

Friday 13th February 2026

The Cow Has Landed!

In the latter part of this week, the Art department has welcomed its newest member of the KNSB community. Our cow, (name pending), will form the heart of the new school garden that is in the pipeline. Students have been designing hexagons all week as these will be the framework of the design that will be transferred onto her, and we would love for parents/guardians to submit designs to potentially include on her.



Arbor Parent Portal

We are pleased to announce that starting today, the Arbor Parent Portal will be open to all primary guardians. This new platform will allow you to access important information about your child's education and school life.

Please note that in this initial release, primary guardians will have limited access to student information. However, this is the first step towards providing you with a more comprehensive and convenient way to stay informed and engaged with your child's progress.

You should have received an email directly from Arbor explaining how to log in for the first time. We kindly ask that once you have completed the login process, you take a moment to review the information displayed and ensure that all details are accurate.

The Arbor Parent Portal can be accessed through a web browser on any device. However, for the best experience, Arbor recommends using the Arbor Parent Portal app, which can be downloaded from your phone's App Store. To ensure you receive timely notifications of any messages or notices delivered via the portal, we recommend allowing notifications for this app on your device.

If you notice any discrepancies or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at arbor@knbs.co.uk for assistance.

We have recorded some login issues for Primary Guardians who have a child at another school where they are currently using arbor or their child's primary school used arbor where they are seeing the wrong school at login, if you are facing this issue please try the following:

1. login on the school specific login page, rather than the generic Arbor login page, <https://king-edward-vi-kings-norton-school-for-boys.uk.arbor.education/?/home-ui/index>
2. Where it is the case where it is showing the child's previous school, and the guardian no longer has any students attending, please request that the primary school remove your email/disable the account at the previous school.
3. If you are still continuing to face issues please contact arbor@knbs.co.uk.

Part of the National Year of Reading 2026

GO ALL IN.

New books in the library this week

From Monday 23rd Feb you can collect your **Library Loyalty Card**
Collect a stamp for every book read and reviewed
Collect 6 stamps and gain 10 Commendations and a ticket into the term Prize Draw.

Loyalty Card

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...

- Improve focus and concentration
- Be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Develop a love for learning
- Have a wealth of imagination and creativity to spend to their hearts content
- Learn how to develop empathy
- Have stronger writing skills
- Have a broad vocabulary
- Improve test results
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Improve and strengthen memory
- Have better general knowledge
- Improve communication skills
- Have reduced stress levels

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Design a National Book Token competition

Special guest judges

Go All in on your creativity!

Competition Closing date: March 27, 2026

DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN

Closing Date 27th March download a form and enter yourself OR pick up a form from the library and we will send your entries for you.

[Design a National Book Token competition 2026 - World Book Day](#)

Prizes include

- £100 National Book Tokens
- £350 National Book Tokens for the school

SECOND PRIZE

- £200 National Book Tokens

Here are some ideas to get started:

What do you love?
Think about your interests, hobbies or favourite things – from sport, art and music to animals, adventures, facts or fantasy. How does reading help you explore them more deeply?

How does reading connect to your passion?
Does reading help you learn new skills, imagine new worlds, discover real-life heroes, or understand something better? Try to show this through pictures, colours or symbols.

Go bold!

Sparx Reader – Celebrating Success in Key Stage 3

A huge well done to all our KS3 students for your fantastic effort on Sparx Reader. Your dedication, consistency, and positive attitude are truly impressive. Keep aiming high – your hard work is paying off!

Top Performers – January 2026 Top Performers

Year 7

- 🥇 **James M.**
- 🥈 **Jacob S.**
- 🥉 **Heorhii N.**

Year 8

- 🥇 **Joseph L.**
- 🥈 **Leon P.**
- 🥉 **Joseph H.**

Year 9

- 🥇 **Jacob H.**
- 🥈 **Jayden K.**
- 🥉 **William T.**

Congratulations to all our top 3 students – certificates are given as a recognition of your fantastic achievement.

A Reminder About Sparx Reader

Sparx Reader is compulsory for all KS3 students, and completing tasks on time is essential. Success comes from consistency – and every student can achieve it.

After the holidays, some class schedules will change, which means Sparx Reader homework will now be set from Monday to Monday. Please make sure encourage your son to plan his time well so that he can stay on track.

Students also have daily opportunities to access the library during break, lunchtime, and after school to help them complete their reading in time for the deadline.

- Aim high and celebrate your achievements
- Complete Sparx Reader tasks on time
- Read carefully – don't rush!
- Meet or exceed your Sparx Reader Points (SRP) target
- Commendations are awarded for strong effort, accuracy, and 100% completion.

How Sparx Reader Helps Your Child

Reading regularly has a powerful impact on your child's progress. Sparx Reader supports this by:

- Building vocabulary through challenging and varied texts
- Improving comprehension with questions that check understanding
- Encouraging deeper thinking rather than surface-level reading
- Developing reading stamina, helping students read for longer periods with focus
- Promoting independent learning, as students take ownership of their reading targets
- Supporting long-term academic success, as strong reading skills benefit every subject
- Your support at home – checking completion, encouraging routine, and celebrating progress – helps reinforce these positive habits.

After the Holidays: Friday KS3 Lunchtime Support

To help students stay on track with their Sparx Reader homework, we will offer Friday lunchtime support for KS3 students.

If a student has not completed their homework, they must attend the support session.

These sessions are designed to give students the help they need in a calm and supportive environment. If your child is unsure about their tasks or needs extra guidance at any time, they should speak to their English teacher ahead of the deadline – we are always here to support them.

100% Completion + 100% Accuracy = Success

Let's keep the momentum going – read well, work hard, and achieve your potential.

Year 9 Parents' Evening Thursday 24th April – Change to Date

The date of the Year 9 Parents' evening has been moved to Thursday 24th April, and the options deadline will be Friday 1st May. Please save these important dates in your diary.
Year 11 Writer Visit Payment Reminder

We have Stephen Kelman, the writer of Pigeon English, visiting school once again on 13th March. We have asked for a voluntary contribution of £3 per students towards this; details of this payment are on Parent Pay. Thank you to parents who have already paid; your contributions make it possible for us to continue such worthy events.

Lunchtime Menus

Please see below for our 3 weekly school lunch menu's the updated menu's will launch from Monday 23/02/2026.

MY LUNCH MY WAY

ON A FRESH FOOD MISSION
















THE KITCHENEERS

LUNCH

WEEK 1

W/C 23/02, 16/03, 13/04, 04/05, 25/05, 15/06, 06/07

EAT WELL LIVE NICE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Mac'n' Cheese 	Grilled Pork Sausage, Mash	Halal Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes	Halal Chilli con Carne, Rice	Battered Pollock, Chips
MAIN 2	Pasta Arrabiata 	Quorn Sausage & Mash 	Summer Veg Taco 	Southern Baked Halloumi Burger, Wedges 	Breakfast Wrap, Chips 
REAL FOOD FAST	Mexican Chimichurri Wedges 	Halal Chicken Banh Mi 	Quorn Wurst Roll 	Loaded Punjabi Masala Wedges	Loaded Red Pepper Pizza 
VEG	Sweetcorn 	Peas 	Carrots 	Broccoli 	Peas & Carrots or Baked Beans 



MEAL DEAL – MAIN MEAL & DESSERT

ONLY £2.75

AVAILABLE DAILY

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket potatoes with a choice of two toppings, mixed salad bar & deli grab & go offer. Vegetarian and vegan options available.

DESSERTS

Choice of fresh seasonal fruit  (cut or whole), flavoured yoghurts  or dessert of the day.

MENU KEY

 Vegetarian

 Vegan and Planet Friendly

 New Dish

 Spiced



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LUNCH

WEEK 2

W/C 02/03, 23/03, 20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07

EAT WELL LIVE NICE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Succulent USA Big Burger, Wedges 🌮	Halal Jerk Chicken, Rice 🌮	Halal Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes 🌮	Halal Traditional Lasagne 🌮	Oven Baked Battered Pollock & Chips 🌮
MAIN 2	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheesy Bake 🌮	Three Bean Chilli, Rice 🌮	Caribbean Spiced Jerk Dog 🌮	Italian Style Pasta 🌮	BBQ Bean & Cheese Pasty, Chips 🌮
REAL FOOD FAST	Garlic & Chilli Donburi Bowl 🌮	Halal Chicken Fajita Bowl 🌮	Halal Roast Chicken Wrap 🌮	Halal Thai Green Chicken Noodles 🌮	Halal Korean Chicken Burger 🌮
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LUNCH WEEK 3 W/C 09/03, 30/03, 27/04, 18/05, 08/06, 29/06, 20/07 **EAT WELL LIVE NICE**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 	Halal Southern Baked Chicken, Wedges	Halal Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes	Halal Spaghetti Bolognese	Oven Baked Pollock, Chips
MAIN 2	Loaded Chilli, Rice 	Chilli Bean Tortilla Stack, Wedges  	 Summer Quiche 	Sloppy Joes Garlic Bread 	Smashed Falafel Pitta, Slaw, Chips 
REAL FOOD FAST	Authentic Tikka Pitta 	Halal Beef Chilli Nachos 	Loaded Meatball Sub 	Carbonara Pizza	Buddah Bowl Quorn Fillets 
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Dates for your diary

Week commencing 23rd February Year 11 Pre-Public Exams continue
 Thursday 5th March 2026 – Year 8 Parents' Evening
 Thursday 24th April 2026 – Year 9 Parents' evening