

Friday 16th January 2026

## January Safeguarding Newsletter

Our January [Safeguarding Newsletter](#) is now available [here](#). In this issue, there is insightful information about 'Com Groups', which are a growing but lesser-known way to communicate online, and there is a focus on 'everyday consent', both of which will give parents/carers a springboard from which to discuss these topics with their children.

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### **The Big Iftar III, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Bartley Green Sailing Club**

Ramadan 2026 begins during February half term. It is one of the five pillars of Islam. Ramadan is the time in which the Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammed (SAW). During the month of Ramadan, all Muslims are required to abstain from food and drink, from dawn until dusk. The act of fasting helps Muslims to feel closer to God and be compassionate for those in need; it also seen as a way to practise patience and avoid bad habits. The time to open each fast at sunset is called Iftar. Iftar will be announced by the Adhan (the call to prayer), and water and dates are usually the first things to eat as this is what was done in the time of the prophet. This will be followed by a meal after Maghrib prayer. It is a time for people to come together in unity, share a meal and reflect on their day.

It is in this spirit that King's Norton School for Boys invites all our community (regardless of faith) to The Big Iftar on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 17.00. This year, it will be held at Bartley Green Sailing Club. Let us be together as a community and share a meal in solidarity.

This will be a ticketed event with a minimum donation of **£7.50 per ticket**. There are very limited places so if you would like to attend, please get tickets as soon as possible. All proceeds will go towards putting on the event, and any excess contributions will go towards this year's KNSB charity, Ronald McDonald House, Birmingham.

### **What we need from you:**

- Purchase your tickets via ParentPay– please get them early to avoid disappointment
- As soon as we have the 100 seats filled, the sale of tickets will close
- Please save the date, buy your tickets and spread the word in the community about the KNSB Big Iftar – all are invited.

### **Parent Space dates for your diary**

Many parents made use last term of our Parent Space drop ins, so we are delighted to announce the dates for this term (see below). These sessions take place from

10am-12pm and parents should email via [enquiry@knbs.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@knbs.co.uk) citing 'Parent Space' in the subject bar to let us know they plan on attending.

- 30<sup>th</sup> January
- 13<sup>th</sup> February
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb
- 13<sup>th</sup> March
- 27<sup>th</sup> March

## Library News

### New Books in the Library this Week.

Brand new copies of 100 Books to read before you leave school, including:



#### The Gone Series by Michael Grant

In the blink of an eye all the adults disappear in a small town in southern California- and no one knows why?

Cut off from the outside world, those that are left are trapped, and there's no help on the way. Sam Temple and his friends must do all they can to survive. Chaos rules the streets. Gangs begin to form. Sides are chosen – strong or weak. Cruel or humane?



#### Library News

Competition closing  
12<sup>th</sup> February  
Hand in to the  
library or email:  
[c.fletcher@knbs.co.uk](mailto:c.fletcher@knbs.co.uk)  
Look for the poster →

Don't forget to apply  
for the new library  
assistants' positions!

Lots of exciting new  
books in this week!  
(Next slide please ☺)



## Yr10 Work Experience 23-27 March 2026

The deadline for all work experience placement paperwork is now approaching – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – therefore we are reminding Year 10 pupils that their work experience plans need to be uploaded onto Unifrog to get the Health and Safety checks completed in advance of School giving the final authorisation. Once uploaded to Unifrog, return the paper data collection form to **Mr Hanson** ensuring it has the correct signatures on the reverse side: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/home>

The **Placements** tool can be found under the **Recording** list of tools at the bottom of the home page when you login to your account. Parents and carers can sign up for their own Unifrog account to have access to the same resources as our boys. You will need to use the code: **KNBSparent** to link to our school account by signing up at [www.unifrog.org/code](https://www.unifrog.org/code).

If your son is yet to secure a placement, we urge him to make use of this half term break to continue his enquires.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January Year 10 Parents' Evening

Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 11 Pre-Public Exams begin

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day – school closed to all students

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Year 8 Parents' Evening