



Dates for Your

**DIARY**



### Meet the Teacher

Monday 25th Sept 2.45pm-3.15pm 2 Egypt

Tuesday 26th Sept 2.45pm-3.15pm 6 Kenya

Wednesday 27th Sept 2.45pm-3.15pm 2 Poland

Thursday 28th Sept 2.45pm-3.15pm 3 India

Friday 29th Sept 2.45pm-3.15pm 4 China

Monday 2nd Oct 2.45pm-3.15pm 5 Japan

Tuesday 3rd Oct 2.45pm-3.15pm 1 Italy

Wednesday 4th Oct 2.45pm-3.15pm 3/4 Brazil

Thursday 5th Oct 2.45pm-3.15pm 1 Ghana

Friday 6th Oct 2.45pm-3.15pm 5 Greece

Monday 9th Oct 2.45pm-3.15pm 6 Australia

### PTA Events

Wednesday 1st November Spooky Disco

Friday 1st December Christmas Bazaar

### School Events

Monday 25th September Break the Rules Day

Tuesday 10th October—Individual school photos

31st October Closing date for secondary application

### Half Term

Friday 20th October — Children's last day

Monday 30th October—Children return to school

# NEWSLETTER

## A message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous start to the new academic year and it has been delightful to see so many happy children return to school in their smart uniform.

We have welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children to Kingsmoor and they have settled in extremely well. We look forward to seeing them grow as learners over the years.

We have organised a 'Meet the Teacher' session for all parents and carers to come along and meet their children's class teachers. During these sessions, the class teachers will share information with you and there will also be opportunities for you to ask questions as well. We hope to see you there. Please see the dates for all classes listed on the newsletter for you.

Communication has been sent out to all Year 6 parents regarding admissions for secondary schools. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

Finally, I would like to send you all a gentle reminder about punctuality. School opens for a soft start from 8.40am and registration is at 8.50am. Please ensure that children arrive to school punctually so that they do not miss any of their learning, thank you.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign-up – meaning that anyone can register for an account and potentially be used by a young person. In some cases, this means that you won't be able to fully verify who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

### DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

### ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or accidentally share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

### ADVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

#### PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcast. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any unsolicited comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as social uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

#### MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on StreamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

#### GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

#### TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (such as their location). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

#### CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, content can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

## Meet Our Expert

Mr. James Smith, Head of Digital Learning, Kingsmoor Academy, London. Mr. Smith is the author of the book 'Digital Safety: A Guide for Parents and Carers' published in 2022. He is also a frequent speaker at conferences and events across the country, where he shares his expertise on digital safety and online security. He is also a member of the National Online Safety (NOS) team.

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# Safeguarding



## Safer Schools App



The Safer Schools App helps to educate, empower and protect children and those responsible with helping to keep them safe as they navigate the world of technology and social media.

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them in school and at home. As parents and carers, you will have a tailored version of the app which will empower and educate you to best support the children in your care in the digital world.

The safety hub contains all of the important alerts about new threats and trends online which are sent out by the Safer Schools Team.

In the video hub you will see all of the safeguarding videos posted by the safer schools team.

The alerts hub hosts all of the push notifications which can be sent out by us as a school, or by the Safer Schools Team. This could range from an alert about a new app, or simply a reminder from the school (Make sure that you turn all of your push notifications on when you download the App) Overwhelmed by the sheer amount of different apps and devices out there? Not sure how to help your children stay safe online? Check out the Online Safety Centre to find out how to block, report and set appropriate privacy and safety settings. On the screen it shows an example of how to learn to block someone on TikTok. Simply click on the block button, choose the device you are using, select the social media app and then watch the short video.

The Digital Safety section is a handy reference tool to keep you informed on a range of topics from The Online World to Gaming. The screen recording shows you how to find all the info you need to know on the controversial, yet popular messaging app Kik in the Social Media section.

Want to test your knowledge of the information on the App? Think you know as much as your kids? Try our Quick Quizzes on any of our topics.

If you feel like even more of a challenge – try the Digital Tests section for a more in-depth, multiple choice quiz.

**Step 1:** Open up your App Store or Google Play and search for 'Safer Schools'

**Step 2:** Type in your school name – **Kingsmoor Academy**

**Step 3:** Type in the code – **7740** or Scan the QR Code

## OMEGLE E-Safety

There has been an increase in concerns of young children accessing the website **OMEGLE**. OMEGLE is a cam chat site, and although it has an app, it seems to be more likely that children will use a web browser to access it. Although the site asks you to confirm that you are 18 years of age before being able to access it, it has no age verification mechanism in place.

## National Online Safety



### Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays.

**We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court.** If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

### Celebrating Fantastic Attendance

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year with children's attendance at an all time high, keep it up!

**Congratulations to the following classes for an impressive 100% attendance in the week 11.09.2023—15.09.2023:**  
Ghana, Brazil and Japan.

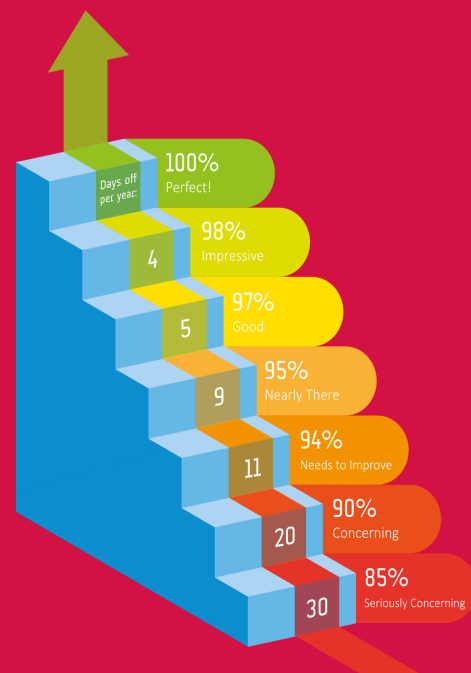
**These classes were closely followed with 99% attendance for the same period:**  
Italy, Egypt, and India.

## ATTENDANCE

Kingsmoor Academy prioritises attendance and punctuality. We aim to have attendance which meets and exceeds the national average which is 96.7%.

We understand that children can be absent from school due to illness and medical appointments. Please remember to call the school office and report your child's absence to the attendance officer before 9.30am.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance. We have a 'soft start' from 8.40am where children can attend and complete some early morning work. Classroom doors close at 8.50am for registration.





# Menu

## WEEK 1

W/C: 17/04, 08/05, 19/06, 10/07, 11/09, 02/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Pork Sausages</b> Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	<b>Roast Turkey</b> 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Beef Bolognese</b> 🍖 Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Vegetable Pesto Pasta Bake</b> 🍝	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> 🍝	<b>Roasted Vegetable Butterbean Crumble</b> 🍷 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Vegetarian Bolognese</b> 🍝 Served with Wholemeal Pasta	<b>Vegetarian Dippers</b> 🍷 Served with Chips
DESSERT	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</b> 🍷 🍷					
<b>All main meals are served with two vegetables</b>					
DESSERT	<b>Vanilla Ice Cream</b>	<b>Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard</b>	<b>Strawberry Jelly with Fruit</b> 🍓	<b>Fruity Picnic Bar</b> 🍓	<b>Chocolate Ice Cream</b>

## WEEK 2

W/C: 24/04, 15/05, 05/06, 26/06, 17/07, 18/09, 09/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Chicken Sausages</b> Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	<b>Roast Gammon</b> Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Beef Lasagne</b> 🍖 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Vegetable Pastry Roll</b> 🍝 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese</b> 🍝	<b>Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast</b> 🍷 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Vegetable Lasagne</b> 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	<b>Vegetarian Dippers</b> 🍷 Served with Chips
DESSERT	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</b> 🍷 🍷					
<b>All main meals are served with two vegetables</b>					
DESSERT	<b>Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit</b> 🍓	<b>Orange Jelly</b>	<b>Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake</b>	<b>Banana and Apricot Flapjack with Fruit</b> 🍓	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b>

## WEEK 3

W/C: 01/05, 22/05, 12/06, 03/07, 04/09, 25/09, 16/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	<b>Mexican Beef Tortilla Pie</b> 🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Roast Pork Picnic Plate</b> Served with Herb Diced Potatoes	<b>Cottage Pie</b> 🍷	<b>Southern Fried Chicken</b> Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	<b>Vegetarian Bolognese</b> 🍝 Served with Wholemeal Pasta	<b>Mexican Vegetarian Tortilla Pie</b> 🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	<b>Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate</b> 🍷 Served with Bread	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> 🍝	<b>Tomato Vegetable Burger</b> 🍷 Served with Chips
DESSERT	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</b> 🍷 🍷					
<b>All main meals are served with two vegetables</b>					
DESSERT	<b>Mango Frozen Yoghurt</b>	<b>Berry Flapjack with Fruit</b> 🍓	<b>Chocolate Brownie with Fruit</b> 🍓	<b>Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard</b>	<b>Chocolate Milkshake and Shortbread</b>

## We are so Proud of Olivia Mitchell



One lucky child has been chosen as the winner of Harlow Museum and Walled Garden's bike art competition, which ran over the summer. Entrants had to design a bike as part of the build-up to the Tour of Britain, which held the end of its sixth stage here in Harlow on Friday 8 September, to be in with a chance of winning the cost of a new bike. Olivia Mitchell, who is 9 and from Harlow, produced a fantastic, colourful rainbow bike design which featured a speed boost, a litter picker, popcorn fire, a light, wings and a solar panel. Her drawing also featured sculptures from Harlow and animals from Pets' Corner.

Commenting on her win, Olivia said:

"I felt so happy, excited and surprised because I didn't think I would be the one to receive a bike prize, I can't believe I was chosen!

"I thank whoever chose my drawing."

Olivia was presented with her prize and a certificate by Councillor Stacy Seales, cabinet portfolio holder for community, at the museum's community fete held recently.

Councillor Seales said:

"What a great picture – Olivia's artistic talents shone through in her competition entry and the addition of some of the town's well-known sculptures and Pets' Corner favourites was a great little touch.

"I hope Olivia has lots of fun getting out and about on her new bike, and makes good use of our extensive cycle track network."