

King's Ford Academy Catch up

June 2026

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please bear in mind these dates are subject to change

- 16th June** Year 2 Transition morning
- 24th June** Year 3 and Year 4 Layer Marney trip
- w/c 22nd June** Year 6 Transition Days at Secondary schools
- 29th June** Armed Forces Day – camo day, wear green - £1 donation
- 29th June** Music Festival 1:30pm-3pm
- w/c 29th June** One Plan Meetings - Teachers will send out appointments
- 2nd July** Sports Day
- 6th July** Military club picnic 3:15pm – 4pm
- 13th – 15th July** Year 6 Residential trip

Term Dates

Summer term
13 April 2026 – 20 July 2026
Inset day 20th July

Activewear days

Year 3 – Tuesday
Year 4 – Tuesday
Year 5 – Thursday
Year 6 – Friday

Every week is busy in a school but this half term even more so! Last week we had the Maths Puzzle Company come in and work with all classes - from the pictures of the day it is fair to say the children had a great time. This week every class has been out; Year 3 and 4 went to the church, Year 5 spent a morning at Paxman Academy and Year 6 spent a day in London. Without exception, all adults involved in the visits reported what fantastic role models your children were. This is quite a feat and not to be underestimated; so well done everyone and thank you for being such great representatives for our school.

Many of you will be aware, that sadly one of much-loved Rotary Reader volunteer recently passed away. Our school meant so much to him that his family and friends asked for donations for KFA instead of flowers, at his funeral. We consulted with the School Council who told us that the children would like a reading bench on the field with a plaque in Ron's Memory. The bench is on the field, in a position chosen by the children and is full to capacity during breaks and rewards!

As expected, the British summer time weather is typically unpredictable so please ensure your children have a rain coat or jacket every day.

In loving memory of Ron

For more than ten years, Ron dedicated his time as a volunteer Rotary reader at King's Ford Academy, visiting every week to read with our children. His commitment to the school community went far beyond sharing books; he regularly spoke to the children about his life experiences and built positive, lasting relationships with both pupils and staff.

Ron's kindness, warmth and genuine interest in others made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He always made children feel valued and listened to, and many looked forward to his weekly visits.

When Ron was no longer able to visit the school, it was a sad day for our community. Amazingly, he was in his late 90's when he stopped volunteering. Even during the COVID-19 lockdowns, he remained determined to stay connected, joining us on Zoom calls so he could continue chatting with the children and supporting them.

Sadly, Ron passed away this year. In a wonderful gesture, his family chose to use his funeral as an opportunity to raise donations for our school. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and have used the funds to purchase a reading bench in Ron's memory.

The reading bench will serve as a lasting tribute to a remarkable man who gave so much of his time to our children. It reflects the caring and compassionate nature that Ron showed throughout his years with us and will remind future generations of pupils that there is always someone willing to listen.

Ron's legacy will continue to live on at King's Ford Academy, and he will be remembered with great affection by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



A letter will shortly be making its way home with details for sports day (Thursday 2nd July, 9am start.)

Some extra information about the day is included below, however I would just like to separately let you know how the sprint races at the end of sports day are run. The sports day sprint races are optional for the children; they can choose if they would like to take part or not. However, in order for heats to be drawn up, I will be asking all children in the next couple of days who would like to take part. Feel free to discuss with your child if they would like to run a sprint race or not, as after the sign-up deadline, no more children will be added.

Each colour team (blue, purple, green and red) is split into 3 smaller groups.

Children partake in different stations (12 in total), earning points for their team along the way. Following this, sprint races will take place. The sprint races do not contribute towards the final points totals.

Children will receive a sticker at the end of the day depending on which position their team finishes in.

This year, the gates to the field will close to spectators at 9:20 this year, and will reopen when sports day has concluded.

If you would like any further information, please let me know.

Mr. Goodey
PE lead



Last week the children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of logical thinking puzzles that encouraged their mathematical reasoning without feeling like traditional maths when we were visited by The Happy Puzzle Company.

Each year group participated in sessions designed to foster a love for maths while reducing any anxieties that may arise in those who find the subject challenging.

During the day, children were grouped into smaller teams of around six, which allowed for collaboration and camaraderie as they tackled a series of puzzles that ranged in difficulty. This structured yet enjoyable approach aimed to develop not only their problem-solving skills but also their resilience, team work and ambition.

