

KINGS ASH  
ACADEMY

# Newsletter

12th February 2026



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## Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our first Spring half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate what has been a truly fantastic few weeks in school. The children have approached their learning and wider opportunities with enthusiasm, curiosity, and admirable teamwork, and we are immensely proud of them all.

This half term has been filled with memorable experiences. Many of our pupils took part in a variety of sports festivals, representing the school with great spirit and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout. We have also continued our vibrant partnership with the Rocksteady Music Band project, and it has been wonderful to see the growing confidence and musical talent developing in our young performers.

A particularly special highlight was the trip to Exeter Great Hall, where a lucky group of children had the opportunity to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Their excitement and awe at experiencing live orchestral music was a joy to witness, and we hope it inspires a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

As we head into the half-term break, I would like to wish all our families an enjoyable and restful week. We hope you manage to find time to relax, recharge, and—fingers crossed—enjoy a little more sunshine and daylight as we move toward the second half of the Spring term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

Warm regards,

Mr Fitzsimmons

## **End of half term**

**Please be reminded that school finishes at the normal time of 3:20pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Children return on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8:40am**

**All after school activity clubs continue for the next half term**

# Key dates for Spring 2

## February

24th February - 5AC swimming continues

## March

5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

10<sup>th</sup> March 5HW swimming commences

12th March - Sports Festival 5HW, Outdoor Education

17<sup>th</sup> March - TSAT Takeover, Palace Theatre (further info to follow)

19<sup>th</sup> March - Sports Festival 3JF, Outdoor Education

20<sup>th</sup> March - Futures Orchestra Visit - Yr 4

27<sup>th</sup> March - Sports Festival IVR, Outdoor Education

31st March - Rocksteady Assembly 10am

## April

1st April - Unsung Hero Assembly (invite only)

# EXTENDED WRAP-AROUND CARE

Supported by Torbay Council



Delivered safely with appropriate resources and supervision

Includes all activities and snacks  
3:20pm - 4:20pm: £4  
3:20pm - 5:00pm: £6

Activities offered every day after school  
3:20pm - 5:00pm

Engaging, themed sessions tailored to children's interests



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that our wrap-around care at Kings Ash Academy will be extended from after February half term. This enhanced provision, will offer a wider range of engaging, themed activities every day after school from 3:20pm–5:00pm.

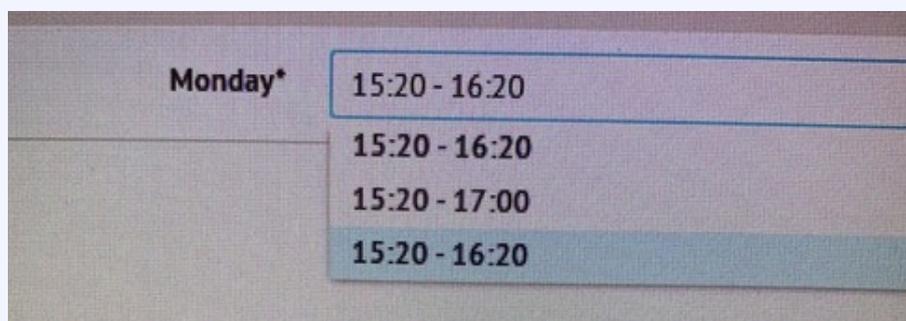
All sessions include activities, supervision, and a snack.

As part of this expansion, we must introduce a revised pricing structure to ensure the provision remains sustainable. From after half term:

- 3:20pm – 4:20pm: £4
- 3:20pm – 5:00pm: £6

Families can sign up via Arbor, and we encourage anyone interested to register as soon as possible.

(On Arbor you will see two options for the 3:20 to 4:20pm slot, please select the last slot)



Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



# LITTLE THINKERS NURSERY



## Lighting Up Learning

As a 'Thinking' nursery we understand the importance of developing thinking skills. In our setting we employ strategies to develop the strengthening of memory as well as a curriculum that encourages curiosity and develops questioning skills. We use the term 'I wonder' to help the children recall facts and think about events and objects in different ways.



### How much does it cost to send my child to Little Thinkers?

	Times	Cost (with own food provided)	To include meals & snacks	Cost (including meals)
Full Day	8.00 am - 5.00 pm	£63.90	Breakfast/Lunch/ Tea & Snacks	£72.15
School Day	8.45 am - 3.15 pm	£46.15	Lunch/Snacks	£50.75
Breakfast Club	8.00 - 8.45 am	£5.35	Breakfast	£7.00
AM Session	8.45 - 11.45 am	£21.30	Snack	£22.60
PM Session	12.15 - 3.15 pm	£21.30	Snack	£22.60
After School Club	3.15 - 5.00 pm	£12.45	Tea	£14.45



### Can my child receive any free hours of childcare?

If your child is eligible for government funding, they can receive the following hours free from:

**15 hours (9 months - 2 years)** - free from Little Thinkers

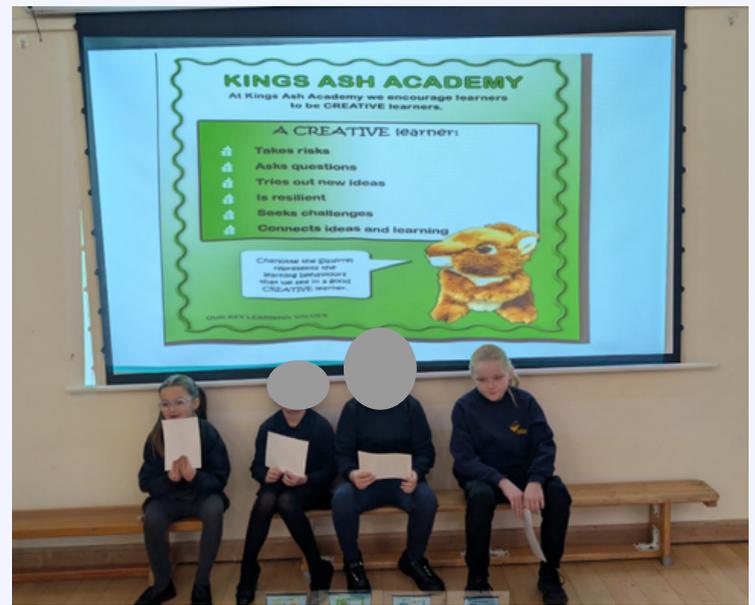
**15/30 hours (2, 3 and 4 years)** - free from Curledge Street Academy/Kings Ash Academy Nurseries

Contact us at [office@kingsash.littlethinkers.org.uk](mailto:office@kingsash.littlethinkers.org.uk)

# WELL DONE

Congratulations to our pupils who have shown our key values:

Independence  
Collaboration  
Creativity  
Respect



### **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra trip**

This half term we were lucky enough to take all of our year 5 pupils and some of our other musicians to Exeter University to take part in a live Orchestra event hosted by The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Not only were the children able to watch a full, live orchestra perform, but they were also able to participate by joining in with learnt actions and singing. It was a fantastic event that the children enjoyed and we are hopeful we will be able to continue this offer next year! *our paragraph text*



# Bikeability Level 1

This half term saw the return of our annual bikeability offer. The group of 9 year 3 and 4 children did extremely well and all achieved their Level 1 certificates and badges. We look forward to having bikeability back for Level 2 in March for some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils and hope to put on more dates in the near future.



There are three different levels of Bikeability

Level 1 - is a fun bike-handling session in an off-road environment and is ideally suited to children aged 6-9 years old.

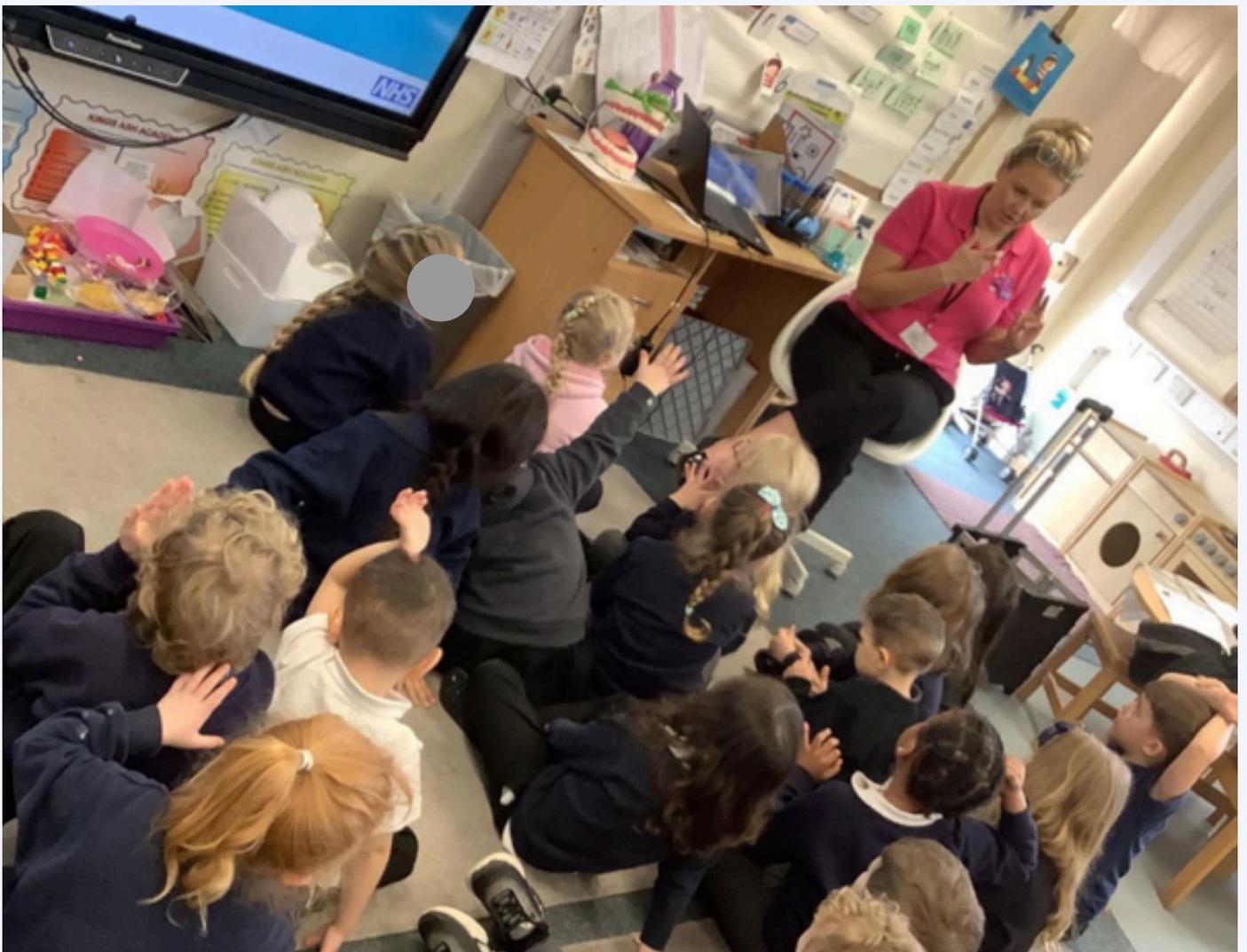
Level 2 - This is training on quiet roads with real traffic conditions and is available to children aged 9 and older.

Level 3 - Is carried out on busier roads with more complex road junctions and is suited to secondary aged children and adults.

### **EYFS Visit from the Brush Bus dentist**

Our EYFS children had a very exciting visit from the Brush Bus dentist team! The children took part in a fun and interactive session all about how to look after our teeth and why it is so important.

They learned how to brush their teeth correctly, how often they should brush, and which foods and drinks can help keep our teeth healthy. The children also discussed the importance of visiting the dentist regularly to keep a healthy smile.



# NHS-funded Oral Health Webinar

We are pleased to invite all parents and guardians across Devon to a free NHS-funded Oral Health Webinar taking place on Saturday 28th February at 10:00am.

This session is suitable for families with children aged 0–12 years, and it provides practical, evidence-based guidance on supporting good oral health at home.

This opportunity is open to all families, whether or not your setting currently takes part in our supervised toothbrushing programme.

Please feel free to share the link below with all year groups in your setting:

👉 Webinar link:

[Big Brush Club Webinar - Saturday 28th February at 10am - For parents & caregivers of young children](#)

We hope this will be a useful resource for your families, and we appreciate your support in sharing it widely.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

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Registered Dental Nurse

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# Term dates 25/26

## Term Dates 25-26

Term:	Autumn 2025
Non pupil days	Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025
Term starts	Wednesday 3 September 2025
Non pupil day	Friday 17 October 2025
Half term	Monday 20 October – Friday 31 October 2025 inclusive
Non pupil day	Monday 3 November 2025
Term finish	Friday 19 December 2025 @ 2pm
Term:	Spring 2026
Term starts	Monday 5 January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026 inclusive
Term finish	Thursday 2 April 2026 @ 2pm
Term:	Summer 2026
Term starts	Monday 20 April 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4 May 2026 – school closed
Half term	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026 inclusive
Term finish	Friday 17 July 2026 @ 2pm

# Term dates 26/27

<b>Term:</b>	<b>Autumn 2026</b>
<i>Non pupil days</i>	<i>Tuesday 1st &amp; Wednesday 2nd September 2026</i>
<b>Autumn Term 1 starts</b>	<b>Thursday 3rd September 2026 to Thursday 15th October 2026</b>
<i>Non pupil day</i>	<i>Friday 16th October 2026</i>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October 2026 inclusive</i>
<i>Non pupil day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd November 2026</i>
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026 @ 2pm</b>
<i>Christmas Holidays</i>	<i>Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027</i>
<b>Term:</b>	<b>Spring 2027</b>
<b>Spring Term 1 starts</b>	<b>Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027</b>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2027 inclusive</i>
<b>Spring Term 2 starts</b>	<b>Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027 @ 2pm</b>
<i>Easter holidays</i>	<i>Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027 inclusive</i>
<b>Term:</b>	<b>Summer 2027</b>
<b>Summer Term 1 starts</b>	<b>Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027</b>
<i>Bank holiday</i>	<i>Monday 3rd May 2027 - school closed</i>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 31st – Friday 4th June 2027 inclusive</i>
<b>Summer Term 2 starts</b>	<b>Monday 7th June 2027 to Friday 16th July 2027 @ 2pm</b>
<b>Term Finish</b>	<b>Friday 16th July 2027 @ 2pm</b>

# MENU WEEK 2

SERVED W/C: 3rd Nov | 24th Nov | 15th Dec | 5th Jan | 26th Jan | 16th Feb | 9th Mar | 30th Mar | 20th Apr

Innovate IFG

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**MAIN MEAL**

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

MSC Approved Salmon Pasta Bake

Pork & Beef Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Mild Caribbean Chicken Curry & Carrot Rice

MSC Approved Fish & Chips

Margherita Pizza & Wedges

Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Vegan Cottage Pie & Gravy

Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake

Tex-Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap

Peas

Carrot & Peas

Broccoli & Cauliflower

Carrot & Mixed Salad

Baked Beans

Cheese Sauce

House Tomato Sauce

Cheese Sauce

House Tomato Sauce

Creamy Pesto

Ham Cheese Tuna Mayo

**VEGGIES**

**PASTA**

**FILLED ROLLS**

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna mayo

**SWEET TREATS**

Strawberry Mousse

Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard

Original Flapjack

Chocolate & Carrot Muffin

Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins

Desserts available every day – a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt

**KEY**

Nutritionist's Choice

Vegetarian

Vegan

Added Wholewheat



# MENU WEEK 3

SERVED W/C: 10th Nov | 1st Dec | 22nd Dec | 12th Jan  
| 2nd Feb | 23rd Feb | 16th Mar | 6th Apr

Innovate IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b> Quorn Dippers with Oven Baked Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Mild Beef Chilli & Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Chicken Curry & Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
	<b>OPTION 2</b> Mixed Vegetable & Bean Fajita & Oven Baked Wedges	Vegetarian Chilli Nacho Bake & Rice	Vegan Roast Quorn Fillet With Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Creamy Mac'N' Cheese	Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips
<b>VEGGIES</b>	Peas & Carrots	Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Peas	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Beans
<b>PASTA</b>	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pesto
<b>FILLED ROLLS</b>	Ham Cheese Tuna Mayo	Ham Cheese Tuna Mayo	Ham Cheese Tuna Mayo	Ham Cheese Tuna Mayo	Ham Cheese Tuna Mayo

## AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans & tuna mayo

## SWEET TREATS

Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce

Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Custard

Orange Jelly & Mandarins

Gingerbread Squares with Custard

Garden Brownie

Desserts available every day – a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt

### KEY

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Vegan



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Nutritionist's Choice



# MENU WEEK 1

SERVED W/C:

17th Nov | 8th Dec | 19th Jan |  
9th Feb | 2nd Mar | 23rd Mar | 13th Apr

Innovate IFG

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

MAIN MEAL

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

Ham & Cheese Pasta

Traditional Creamy Beef Lasagne

Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice

MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips

Cheese & Bean Lasagne

Margherita Pizza & Wedges

Vegan Lentil & Stuffing Pastry Roll

Vegan Bolognese & Penne Pasta

Vegan Vegetable Nuggets & Chips

Carrots & Peas

Broccoli

Roasted Carrots & Parsnips

Peas

Beans

House Tomato Sauce

Cheese Sauce

House Tomato Sauce

Cheese Sauce

Creamy Pesto

Ham Cheese Tuna Mayo

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna mayo

SWEET TREATS

Blueberry Cookie Bar

Chocolate & Banana Brownie

Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce

Apple & Cocoa Sponge

Raspberry Jelly

Desserts available every day – a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt

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