



# NEWSLETTER 8

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## VALUE OF THE TERM – PERSEVERANCE

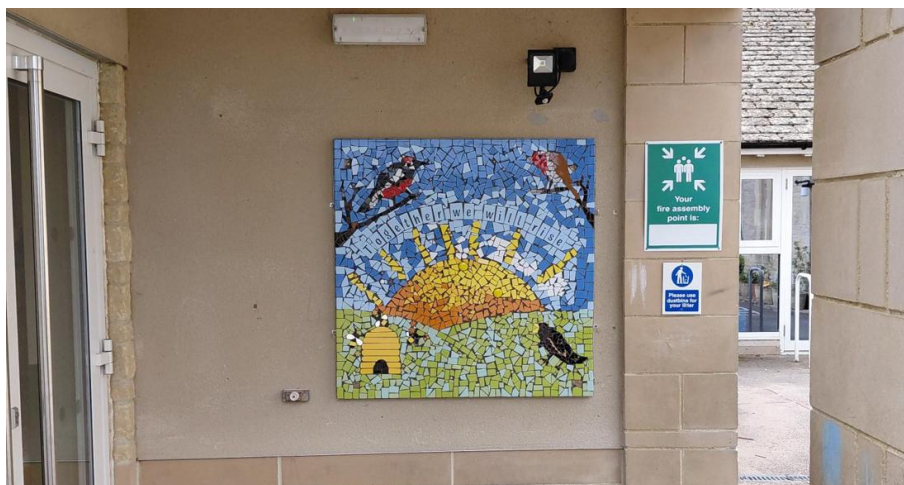
“A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn.” – Helen Keller

**R**ESPECT **I**MPROVE **S**UCCEED **E**XCEL

Dear Parents and Friends of the school,

### Mosaic

I'm sure you will have been as excited as the children were to see their mosaic mounted in pride of place near the entrance to the hall, facing the playground and gates as a reminder of our motto – “Together we will rise!” My thanks go to Mr Calver for mounting this. He is, bit by bit, making a great difference to the premises.



### Head Teacher Interviews

The School Pupil Council were involved in the Head Teacher interviews. From Reception to Year 6, they prepared questions and asked them politely. They really listened to the answers and were a credit, representing all the pupils in this crucial process. Well done, School Councillors!

### Mock Trial

“Last term, Class 3 got on the bus and travelled to Cirencester. Everybody was nervous because we were taking part in a Mock Trial against another school. We were the prosecution team and we tried to prove that another child had taken inappropriate photos at a swimming gala. The other school provided the defence. In the end the judges decided that guilt had not been proven beyond reasonable doubt, so the defendant went free. We had all dressed up and did well in our roles. People spoke loudly and clearly. We had a good time whether we were involved as witnesses, lawyers or just watching.” Report by Ruby, Year 6

### Attendance

You will recall that good attendance is crucial for good progress – and whilst the school is only just lower than the National Average, the spread of data is concerning, with those needing the most help often those with lowest attendance or habitual lateness. Please make every effort to get children here on time, since missing teacher input at the start of lessons can cause distress, disengagement and extra work for the adults. Congratulations to the 48 children (and by extension, their families) who have never been late.

### Online Safety

PC Leah Davis worked with Years 5 & 6, teaching about online safety today. The children asked great questions and now understand more about keeping themselves safer online.

### Website updates

Work continues, with much more to come! New and updated pages include:

- Admissions
- Class Pages
- Governors profiles
- Home Page
- School Councillors
- Opening Hours & Term Dates
- Policies
- School Prayer
- School Structure
- Staffing
- Vision and Values
- 404 Page Not Found

## The Ark Updates

The Ark continues to come back to life as the home of the school library – suitable for all ages and abilities. You can see why a sofa and bean bags (or lots of beans!) could really make this a pleasant place to be, so please keep your eyes open for possible donations!



**THINK.** It is ILLEGAL TO PARK on zig zag lines outside a school. Potentially, it endangers all our children.

## Important Dates, Terms 5 & 6 – Summer 2026

Find the school year dates on our website – <https://www.kempsfordschool.com/school-hours-and-term-dates/>

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Teacher Interviews</li> </ul>	WATCH THIS SPACE!
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bags for School Collection</li> </ul>	Please bring outstanding donations ONLY in this week please – we've run out of space!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 SATS week</li> </ul>	Please ensure our oldest learners have early nights and keep their brains hydrated during this TESTING period!  <b>Children – You've got this!</b>
Every Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3, 4 &amp; 5 Swimming</li> </ul>	BUT NOT 6 <sup>th</sup> JULY. SEE BELOW.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrator interviews</li> </ul>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Governing Body meeting</li> </ul>	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Class Day</li> <li>• Head Teachers Meeting</li> </ul>	Details to follow Potentially off-site
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of Term 5</li> </ul>	Pick-up time 3:15 as usual
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 6 begins</li> </ul>	A prompt start for the children please – 8:45
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FULL school photo</li> </ul>	Bring a hairbrush to school, full uniform please
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cathedral Y6 Leaver's Service</li> </ul>	Full uniform please. Details to follow. <b>PLUS A SPECIAL SURPRISE! Details after SATS!</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Sports</li> </ul>	Go Team Kempford!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father's Day Gifts</li> </ul>	A Friends of Kempford event
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our 'Book Fair' is open</li> </ul>	Please support reading and the school.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 Transition Day to Farmor's School</li> </ul>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport's Day</li> <li>• NO SWIMMING (SEE 13<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	Details to follow
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAST SWIM for Years 3, 4 &amp; 5</li> </ul>	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 Leaver's Service at Church</li> </ul>	Details to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Term 6 for pupils. Pickup at 1:30 please.</li> </ul>	Have a wonderful summer!
17 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher INSET days.</li> </ul>	Final record keeping, data analysis training, policy revision and preparing for the next chapter!

## RISers

Congratulations to our RISers over the last fortnight who have been recognised for Respecting, Improving, Succeeding and Excelling across a range of subjects. Keep up the great work!

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

