



NEWSLETTER 9

22nd May 2026

VALUE OF THE TERM – PERSEVERANCE

“The only guarantee for failure is to stop trying.”
– John C. Maxwell



Dear Parents and Friends of the school,

Mrs Brooks

It’s difficult to know where to begin. Mrs Brooks has been such an important part of the school – holding us all together with a million different tasks which ensure the smooth running of the school. But more than that, a common figure on playground duty, a bandager of knees and a good friend to all. Clearly, we will miss her hugely, but we wish her well in all her new and exciting endeavours. Thank you, Mrs Brooks!



Mrs Turner

Mrs Turner has confirmed she’ll be back with us on the 1st June (Day 1 of Term 6) – and we just can’t wait! I am especially grateful to Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Caddy for working with us so well.

Mrs Heavisides

Parents may well soon see an advert for a part time class teacher. Mrs Heavisides will be reducing her hours with us, to work 3 full days from the start of next year.

Whole School Trip

The Friends of the school have been busy behind the scenes and a whole-school trip has been arranged to Slimbridge Wetlands Centre! Our grateful thanks go to all who have helped support the children through fundraising activities. Your efforts have enabled a significant reduction on the full cost! Expect a letter shortly via School Ping.

Website updates

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

- Policies – inc School Uniform
- Governors profiles
- Key Information
- Hive pages (more to come)
- Admissions

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 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Class Day • Head Teachers Meeting 	Details to follow Potentially off-site
Friday 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Term 5 	Pick-up time 3:15 as usual
Monday 1 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 6 begins 	A prompt start for the children please – 8:45
Tuesday 2 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FULL school photo 	Bring a hairbrush to school, full uniform please
Wednesday 10 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathedral Y6 Leaver’s Service 	Full uniform please. Details to follow. PLUS A SPECIAL SURPRISE! Details after SATS!
Thursday 18 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Sports 	Go Team Kempford!
Friday 19 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father’s Day Gifts 	A Friends of Kempford event
Weds 24 th to Mon 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our ‘Book Fair’ is open 	Please support reading and the school.
Tuesday 30 th June & Wednesday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Transition Day to Farmor’s School 	
Monday 6 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport’s Day 	Details to follow

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SWIMMING (SEE 13th) 	
Monday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAST SWIM for Years 3, 4 & 5 	
Tuesday 14 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Leaver's Service at Church 	Details to follow
Thursday 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Term 6 for pupils. Pickup at 1:30 please. 	Have a wonderful summer!
17 th and 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher INSET days. 	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 15th May 2026



Friday 22nd May 2026



WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST HALF-TERM.