

Performing and presenting to a large audience can be a daunting prospect. This month, it has been inspiring to see so many students step into the spotlight and deliver confident, well-rehearsed and thoughtful presentations and performances. The Year 7 Welcome Concert at which our younger students treated an audience of parents, friends and staff to some lovely musical performances and devised pieces around the theme of Three Wishes. The strength of the performances reflected the hard work the musicians had put into their preparation, and the humour of the devised pieces showed great promise for future drama productions and the Christmas pantomime!



More recently, a group of year 13 students delivered their Extended Project Qualification presentations, the culmination of 18 months' hard work. As always, the titles they had chosen were intriguing and we were impressed by their enthusiastic delivery and confident responses to the audience's questions. Behind the scenes, we are sometimes treated to glimpses of the rehearsals for our school production of West Side Story and look forward to further stunning performances in the spring term.



Our newsletter highlights the broad extra-curricular offer available to KLB students this term. <https://klbschool.org.uk/school-life/extra-curricular-clubs/> From technology, photography and horticulture clubs to the vast range of sporting clubs, there is something for everyone. We are excited to strengthen our links with the local community and will soon share exciting plans to work with The Keepers and local primary schools. Through the sixth form enrichment programme, KLB students support local primary schools, care homes and charities and we are keen to extend these programmes to other year groups.

During October, we celebrated Black History Month, with an assembly in which I shared my personal reflections about why it is so important to have this focus. We looked at the inspiring stories of Betty Campbell, the first black headteacher in Wales; Doreen Lawrence, who campaigned for justice after her son's murder 30 years ago; and Dina Asher Smith, the fastest female athlete in the UK, who eloquently shares her views about the importance of education and awareness. Over the coming weeks, we are planning to recreate Humanae, an art project created by Angelica Dass, which challenges perceptions about skin colour.

Following the assemblies, students spent tutor time exploring stories of forgotten figures who have contributed to the strength of the multi-cultural society in which we live. Another tutor time focus has been the launch of a new project aimed at encouraging reading for pleasure. This project sees year 7 – 9 tutor groups follow a reciprocal reading approach to a exploring a text, chosen carefully to reflect one of the school's eight core values. A team of year 12 students have been trained to deliver and support the programme and lead the activities with year 7 – 9 tutor groups. This month's text came from Bounce by Matthew Syed.

The rebuild programme is progressing well. The activity studio is on course to be completed early in the New Year and the larger, three-story building in summer 2024. The timeline accessed via this link documents the progress: <https://klbschool.org.uk/our-school/rebuild-programme/>

The activity-packed first term ended on a high with rewards celebration events. Now, during the break, we encourage students to relax and spend quality time with family and friends before returning to another busy term.

Hannah Khan, Headteacher

Cheltenham Literature Festival Trip

You may recall from previous newsletter items that, last term, KS3 students entered into the Read Gloucestershire Million Minutes competition. Despite this being our first year taking part, KLB students smashed the target we set for them. So enthralled with reading were they that KLB achieved the highest score of any school in Gloucestershire, in the process winning valuable book resources for the school and the local community.



In order to reward students for their sterling efforts, we took the 15 most active readers on a subsidised day out to the Cheltenham Literature Festival. During the day, they listened to and met author Tanya Landman, made magic wands, gorged on festival food, hugged the Gruffalo, and generally ransacked the shelves of Waterstones. It was wonderful to see these eager readers indulge in their passion for literature.

The day ended in fitting style back in the KLB library where, rather unsurprisingly, the students wanted nothing more than to get comfortable and read a good book. Although don't just take my word for it as you can hear from one of the students themselves below.

A Morgan, English Teacher

On Thursday 12 October 15 students from years 8, 9 and 10 went to Cheltenham Literature Festival to watch a talk on Gothic Greats by Carnegie Medal winning author Tanya Landman. I thought the talk was engaging and her story telling made it very interesting. Tanya told us about her retellings of Gothic literature such as

Frankenstein, *Wuthering Heights* and *Jane Eyre* as well as some of her other 40+ books.

We were then let loose to go and explore the festival stalls and shops. I personally spent a lot of time in the Waterstones pop-up, browsing the classics and poetry section. I ended up (after a lot of contemplating) buying Charles Dickens' *The Old Curiosity Shop*.

Overall, it was a very good day out. Thank you to the English department for arranging it."

Imogen (Year 10)



Calling all Young Photographers and Artists

October has been a busy month for the art department with the launch of the Young Photographer and Young Artist competitions. The theme for both competitions is Rebuilding, and students can interpret this in any way they wish, the more creative the better. Entries are starting to come in fast so students should use their half term break to get started.

Organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland GB&I, **Rebuilding Lives and Rebuilding Communities** is one of three unifying themes the organisation is using to link all the service projects Rotary clubs undertake in and with their communities and the people in them, locally, nationally and internationally.

The aim of both competitions is to give young people the opportunity to be creative and engage with art and photography. Students can use digital and/or traditional methods of making art and photography and to express personal ideas. Anyone from 11 to 17 years can take part in the competitions and their entries will be judged in one of two age categories: 11-13 (intermediate; 14-17 (senior).

We are inviting three members of Tyndale Photography Club and three local artists to judge the first stage of the competition at school. Winners of each age group will then be entered into the local district competition. Winners of the District Finals will be entered into the National Final to be held in April 2024.

Submissions will be judged on technical merit, content and composition, and imagination and style.

To enter, students need to submit their photograph or artwork by Wednesday 15 November along with their name, age and a sentence explaining how their submission links to the theme of Rebuilding. Students can see Mr Chilman in the art department for further information or find more details on ClassCharts.

We look forward to sharing some of the entries in future newsletters.

T Chilman, Art Teacher



Using our Brains Creatively in Psychology



This past week in psychology for year 13s, we have created miniature multi-coloured brains to aid our learning of brain lateralisation. With the use of play dough, toothpicks, labels and googly eyes, we were able to make models and locate important areas like Broca's area - for the action of speaking - and Wernickes area - for the process of understanding speech.



It is only with the help of these mini brains that I can confidently say I know the different areas of the brain and their functions. We can now proudly display our brains around the N4 classroom in the very fitting week leading up to Halloween!

Bella Orchard, Year 13



Horticulture News



Year 8 students have been harvesting a bumper crop fruits and vegetables.

The summer rain this year may not have been ideal for holidays in the UK but it made for perfect growing conditions.

Well done to the students for all their hard work throughout the growing season.

Emma Taylor-Roach, Horticulture Teacher



Year 7 Visits to St Mary's Church, Kingswood

In RE lessons this term, we have been talking about worldviews and students have been considering the people, places and beliefs that are important to them. We used our trip to St Mary's to consider a Christian worldview and looked at how the church is used and valued by members of the congregation and by the wider local community.



Students learnt a great deal from Rosemary and Bob who shared their knowledge of the church with us. Year 7 had a chance to ring the church bell, try on the choir robes, explore the altar, the pulpit and the font and compare the church to other places of worship they may have visited.

The staff who accompanied the visits were impressed with the great range of questions that students asked and their excellent behaviour as we walked to and from the church.



This is an annual visit and involves all year 7 students. We extend our huge gratitude to St Mary's for being so welcoming and for sharing their church and time with us.



K Williams, Acting Head of RE

Poppy Appeal 2023

In support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, the school will be selling poppies for distribution to students next term.

If you would like to make a donation to the appeal, please do so via Scopay, the school's online payment system, and we will distribute poppies to students via their tutors in the week following the holiday. The system will be open for payments from Saturday 4 November.



We have a small supply of reflective badges and wristbands. If your child would like one of these, please ask them to make a cash contribution, suggested minimum £1, at reception.

Whole school quiz for European Day of Languages

Celebrated on 26 September this year, the European Day of Languages (EDL) is a **means of promoting awareness ... of the importance of language learning and protecting the linguistic heritage.** ... "Everybody deserves the chance to benefit from the cultural and economic advantages language skills can bring."

To help remind KLB students of the fun they can have while learning different languages, the department shared a European Day of Languages quiz with all tutor groups in Years 7-13. This allowed students to test their general knowledge of countries in Europe.



Among the questions was the new name of the previously named country, Bohemia. Students needed to Czech their answers carefully here. It was good to see that students were still familiar with the legendary storyteller, Hans Christian Anderson, and the statue of his Disney princess, Ariel, in Copenhagen.

There were some interesting guesses of how many changes of trains are needed to get to Paris from Dursley. It's three, in case you were thinking of planning a trip! Sadly, Bear-ly anyone knew the animal that is associated with the capital of Switzerland.

Each key stage had a winning tutor group who gratefully received their 'sweet' reward. The winners were 9BRC, 10SJT and 12SHC!

S O'Sullivan, Languages Teacher

New Chinese Assistant Teacher



At the end of September, the Languages department welcomed our new Chinese Assistant Teacher to the team. Mr Liu will be working with the Chinese department for a year, assisting with the teaching of Chinese studies to enhance the students' confidence in using the Chinese language and their understanding of a constantly changing Chinese society. Mr Liu introduces himself below.

My name is Liu Zisong. I come from Liaoning Province, in North East China, about six hours away from Beijing. My degree is in Chinese Language and Literature. Now, I'm studying for a masters degree in cross-cultural communication at Peking University. My favorite Chinese food is dumplings and hot pot. I like calligraphy, watching movies and reading.

British people have greeted me warmly, this is the thing that has surprised me most about life in the UK. I am very happy and touched by this aspect of life here. My reasons for coming to the UK to teach are that I like teaching and I want to experience the way people teach and the teaching atmosphere in the UK for myself, not just by reading about it. My first impressions of KLB School is that it is small, the teachers are enthusiastic and encourage pupils to study happily and develop freely. I have found that students have a range of language levels and learning attitudes, some are quiet and some are not, but they all have their own independent learning ideas.

Chinese department

Language Taster Lessons

This week, students will be finishing their taster lessons in Chinese, Japanese and Spanish. We hope they have enjoyed learning about the different languages and cultures, as well as seeing the similarities between all the languages on offer at KLB.

It is now time for students to choose carefully which language they would like to learn until the end of Year 9, in addition to French. We will send an email to parents and carers this week with a link to an online form to complete before Monday 6 November. Students will remain in their current classes until second Language classes start towards the end of November.

S Jones, Head of Languages

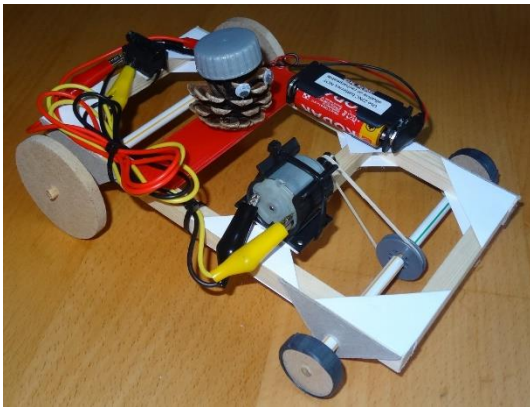
Year 7 Technology Sessions

The design and technology department will be offering STEAM technology workshops next term organised by an outside organisation. The sessions will run after school from 2.50 - 4.30pm on the following dates:

- Thursday 9 November: 20 students will each develop and make a 'brush' monster
- Thursday 16 November: 20 students will make an electric car

If your child would like to participate in either or both events, please encourage them to sign up on the list outside the DT office.

Both sessions are completely free!



If students have any questions, they should speak to Mr Hanney in the design and technology office.

P Hanney, Head of DT

Sixth Form Halloween Film Night

Sixth form students turned the drama hall into an art house cinema this month for a Halloween film night to raise money for their prom. Dressed in onesies and pyjamas, armed with blankets and mugs, they settled down with hot chocolate (complete with marshmallows and cream), Halloween treats, and even a sneaky Domino's pizza to watch Shaun of the Dead.

It was lovely to have such a good turnout from students in both year 13 and 12 to get the sixth form social calendar underway. Thanks to the sixth form leadership team for organising the event and to all those who attended for making it a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

J Campion, Head of Sixth Form



Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) 2023

The EPQ is a level 5 qualification equivalent to an AS. To undertake it, students are required to conceive of a research question and then carry out their research to produce a 5000 word report. The qualification assesses both the quality of the process and the outcome.

The level of independence and self-direction required of the students is a significant demand and no mean feat for those who make it to submission. As part of that process, students have to give a twenty-minute presentation that summarises their process and findings, and respond to questions from the audience.

This year's presentations took place just before the end of term and once again demonstrated the creativity and sophistication of our sixth form students. If there were nerves, they were not on show as students variously presented on areas of science, law, environmental issues and ley lines.

The joy of the EPQ is that students really do become the expert in the room and so, while they may be daunted by the presence of teachers in the audience, it is evident in their responses to questions that they know more than the staff about their area of research. We congratulate the students on their dedication, resilience and skilful management of their projects.



This year's project titles are:

Freya Bartlett - Is the Plastic Bag Charge an Effective Way of Reducing the Consumption of Single-Use Plastic in the UK?

Ollie Beere - How influential are donations to political parties and campaigning groups in affecting referendum results?

Ellie Davies – Is genetic or human influence more responsible for causing compulsive disorders in dogs and horses, and which treatment method is the most effective?

Henry Dobson – Is capital punishment justifiable for use in the UK?

Erin Godfrey - Should somatic genome editing be acceptable for use on adult humans

Dulcie Iddon – Can the existence and purpose of ley lines be deemed plausible?

Lottie Magrath – To what extent does general anaesthesia affect sleep patterns in post-operative patients and what are the implications of this?

Beth Pierce-Jones - What influence has the overturning of Roe V. Wade had on abortion rights in the United Kingdom?

Rufus Strange - Should mental health defences be abolished for use in a criminal trial?

J Campion, Head of Sixth Form



Book Buzz Books



Bookbuzz is a reading program from a charity called Book Trust, which aims to help schools encourage children, ages 11-13, to read for pleasure. As last year, we have bought into the program and given all Year 7s a free book to welcome them to KLB and encourage them to read. All year 7 students have now received their Book Buzz books and they were thrilled. Most of them have already read their books and told us they enjoyed them. Keep on Reading!



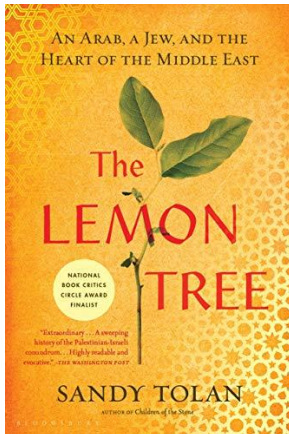
Overdue Library Books

We continue to have a high volume of overdue library books. If you have a library book, which is overdue, please return it to library as soon as possible so that other students can enjoy them. During holidays, please have a good search in your room, back of the sofa, in cars and relatives' houses to locate them and please try to bring them in the first week back. If you cannot locate your books, please come and see us in the library to discuss a plan to replace them and a contribution towards the cost.

E Koroglu-Ward and Leah Hill, School Librarians

October diversity books

Each month we are sharing two books recommended by students in our recent diversity book project in RE.



The Lemon Tree (Young Readers' Edition): An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan

In 1967, a twenty-five-year-old refugee named Bashir Khairi travelled from the Palestinian hill town of Ramallah to Ramla, Israel, to see the beloved stone house with the lemon tree in its backyard that he and his family had been forced to leave nineteen years earlier. When he arrived, he was greeted by one of its new owners, Dalia Eshkenazi Landau, a nineteen-year-old Israeli college student whose family had fled Europe following the Holocaust.

On the stoop of this shared house, Dalia and Bashir began a surprising friendship, forged in the aftermath of war and later tested as political tensions run.

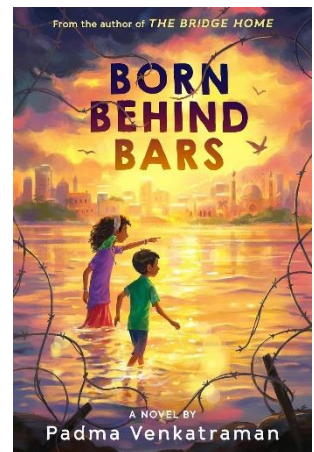
Adapted from the award-winning adult book, and based on Sandy Tolan's extensive research and reporting, *The Lemon Tree* is a deeply personal story of two people seeking hope, transformation, and home.

Born Behind Bars by Padma Venkatraman

Kabir has been in jail since the day he was born, because his Mum is serving time for a crime she did not commit. He has never met his Dad, so the only family he has are their cellmates, and the only place he feels the least bit free is in the classroom, where his kind teacher regales him with stories of the wonders of the outside world.

Then one day a new warden arrives and announces Kabir is too old to stay. He is handed over to a long-lost uncle who unfortunately turns out to be a fraud, and intends to sell Kabir. Kabir does the only thing he can - run away as fast as his legs will take him. How does a boy with nowhere to go and no connections make his way?

Fortunately, he befriends Rani, another street kid, and she takes him under her wing. But plotting their next move is hard and fraught with danger in a world that cares little for homeless, low caste children. This is not the world Kabir dreamed of but he's discovered he's not the type to give up. Kabir is ready to show the world that he, and his mother, deserve a place in it.



K Williams, RE Teacher



KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S
SCHOOL

Over 20 students have now enrolled on the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold award programme this academic year. Some are already underway with their programme of activities and we look forward to reporting on their expedition and other elements of the award as they progress, culminating in collecting their awards at the palace.

At Silver level, over 45 students are looking to take part and, at Bronze level, we expect to enrol more than 100 Year 9 students during the holiday. The Bronze participants will then register their accounts following the half term break and get underway with their DofE journey.

Well done to all the students who have decided to challenge themselves to complete a DofE award. If any students who have not already done so would like to sign up after half term, please would parents encourage them to return the completed enrolment forms to Reception.

If you have any questions about the award programme, please email hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk

Helen Isaacs, DofE Coordinator

Careers Information

Careers website for parents/carers

Careerpilot is a great website for parents/carers to get information on a range of areas, including choices at 14, 16 and 18 as well as apprenticeships and colleges. The link below takes you to the key page on the website.

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone>

Guest speakers

We are always on the lookout for adults to share their experiences of the world of work so that we can broaden our students' awareness of the potential careers related opportunities out in the 'real world'.

If you would be interested in sharing information about your career path, the skill set needed for your particular field of work, your working environment or any other relevant details, please let me know. There is no doubt that hearing ideas from people in the wider working community can be a powerful and enriching experience for our students.

College and Sixth Form Open Days

Year 11 students and their parents may be interested in the following open events at local colleges. Please note that, in most cases, you will need to book via the college website.

Sat 4 November	Access Creative College	11am – 2pm
Sat 18 November	SGS College (Filton, Stroud, Wise, QR)	10am – 1pm
Sat 18 November	Berkeley Green UTC	10am – 1pm
Thurs 23 November	City of Bristol	5pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 28 November	On Site Bristol	5pm – 7.30pm

In addition, please put the date of the **KLB Sixth Form Open Evening** in your diary:

Thursday 16 November 6.00 – 8.00pm

Simon Pegg, Head of Careers

spegg@klbschool.org.uk

Year 10 Work Experience

Well done to the early birds who have organised their placements for next July and returned their forms.

Students should note that some large organisations have opened their application window for work experience, among them Bristol University Faculties of Engineering and Life Sciences, and Bath Theatre Royal. Many others will do so during the autumn months and we recommend that students take time during the coming holiday to research potential placements and make applications if the opportunity is available.

If you have any questions regarding the school's work experience programme please contact hisaacs@klbschool.org.uk

Helen Isaacs, Work Experience Coordinator

Parent Workshops

The first of this year's pastoral workshops proved popular and KLB School's Pastoral Support Advisor, Suzie Smyth-Roberts, will be running further workshops for parents throughout the year.

We will issue further information prior to each workshop but you may wish to make a note of the following dates:

Wed 29 Nov	A Guide to Anxiety and Stress
Tues 20 Jan	A Guide to Building Resilience
Tues 23 Apr	A Guide to Challenging Behaviour

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust's vaccination team will be at school to provide nasal flu immunisations on the following dates:

Year 11 Wednesday 29 November

Years 7-10 Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 December (schedule yet to be confirmed)

We will send consent forms home next term.

Anti-Bullying week 13 – 17 November

Once again this year, the school will be getting involved in anti-bullying week through messages and activities at school. Watch this space!



Request for Kit Donations

The PE department continues to welcome your donations of kit to support students who may have difficulty obtaining items of sports kit, to fully participate in PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.

Currently, we are in particular need of football boots and shin pads. If you have items that your child has grown out of, we would be grateful if you would consider donating these to the PE department at school.

R Daniel, Head of PE

PE Department

Year 10 Boys Rugby

It has been a positive return to school sport for our U15 Boys rugby squad this academic year and the boys can be proud of their efforts so far this season. The squad has continued to show great progression and the boys are consequently playing some very entertaining rugby. The squad has seen numerous additions with many new players representing the school for the very first time.



The squad has been involved in some highly competitive fixtures with Collegiate, Stroud Schools and Bournside School. They have produced some wonderfully flowing rugby as well as an abrasive defence. Their fixtures continue after the half term break with games against Crypt Grammar as well as EDF Energy County Plate Finalists Holmleigh Park High.

Year 8 Boys Rugby

The Year 8 season so far has been marked by tremendous dedication and hard work, with the team carrying forward the momentum from their successful Year 7 season. The players have continued to develop their skills, teamwork, and understanding of the game, showcasing significant growth and improvement.

The boys have continued their fine defensive work from last season with an improvement in their organisation and leadership.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this season has been the impressive attendance at training sessions. It's fantastic to see so many students committed to honing their rugby abilities. This commitment has allowed us to field competitive A and B teams in every fixture, providing valuable playing time for all squad members.



The A team has had an excellent season so far, with numerous remarkable achievements. Notable among them was the exceptional performance at the Dean Close Festival, where they emerged victorious in all but one of their games. The team also had an impressive win over Kings, running in 8 tries to 4.

Our B team has also shown remarkable growth and continues to improve with each game they play. They have put on strong displays in fixtures against tough opponents. The team most recently had an impressive win against Collegiate and Kings.

The dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship displayed by our Year 8 rugby squad has been truly commendable. We are excited about the remainder of the season and look forward to more successes on the rugby field.

U18 Girls Hockey

Our U18 Girls Hockey team have had a great season this academic year, with no less than ten students representing the senior school hockey squad for the very first time. A runners-up spot at the County Tournament and a third place pool finish at the West Regional Finals has shown how competitive the squad has been this academic year.

Focus now shifts towards our remaining fixtures and bedding in new players as we look towards the future. It is also an opportunity to ensure that our wonderful year 13 cohort are given an appropriate and fitting send off after seven years of outstanding dedication.



U16 Boys Indoor Hockey

Indoor hockey has made another welcome return to our sporting programme, with our U16 and U18 boys competing in the West Regional Heats. Both squads producing incredibly clinical displays to qualify for West Regional Finals on Sunday 26 November at Wellington School. Our U16 boys claimed top seed in their heat following a draw with Dean Close and wins over The King's School and Millfield. Their U18 Counterparts also claiming top seed with a draw against Dean Close and victories over Cheltenham College and The King's School.

KLB Sport Wellbeing Padlet

Being active can improve self-perception and self-esteem, mood and sleep quality, reduce stress, anxiety and fatigue. KLB Sport are proud to offer our students help and advice of how to keep active beyond the classroom in order to improve mental and physical wellbeing. For advice and guidance on how to keep yourself physically active, please access our Wellbeing Padlet. This page is regularly updated to provide advice on healthy eating, accessible exercise and much more. To access our Wellbeing Padlet please access the following link:

<https://padlet.com/rmeredith8/klb-sport-wellbeing-byp4agyoal25zw7p>

Or scan the following:



For up to date news and announcements please follow @KLBSport on Instagram, Threads or X.

R Meredith, PE Teacher

U16 Tier 3 County Hockey Tournament at Cheltenham Ladies College



KLB's U16 girls successfully qualified for the West hockey finals, winning all their pool matches at Cheltenham Ladies College.

The first match was against Balcarras School. The forward and mid fielders connected well to ensure their attacking play was quick and they had several shots on target. The solid defence ensured the team had a clean sheet and they opened their account with a 2-0 win. The girls racked up 12 points with wins for all four of their pool games against the remaining teams; Cotswold, Denmark Road and Kings.

After winning the group the girls then played a fantastic game of hockey against Pates school in the semi-final and had a convincing 3-0 win.

The girls went into their final with the knowledge that they had already successfully qualified for the Regional finals. Their final against Balcarras was end-to-end hockey but in the end Balcarras had the edge and they won 1-0.

We wish the U16 hockey team the best of luck with their upcoming West finals tournament at Clifton College on Thursday 9 November.

U16 team

Top row: Emily Hall, Winnie Read, Emily Rowe, Nina Blackburn, Jocelyn Reynard, Isla Melville, Cloe Wallace, Maddy Hall-Smith

Bottom row: Alice Scott, Poppy Sheppard, Anya Prouse, Emily Austen, Kate Wilson

Mrs Wills, Head of Girls PE

Individual Student Success

Sophia Morwood is one of the youngest members of the Tockington Archers and also one of the very few that shoot with a Longbow. Sophia makes her own arrows and always takes her doggy mascot with her.

Sophia recently won a rare and coveted Tassel award badge at the Gloucestershire Clout Shoot which took place on KLB grounds. This is where archers have to shoot their arrows up in the air and try to hit a target on the ground.

Well done to Sophia on her achievement.



20's plenty on roads near schools

25% of parents say traffic is too fast for their children to walk to school

20 Brake is calling for 20mph speed limits around all schools in the UK*

Let's talk about... **SPEED** ROAD SAFETY WEEK





*Brake (2023) Brake calls for 20mph speed limits around schools. www.brake.org.uk/news

Road Safety week may be a timely reminder to parents and students to take care when either dropping off/picking up or walking to and from school, especially as we are approaching the darker months.

Thank you for supporting the school's measures to make the areas around the entrances and car parks safe for all to use. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in making the journey to and from school as safe as possible for all children.

KLB Friends

Welcome to this October's newsletter.

It has been a busy month for the Friends of KLB. We've loved meeting and greeting so many of you over the last six weeks at the information evenings.

Many of you may have received a form to complete with some of your contact details. Please don't be scared, we won't bombard you with emails. If you could return the completed form to KLB reception we would be really grateful.

Thank you to all parents and carers who turned up to our first AGM. We are genuinely appreciative of you giving up your time.

The main outcomes from the meeting were that the current committee were happy to continue in their posts and the biggest change was to our constitution, to follow current national standards of practice in line with Parentkind UK.

Our next fundraising event is coming up on Saturday 4 November. Wotton-under-Edge & District Roundtable have invited KLB Friends to provide a Hog Roast at the fireworks event and we will need your help, so if you could spare an hour of your time then please click the link below and sign up.

<https://volunteersignup.org/events/copy/505629>

If you are buying tickets then please use the link below as every ticket purchased through it will enhance our chances of getting to the top of the sellers leader board and ultimately a percentage of the overall ticket sales.

<https://ti.to/wotton-firework-display/2023?source=KLB>

Finally, the exciting news is that Miss Khan has given the go ahead for us to run a Year 7 Disco. Tickets will go on sale shortly. If you would like to volunteer to help at the event then click the link below.

<https://volunteersignup.org/WHJPF>

Have a wonderful half term holiday.

Your KLB Friends



 **ROUNDTABLE**
WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE & DISTRICT 974

GET YOUR TICKET FOR 2023 NOW!



SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER | WOTTON COMMUNITY PARK
FIREWORKS | BONFIRE | HOT FOOD & DRINKS | SWEETS | RIDES | MUSIC

GATES OPEN 5.30PM
FIRST DISPLAY 6.30PM
BONFIRE LIT 7.00PM
MAIN DISPLAY 7.30PM

Tickets are only available online. All proceeds go to local causes. Use the link below or scan the QR code to support KLB School

<https://ti.to/wotton-firework-display/2023?source=KLB>



Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools (GCC Schools) Academic Year 2025/2026

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years. Gloucestershire County Council, as the admission authority for all Community (C) and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools last consulted upon their admission arrangements in 2016, therefore we are now due a full consultation.

The current oversubscription criteria give priority in the following order:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order (1) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who will have siblings attending the school at the time the applicant child is admitted.
3. Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

We will not be making any changes to these admission arrangements for the academic year 2025-2026 therefore the priority for admission to Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Gloucestershire will remain the same as above.

The link to this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/school-admission-arrangements-2025-consultation>

One of our schools is also consulting on a reduction of their Published Admission Number for 2025. The link for this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/beech-green-primary-school-school-admission-consultation>

If you have any comments to make about the admission arrangements for 2025-2026, please do so via the consultation page.

Named points of contact;
Holly Ryland and Amanda Johns

“Fun, caring and welcoming”

is how our children describe Blue Coat Primary School

We are also a high performing school with excellent outcomes and a very successful recent Ofsted Report March 2023

Good Overall Effectiveness
Good Quality of Education
Outstanding Behaviour and Attitude
Outstanding Personal Development
Outstanding Leadership and Management
Outstanding Early Years Provision



However, we are most proud of the care that we provide to each and every one of our exceptional children.



If you have a child who will be joining school in September 2024, we would love to show you round our fabulous school and grounds. Then you can see for yourself what makes us so proud to be a part of the Blue Coat community. To book a tour call 01453 525020



The British School
 Working together for our children's future



- ✓ Consistently rated as a good school and striving for outstanding
- ✓ Extensive grounds including: dedicated forest school, allotment, AstroTurf and sports field
- ✓ A varied and inspiring extracurricular offering and wrap around care
- ✓ SATS scores that are consistently above average
- ✓ A school where community matters and visitors comment on our warm and supportive environment

Call or email to book a tour with
 Headteacher, Mr Abel Roche

📞 01453 843371

✉ admin@british.gloucs.sch.uk

🌐 www.thebritishschool.co.uk



**TORTWORTH
 PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Are you looking for a primary school with a unique setting, a real community feel and offers an amazing education for its children?

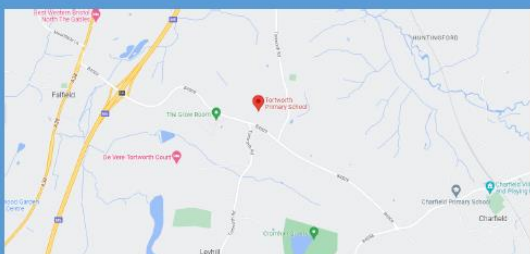
Tortworth Primary School offers you all three.

We warmly welcome visits from prospective families and would be delighted to show you around our school.

For more information or to book a visit, please contact the school office by emailing office@tortworthschool.org.uk or calling 01454 260510.

www.tortworthprimarieschool.org.uk

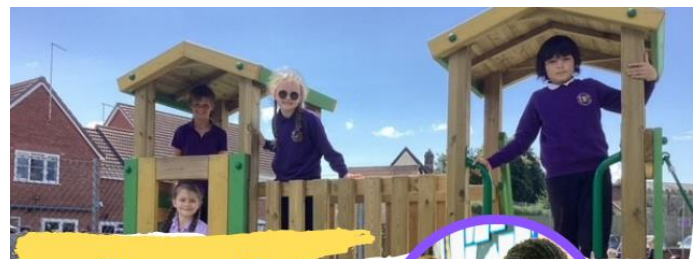
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Our values - the Tortworth 6



Empathy - Honesty - Kindness - Resilience - Respect - Responsibility



**Stone with
 Woodford C of E
 Primary School**

RESPECT ~ KINDNESS ~ RESILIENCE

Stone with Woodford Primary School is a voluntary controlled, small Church of England village school in Gloucestershire. The school combines a warm and friendly atmosphere with high standards of educational achievement, and puts enjoyment at the heart of every child's education within a Christian context.

We offer wraparound care from 07:45am before school and until 5:30pm afterschool everyday.

We warmly invite you to visit our school; please use the contact details below to arrange a visit.

📞 01454 260309

📍 Stone, Berkeley. GL13 9JX

✉ admin@stone-with-woodford.gloucs.sch.uk

🌐 www.stone-with-woodford.gloucs.sch.uk



SCAN ME

Let Your Light Shine - Matthew 5:16



I would definitely recommend St Andrew's to any parent who was looking to move to a new school...
- Year 6 Pupil Parent

I love school, everyone looks out for each other and it is really interesting - Year 5 Pupil

"We LOVE our school and think you will too"



Why choose St Andrews?

- ✓ An inclusive school community
- ✓ Extensive outdoor space
- ✓ Dedicated team of staff and governors
- ✓ Wrap around provision
- ✓ SIAMS rated Good – 2019
- ✓ OFSTED rated Good – 2022
- ✓ Small classes
- ✓ A happy, caring environment
- ✓ A range of enrichment experiences



'A church school that grows, learns and achieves together'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Headteacher, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to St Andrew's Primary School – a small school with a big heart. St Andrew's is a friendly, village school, very much part of the local community, set in an idyllic location. We are a church school, where pupils learn, grow and achieve together, and are challenged and supported to be the best version of themselves.

I very much look forward to meeting you and showing you what our amazing school has to offer.

Best wishes


Graham Pike, Head Teacher



I like this school because everyone is respectful but the teachers still make us work hard - Year 6 Pupil

Our 2022 Ofsted Report says "Pupils enjoy attending St Andrew's primary School. They talk confidently about the school's Christian values and know how these help them to be honest and friendly"



We have a small community which helps you to get to know everyone - Year 2 Pupil

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL NEW PUPILS



2024



Is your child starting Reception in September 2024?

Are you new to the area. Or are interested in moving your child from their current school to Kingswood?

Would you like to be part of a school community that has a strong ethos of care, respect and outstanding attitudes and behaviours?

If the answer is yes, please come and visit our lovely school to find out more about us.



To arrange a personal visit, please contact the school office on:

01453 842197



Hawkesbury C of E Primary School
Enabling Everyone to flourish



Please do take a look at our lovely school – Reception 2024 visits are taking place now.

<https://hawkesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/>

We have some spaces in other year groups as well. We do have an extensive outdoor learning area and forest schools and we are part of a great community.

For more information contact the school; enquiries@hawkesbury.org.uk or 01454 238 629



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**outstandingly
happy children?**



2.6 miles from
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Breakfast Club from 7.45am &
Daily After-school Clubs
until 5.30pm

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What's on in NOVEMBER?

The Keepers is a community hub supporting the residents of Wotton and surrounding areas. It is here for everyone. Either come along to one of the organised groups below, or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa - whenever we are open. Come as you are, bring what you can and take what you need.

Monday

Parent Support Group - a support group by parents for parents. 9.15am - 10.45am

Citizens Advice - to book an appointment call 0800 800510/511 or just drop in. 13th and 27th November. 10am - 2pm

Age UK Gloucestershire - a social group for those who are 50+. 11am - 12.30pm

Age UK Gloucestershire Help Team - drop in and ask questions about any aspect of later life. No booking needed. 6th November. 11am - 12.30pm

Chair Yoga - join in with some gentle, supportive yoga. Open to all. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel (PAYF). 1.30pm - 2.30pm

After School Drop In - reading, games and toast available. Children to come with an accompanying adult. Also runs through the holidays. 3pm - 4pm

Menopause Support Group - a peer support group for those affected by menopause. 6th November. 7pm - 8.30pm

Thursday

Lloyds Bank - drop in for basic transactions such as account balance, direct debit, standing order and bill payment enquiries for both personal and business account customers. No cash services are available. 9.30am - 3pm

Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS) - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. 9th November. 9.30am - 11.00am

Wotton Area Breast Support Group - anyone touched by breast cancer is invited to drop in and meet others who know just how it feels. The next meeting is on 16th November. 10am - 11am

Qigong - meditation, breathing and gentle movement. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel. 12pm - 1pm

Independence Trust and NHS social prescribers' Drop In - help to connect and grow in confidence. Just drop in, no appointment needed. 11am - 1pm

Welcome Space - run by the Independence Trust and CALMHS - a space to talk and be listened to. Call 01453 767999 to book. 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Menopause Support Group - a peer support group for those affected by menopause. 16th November. 7pm - 8.30pm

French For Beginners/The Terrified (NEW) - an informal French conversation group. Come along and join in. 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday

The Keepers' Garden - the garden is open - come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

The Carers' Café - run by Healthcare Assistants from Culverhay and Chipping surgeries. Coffee, chat and advice if needed. Just drop in. Carers can come by themselves or bring the person they care for. 7th and 21st November. 10.30am - 12.30pm

CONNECT (previously called Dementia Connections) - for anyone who would like to make connections, including those living with dementia, long term health conditions, and unpaid carers. Activities and conversation. 14th and 28th November. 10.30am - 12.30pm

Sing 2 Remember - sing together, share memories and make friends. Come and join this supported, dementia-friendly singing session. Just turn up. 7th and 21st November. 10.45am - 11.45am

Tuesday Lunches - come and join us for a warm meal, open to all and Pay As You Feel (PAYF). Spaces are limited, so to book a space please call 07585 466418 or pop in to find out what's on the menu! 12.30pm - 1.30pm

The Keepers' Car Club is also running on Tuesdays to provide transport from your home to the hot lunches. Places are limited so to book please call 07585 466418 or pop in.

Rainbow Cuppa (NEW) - all LGBTQ+ folk and allies welcome to join us for a relaxed chat, coffee or bring a craft along. 14th November. 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Ukulele group - open to beginners and those who already play. Come along and join in. 7th and 21st November. 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Friday

The Keepers' Garden - the garden is open - Come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

Drop In Café - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. This café is quieter than a Wednesday, the tables are spaced apart, board games available if wanted. 11.30am - 12.30pm

OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:
9.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday and Friday:
9.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday

Drop In Café - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. 10am - 12pm

Craft and Chat with tea and cake - held fortnightly on 8th and 22nd November. 10am - 12pm

P3 Drop In - help with a range of issues e.g. housing, debt and benefit support. No booking needed. 10am - 12pm

Job Club - help with CVs and employment support. Drop in, no booking required. 10am - 12pm

Stroud District Council Housing Officer Drop In - pop in and talk to Rachel. 10.30am - 11.30am

Health Visitor Drop In - available to weigh babies and answer any questions. Next drop in is on 1st November. 10am - 12pm

Other visitors to the Café - all 10am - 12pm:

Men's Shed - talk about the projects they're working on and discuss yours. 8th November.

Healthwatch - coming to listen to what people think about health care services. 8th November.

Citizens Advice - pop in for energy advice. 15th November.

Longfield - supports those who have a life limiting condition and their families. Pop in to find out more. 22nd November.

Healthy Lifestyles - offers support with those who want to make lifestyle changes eg stopping smoking, managing weight, being more active. 29th November.

Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS) - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. The next meeting is on 29th November. 7pm - 9pm

Talk Club - a new talking and listening club for men to help keep mentally fit. 1st and 15th November. 7pm - 8.30pm

Courses at The Keepers

Art Shape - a 6-week creative arts course. This course is full, if interested in another art course, please contact us. **Thursdays**. 9.30am - 11.30am

Creative writing (NEW) - 6 writing workshops led by local author and playwright Mark Seaman. If you have an idea for a novel, a play, or are just interested in learning more about the craft of writing. Open to anyone - no eligibility criteria. **Thursdays**. 11.30am - 1.00pm.

To find out about the eligibility for our courses, book a space or ask a question - contact us on 07585 466418, email thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com or pop in.

It's important to us that everyone is included, the Hub is accessible to all and we work in collaboration with other local organisations. www.thekeepers.org.uk Reg Charity No. 1192121



Ages 11 –15

Enjoy the real Hallowe'en... in the Woods!

Celebrate the turn of the seasons the way the early Britons did, with a **work-party, **fire**, **food** and **atmospheric tales** in the woods! **Sunday 29th October 1.30 – 6pm**
choose how long you stay - at 100 Acer Wood, Tyley Bottom, Wotton**

**100 Acer Wood Conservation Trust &
Wotton Wildlife Watch invite you &
accompanying adult to:**



*Please email to book & for info:
wottonwatch@gmail.com*

- (1.30pm) Conservation work – processing wood – stacking, cutting, sorting for shelters and habitats.
You can come back see your work in action with **Wildlife Watch!**
- Firepit & marshmallows
- Natural art – Have a go with artist Martin Clarke
- Stories for Samhain – the ancient festival of the new Celtic year – enjoy atmospheric tales around the fire by our bard, Grace Lindsey.