Dear Kingfisher Parents and Carers, **September 2026**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Kingfisher Class 2026-27. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Powter Robinson, Mrs Godbold (Thursday afternoons) and Miss Thompson (Fridays). We look forward to working with you and your children over the coming year.

This letter gives information about the following:

- **Topics** Autumn – Night and Day; Spring – Dungeons and Dragons; Summer – A Giant Mystery.
- **Arriving at school** – Class activities start from 8.30; please say goodbye on the playground. Children should be in the classroom by 8.50.
- **Reading at home** – Please record this in your child's Superstar Reading Record.
- **Year 1 Phonics** – Bug Club Phonics lessons four times a week.
- **Year 2 Spellings** – Word lists will be available on Tapestry each Friday. Low threat test on the following Friday.
- **PE** – Wednesdays – children wear PE kit and school shoes to school, bring trainers – these can be kept at school in the trainer rack.
- **Tapestry** – See what we've been up to and get messages about upcoming class events - if you need login details please ask at the office.

Please read on for full details.

Topics

Our first topic is Night and Day. We will help Plop, the baby barn owl, to explore all sorts of things about nighttime and daytime. In the Spring, Dungeons and Dragons will lead us on a journey of real-life and fantasy discovery about castles, battles and dragons. In the summer term, our topic will be A Giant Mystery where we will have an adventure based on traditional tales and learn about seeds and growing plants.

Arriving at school

The school doors are open from 8.30am for you to drop off. When you arrive, please try to **say goodbye at the hopscotch** and encourage your **child to come into the building without you**. If you need to speak to someone, please either come via the office or email me: kingfishers@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk. **If you have an urgent need, please copy** office@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk into the email to ensure the information is received when needed.

Reading at home

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn in these early years at school. We read regularly in class in a variety of situations, including for pleasure. Your child will bring a school reading book home which will closely match their phonic knowledge. As they develop confidence, they will begin to choose from the colour-banded book scheme. When your child is ready, we begin to build fluency by sight reading more and sounding out less frequently.

Children will be **encouraged to change books daily**. Reading at home is an opportunity not only to practise the skills and knowledge of sounding and blending, but also to **talk about words, facts, stories and pictures, and to ask questions**. **Please record in your child's Superstar Reading Record each time you read with them.** We also send home a library book (changed on Tuesdays in class) which you can share with your child. These are not aligned to reading ability and are to promote the love of reading which we believe is important.

Y1 Phonics and Y2 Spellings

In Year 1, the children have phonics lessons which follow on from their learning last year. We use Bug Club Phonics activelearnprimary.co.uk for our lessons. Year 2 children follow Spelling Shed for their spelling lessons. A list of words to learn will be available each Friday on Tapestry. We practise these through the week in lessons and **children should also practise them at home**. Spellings will be tested on Fridays with support where needed and tests will come home afterwards.

PE

Our PE lessons are on Wednesdays with Mr Colbeck. Children wear their PE kit to school on these days, but **please send them in wearing their school shoes**. Trainers can be kept in your child's named slot in the Kingfisher shoe rack. Please ensure **earrings are removed or taped** and **longer hair is always tied back** for health and safety.

Tapestry

We use Tapestry to record aspects of our learning that doesn't go in books. This will often include photographs and comments and may involve individual children, groups or the whole class. You have access to your child's Tapestry journal and are welcome to comment on observations from school learning and add your own records of things your child has done at home or while out and about to share with us. We also use Tapestry to send messages home in the form of 'Memos'.

Please feel free to email kingfishers@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk with any questions and I will get back to you as quickly as I can.

Thank you for your support.
Rachel Eland and the Kingfisher Team