p spend until Aug 31st
Burger King	Kids eat free (via app) From 28 Jul - 31 Aug
Pausa cafe Dunelm	Kids eat free with £4 spend after 3pm
BILLS	Kids eat free weekdays 21 Jul-29 Sept
Toby Carvery	Kids eat for £1 all weekdays until Aug 29
Zizzi	Kids eat free this summer holidays (excluding Saturdays)
Morrisons	Kids eat free all day, every day with £5 min spend
Yo! Sushi	Kids eat free this summer holidays (excluding Saturdays)
Harvester	Kids eat for £1 Mon-Fri via the app

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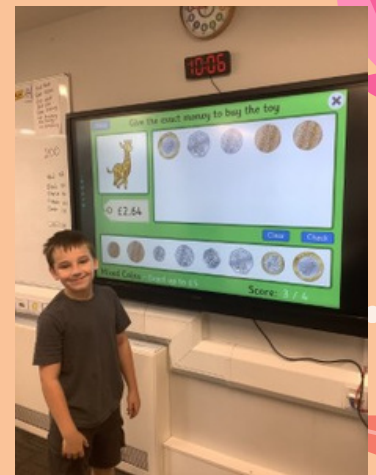
- Click on each of the following icons to explore the different resources in this month's newsletter. Please do not try to save and share resources with colleagues, staff, and other professionals in an approved role.
- InternetMatter.org**: Find expert advice and guidance on the latest apps and platforms children and young people use. Use the filter feature to search for specific apps or platforms to make informed decisions about the tech our children use.
- YOUR SOCIAL FOOTPRINT CHECKER**: Try this now! Find out what your social media digital footprint looks like to help protect yourself from cyber criminals.
- Check out this great resource**: Use the Social Media Checkup to support a reflective discussion around the impact social media might be having on your young person. Three downloadable Social Media Checkups can guide you through your phone settings and identify a range of popular apps.
- West Mercia POLICE Training Opportunity**: Collaborative and collaborative training. This informative session aims to raise awareness and provide valuable insights on how to protect vulnerable children. For more information or to book onto a training session visit their ESO Training Page.
- Mental Health Support**: Luni Nova App: Get instant access to a fun digital therapy app to help children ages 7-12 self-manage their worries. Luni Nova is FREE for access for families in Herefordshire & Worcestershire.
- Get in touch**: Ask a question: Request further information about something from a previous newsletter. Suggest a topic to cover or feature an experience. Recommend a useful online safety or mental health and well-being resource. Suggest some great available training... or anything else you think would be helpful!

Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds have had a fantastic half term! We've welcomed some new faces and everyone has been so kind and welcoming.

Our highlights have included setting up our own shop in maths when learning about money, going on a mission to Mars using the Now Press Play equipment for topic and reading lots of brilliant stories. We also loved the primary trip to Laser Conflict in Studley and hope to be able to visit again soon.

Our new teacher, Charlotte, has been in to visit and we're really looking forward to September when she starts! Although, we've definitely earned a good rest over summer holidays first! We'll no doubt have lots of adventures to share when we're back and look forward to welcoming the other new pupils who will be joining.

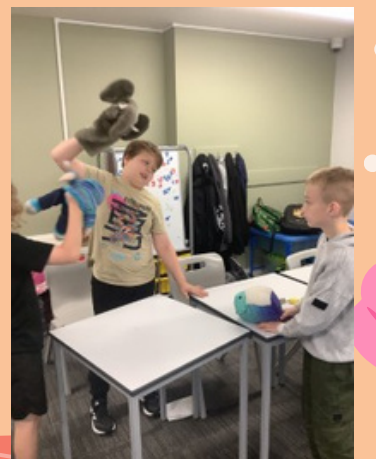


Robins

It has been a very positive term for the children since transition. We have been working hard in all our subjects. Our topic this term has been space, the children have enjoyed discovering the history of space travel and predicting what the future will bring.

We have also been on a school trip to outdoor laser tag a few weeks ago. The children absolutely loved getting hands on with the arena and being able to shoot the adults from a distance.

Finally, last week was our sports day. The children tried their absolute best for all the activities and it was brilliant to see all the parents who came along to support



Doves

We have really enjoyed learning about Space this term. We have enjoyed finding out facts about planets, black holes and Space exploration. We enjoyed 'The Darkest Dark', written by Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield. We wrote our own Space Adventure books; the stories are exciting, have cliff-hangers and in some cases are a little bit scary!



In Maths, we have been learning about adding and subtracting with money; working out change and what they can afford to buy. We set up a hop and the children had a budget; they were allowed to buy and keep items from the class reward box and some sweets! It was interesting that a couple of the boys were willing to pay double for black or red wine gums!



As always we love a good story in Doves, although sometimes we need a bigger sofa!

Primary Sports Day



Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for a very hot Primary Sports day. I'm sure you'll agree that the children were amazing!

It gets super competitive, but always in a good nature.



There were plenty of highlights, but it was lovely to see all the children enjoying themselves, trying hard and encouraging each other!



Celebrating Pride at Kingfisher

At Kingfisher, we deeply value the diversity of our student body and staff, and we take pride in our role within the wider community. Celebrating everyone around us is an important part of who we are. As a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community, I was especially delighted to share Pride Month with our students.

Throughout the day students explored the meaning behind the acronym, learned about queer heroes and alternative families, and delved into the origins of pride. We also explored the various pride flags, enjoyed rainbow arts and crafts, and discussed the stigma and prejudice faced by the LGBTQ+ community worldwide.

The day provided a wonderful opportunity for meaningful and affirming conversations with our students. One of our mentors shared with me:

"Thank you for hosting the Pride event on Friday. It created a safe space where a student felt comfortable sharing their thoughts and feelings about their sexuality and experiences. We learned about gay history, and this student recited the entire timeline, highlighting the injustices and inequalities faced. It was a powerful moment for them and one of the most impactful pieces of work I've seen in a while. Thank you so much!"

In Primary, we were thrilled to welcome a very special visitor who read stories and answered their many questions. Both staff and students loved meeting this larger-than-life character, who shared age-appropriate books such as *My Shadow is Pink* by Scott Stuart, *Timid* by Harry Woodgate, and *Introducing Teddy* by Jessica Walton. These stories promote self-love and celebrate differences, emphasizing that our uniqueness makes us interesting, not weird. The children enjoyed Donna's visit immensely and asked some insightful, well-thought-out questions.

To wrap up the day, Primary students celebrated with a Pride-themed event, dressing in colourful rainbow clothing, engaging in rainbow arts and crafts, and enjoying music from queer artists in the playground.

The feedback from staff and pupils has been overwhelmingly positive. Everyone agreed it was a fun and meaningful day. Queer staff members shared that they felt their students gained a greater understanding and were amazed at how much they learned in just one day.

We hope that next year this will go from strength to strength with more activities and visitors spanning the entire school and offering our students a change to celebrate this joyous festival.



Mid 1

We have had an excellent transition into Mid 1 class. We have learned a lot about our new students that some like Harry Potter, drawing and WWE wrestling! We have been practicing on improving our writing and creating poems using rhyming words this term. We have also done some excellent Maths around creating different charts, multiplication and fractions which students have done very well with! We have been having lots of raffle tickets awarded and have already had a discussion about what trip we would like to do when back after the Summer!

We also had our very exciting trip to Drayton Manor, some students in Mid 1 conquered their fear and was very impressive going on the biggest rides! We have also had our sports Day's which were excellent!

Well done for an excellent transition Mid 1. Have a great Summer we look forward to seeing you in the new school year!



Mid 2

students have made a positive start to transitioning in their new class. We have had some students who are settling in extremely well and others still trying to adjust.

We have been encouraging the students to joining in social games and interactions to promote group cohesion and social skills. Students are accessing their mentoring and interventions sessions to help them.

In Maths, we have been doing statistics; learning about pictograms, bar charts and line graphs. In English we have briefly explored the theme of friendship and change from the film Wonder. We have also been looking at homophones and commonly confused words. In Topic we have briefly explored the topic Around the World focussing on "The UK" and "North America".

We look forward to September where we will get to know each other better as a class!

All the best for the summer!

Alicia and Calais

Secondary Sports Day

Despite the elements postponing us Kingfisher ran its annual sports day on Wednesday 16th July. The weather stayed kind, and it was a fantastic day with pupils performing brilliantly.

Each team displayed determination, perseverance and a great amount of effort. Teams were awarded points on where they finished the race (3 points for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd). Each event total was then added to a main scorecard to form the overall total. As always it was very close, but it was green team who were this year's victors with an extremely narrow two-point win. Thank you to all the staff who helped, the parents that attended and the pupils for performing to the best of their ability.



Special Mentions

Food

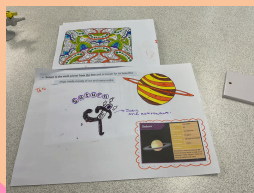
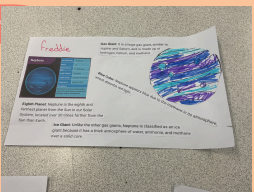
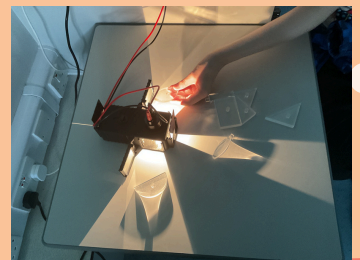
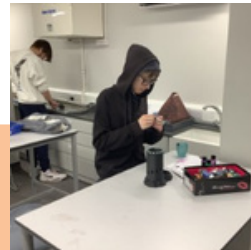
We have been learning about healthy eating and understanding what nutrients are present in the dishes we are cooking. One of the dishes we have made this term is Rahmen and have discussed the foods and nutrients used to cook this dish.

In primary we have prepared and made burgers. One pupil in hummingbirds made a crabby patty for his friend sponge bob!



Art

I have some photos of various classes for the newsletter. We have been making junk models out of recyclable materials as well as clay models throughout the school.



Science

Our Primary classes have been looking at our Sun, Earth and Moon and understanding about Night and day as well as our solar system and asteroids and meteors in the universe. They have really engaged in this as an activity and will be producing posters on their favourite planet with some amazing facts. The students have already had knowledge about planets from the Topic area they have also studied in class.