



NEWSLETTER 15

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VALUE OF THE TERM – FRIENDSHIP

"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me." Henry Ford.

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Dear Parents and Friends of the school,

Sports Day 2026



A Governor's Perspective!

My name is Sue McKeeman and I am now a Governor at Kempsford Primary School. I have lived in Kempsford for close to 40 years, plus my three children attended Kempsford Primary School, but a long time ago!

Sports Day was my first visit to school as a Governor, and I was thrilled to see so many parents, grandparents, family members, carers and friends of the school supporting the children as they represented their Houses in multi-activities in the morning and races in the afternoon.

The event was impeccably organised by Mrs Ballard which enabled the children to participate fully in the events. Of course they were cheered on enthusiastically by other pupils, staff and spectators! It was wonderful to see that all children across the age groups participated in the races. Plus, I saw some very competitive racing indeed!

Many thanks to the staff for supervising the children and the 'Friends' refreshment team who raised over £367! I look forward to meeting more of you at the Leavers' Service on Tuesday.

Mrs McKeeman

CONGRATULATIONS go to Weymouth House (Red) who were 'crowned' the overall champions of 2026.

Mud Madness



A huge “Congratulations” go to the ‘Friends’ team and staff who organised and helped to run the muddy madness last Saturday. The grand total raised £2905.42 – WOW!

Special mention must go to Lilah who raised an astonishing £700! £300 of that came from the Rock’n’Roll Bingo organised by her nan. Thank you so much.



Parent Survey

Governors have considered the results of this year’s survey. Thank you for your views.

2025-2026 Academic year parent survey

85% of parents were **very satisfied or Satisfied** with communication during the school year, a decrease of **7%** from previous year

However, **95%** of parents feel there is **clear curriculum communications** throughout the year which is a key strength

Positive SEND Provision: Parents stated effective support and communication around additional needs

Key call outs

- **97%** of parents know how to address a concern with the school
- **70%** of parents know how to access all policies if required, **a decrease of 20%** from previous year
- **90%** of children enjoy coming to school, same as previous year



40% of parents do **not** know any of the school governors, this has **increased from 10%** in previous years

8 out of 10 parents would **recommend** Kempsford school, same as previous year



One to watch.....

Parents have concerns regarding classroom behaviour and the inconsistency in addressing behaviour



*37% of parents completed the survey

Short term actions for the school in the near-future:

1. Clear Behaviour Guide • Publish a parent-friendly behaviour guide outlining expectations and restorative practices
2. Governors’ Visibility • Increase governors’ presence through newsletters, events, and online profiles to boost accountability
3. Improved Communication • Enhance communication clarity and frequency to improve parental perception from good to excellent

Shakespeare in the Park (A Midsummer Night's Dream in our own back garden!)

What a incredible evening! The children from Year 5 & 6 acted their socks off tackling the original text enthusiastically. Grateful thanks go to Mrs Stanford for playing the keyboard and to Mrs Wilkes, who dressed the stage magnificently. Mrs Sharples was in attendance and £68 was raised by the friends selling refreshments. Well done Mrs McKenna who brought it all together and who even stepped in, last minute, to replace a missing child. She even grew a beard!

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Safeguarding

Please can parents leaving the school site via the small 'pedestrian gate' s3weschek that the magnetic lock has fully engaged behind them. Thank you.

GREEN LANYARDS



Lanyards and Safeguarding

We have a very simple system in place – one that the children should understand.

An adult wearing a green lanyard has had an “Enhanced” DBS check and is deemed safe to work with children unsupervised. This includes staff and governors plus professional visitors such as Speech and Language Teachers.

RED LANYARDS



Adults wearing a red lanyard have not been checked by the school and they must avoid being with children out of the line of sight of a supervising adult

Book Fair - Your efforts have raised over £200. Thank you.

Guitar, Ukulele and Brass Lessons

There are places available for guitar, ukulele and brass lessons from September. Mr. Meade teaches at Kempsford on Wednesday mornings. Individual and small group lessons are available.

If you would like to know more, Mr. Meade will be pleased to send information and answer any questions. Taster sessions can be arranged. To find out more, please contact Mr. Meade – davidmeadeguitar@gmail.com

School Governor Role - UPDATE

We have received a nomination for the role of Parent Governor! The Governing Board does have space for more than one Parent Governors and before we hold an election for just one individual it would be amazing to know if we could appoint more than one at this time. Honestly, September is the perfect time to get onboard! (Pun intended!) I will add a nomination form to the Governor page tat the end of this week.

New Policies

At the Governing Board meeting this week the following policies were adopted. They will be uploaded shortly.

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| • Acceptable Use of IT Policy | • ECT Induction Policy | • Remote Education Policy |
| • Admissions Policy | • Equality Objectives | • Safe Recruitment Policy |
| • Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy | • Equality Policy | • Supporting Children with Medical Conditions |
| • Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy | • GDPR Policy | • Suspension and Exclusion Policy |
| • Children missing education policy | • Governors Allowances Policy | |
| | • Code of Conduct | |
| | • Letting Policy | |
| | • Offer of Early Help Policy | |

Books Retained

As we come to the end of the school year we will be sending children home with certain exercise books. However, as we enter a period of time before the next Ofsted Inspection, we are conscious that we will need to hold back, temporarily, a selection of work children in each class. If we have not been inspected before Christmas we will have amassed sufficient work from 2026-27 to allow the return of work from this year for the affected pupils.

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

School Trophies

Can parents with trophies awarded in the past please return them to school? Trophies are loads, not gifts! (Sorry!)

Goodbye Year 6 We want to wish all our Year 6 the very best as they 'graduate' from Kempsford. Well done, each and every one of you! And for parents who have supported us along the way – “Thank you” for all you’ve done.

Important Dates, Term 6, Summer 2026

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

Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leaver's Service at Church	We meet at 10:00 a.m. in St Mary's Church
Thursday 16 th July	End of Term 6 for pupils. Pickup at 1:30 please.	Have a wonderful summer!
17 th and 20 th July	Teacher INSET days.	Final record keeping, data analysis training, policy revision and preparing for the next chapter!

Important Dates, Term 1, Autumn 2026

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Tuesday 1 st September	No Pupils today	Staff INSET – New Safeguarding rules, annual 'first' day meeting (expectations, routines and planning)
Wednesday 2 nd	FIRST pupil day!	Glad to have you back!
Monday 5 th October	Face-2-face Safeguarding training	For staff only! But good to know.
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of Term 1 for pupils	
Friday 23 rd October	No Pupils today	Staff INSET

And it's "Goodbye" from me!

Dear children, parents, friends and governors.

I envy Ms Drewett! Yours is a special school. To clarify, the people at Kempford, young and old, make the school special.

I have had a truly wonderful term. There have been episodes of joy and times of tears, success and disappointments, but your incredible spirit has shone through and it has been an absolute privilege to serve once again.

I will miss the children. I will miss this challenge and I will miss numerous governors, parents and friends who have encouraged me along the way.

But it is the staff I will miss most of all. The staff work so hard, with limited resources but big hearts, to ensure the safety of the children, their development and enrichment. Their support for one-another is a quality not easily found in many other schools. I hope you know how lucky you are to have them.

So thank you all. Look after Ms Drewett and look after one another. May you RISE together, for your togetherness is your superpower and with it you can find success and excel, wherever life takes you.

Paul Batchelor,
Interim Head Teacher
13th April 2026 – 31st August 2026.