



# NEWSLETTER



## Happy Summer Holiday!



We have had a really successful year, the children have achieved great things and we are very proud of each and every one of them. From all of us here at King Ina, we wish you all a fantastic summer holiday. We look forward to working with you and your children again in September.

## Goodbye!

We had a fabulous day yesterday celebrating Mrs Billenness! Everyone went to great effort with their bee themed outfits and Mrs B was very touched by the gifts, cards and well wishes. We all loved watching her surprise slide show, showing photos from over the decades during the special worship in the afternoon. Goodbye Mrs B, you will be missed enormously!



**Year 6** marked the end of an unforgettable chapter with a joyful leavers assembly and party. The assembly was a touching celebration of memories, as students reflected on their journey through primary school. Each class performed a fun and energetic dance, filling the hall with laughter and pride. The highlight was a moving whole-year performance of Coldplay's *"Something Just Like This"*, which brought a few tears to the eyes of teachers and parents alike.

Later, the party kicked off—despite the rain! The wet weather only added to the fun, making the inflatables extra slippery and exciting. Glitter stations added sparkle to the afternoon, and the delicious BBQ kept everyone fuelled. The day ended with a hilarious fancy dress race, cheered on by proud parents. It was the perfect send-off for a vibrant, lively group of students ready for their next adventure. Year 6 truly went out in style!



## Goodbye continued

Mrs Gay was very touched by the farewell celebrations for her last week and the children loved the French style café where they tried croissant and French stick to a background of French music!

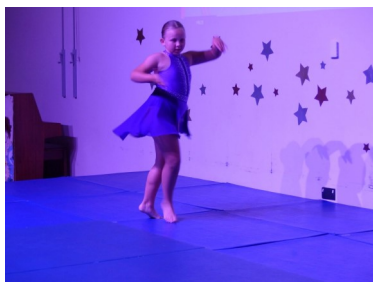
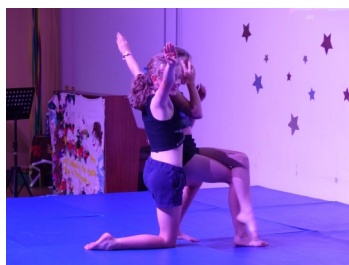
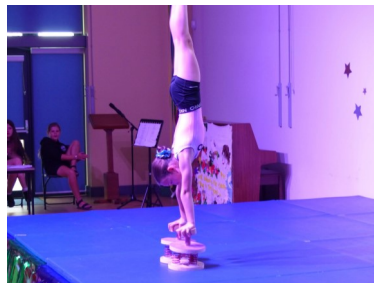
We have also said goodbye to Mr Wright, Kingfisher teacher, Mrs King, who worked in Wagtails Class this year, Becca (or Cosima as the children know her) from Forest School, who is going travelling and Mrs Thomas, who retired from her Lunchtime Supervisor of over 30 years!

We made sure that we showed our gratitude to all of these much loved staff members and gave them all a lovely send off.



## Talent Show!

What a triumph the Talent Show was last week! All of the performances were incredible, including gymnastic routines, dancing, singing, musical instrument playing, demonstrating science and martial arts! Year 6 pupils formed the production team, creating the posters, tickets and stage decorations and were stage hands on the night. The comperes were word perfect and held the show together. The atmosphere was electric, the team effort and support for one another was impressive. Well done children!



## Phonics

It has been another successful year here at King Ina Academy in phonics. Our three years of working with the English Hub has now come to an end, and what a wonderful three years it has been. Our academy has gone from strength to strength in how we deliver and support pupils in their early reading skills. This year 87% of our Year One pupils passed the Statutory Phonics Screening Check. Furthermore, 88% of our Year Two pupils retaking the Check, passed. This is a massive achievement, and we are proud of all pupils. Our well-designed phonics program is truly one of success.

We look forward to continuing our phonics journey in September in our mission to ensure all pupils become confident, fluent readers. Please look out for more information about our phonics program as we roll out the academic year ahead. Phonics is without doubt the foundation to all further academic success. Thank you for supporting your children in this subject so brilliantly. Well done everyone!



## Sports Day

What a fabulous sports day! Every pupil took part and scored some well-earned points for their teams. There were some new activities, such as our field events for our KS2 pupils, as well as some returning favourites, such as the fancy dress race for Year 3 and the competitive Tug of War for Year 6.

**The overall winners were Vikings with over 300 points! Well done to everyone who took part.**

A huge thank you goes to our House and Sport Captains, who were excellent throughout the full day – helping younger pupils, modelling behaviour and being brilliant score keepers. You will be missed next year and have been brilliant role models for the next set of Captains to follow!



## Author Visit

On Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July we had a visit from the author Ade Bowen. Ade is a children's entertainer, writer, and illustrator. He started off the day by delivering a very exciting and engaging whole school assembly. In the assembly the children helped tell a story and Ade talked about his journey as a writer.

Ade then ran fun and engaging reading workshops with the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Ade stayed for our Summer Fayre and his signed copies of books were really popular! We hope that you have enjoyed reading them. Some of his books will be appearing in our Library very soon!

Ade's visit was very kindly funded by Somerton Library who we work closely with throughout the year and thank for their support and this brilliant opportunity.



## Forest School

As the first year of forest school comes to a close, we have been celebrating our wonderful warm weather with lots of water play and creative activities to explore our summer theme of festivals, magic and music. In addition to all the amazing wood work and imaginative play, the children have made versions of the African sistrum rattle, woven Mexican God's Eye, Japanese Hapa Zome leaf dying, fairy doors, dancing ribbons, friendship bracelets, hair braids and grass plaiting. We have also had wooden boats sailing in crates of water, wet sponge throwing, invisible apple bobbing and even a handmade elder pencil using charcoal from the fire.

The forest school area began its rewilding journey this year, nurtured by the children's gentle hands and careful management. This has led to discoveries of a frog, toad, shrews, numerous butterflies, spiders and beetles right on our doorstep. The curiosity and excitement from the children has been incredibly encouraging and we are looking forward to more of these experiences as our biodiversity grows.

If you enjoy the outdoors and would like to help the children discover the wonderful world around them, we are asking for volunteers to support Mrs Goodwin (Mori) in the running of Forest School. Please contact the office for more details. We would love to hear from you!



## Summer Fayre

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who came along and supported our Summer Fayre. Your presence, enthusiasm, and generosity helped make the event a truly enjoyable and successful day for everyone involved.

A huge thank you goes to the PTFA who worked really hard to prepare and run such a fantastic event.



Thank you once again for being part of such a memorable afternoon!



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## Year 6 Residential

On 9th June, the Y6 children set off for their residential trip to Badminton Woods with The Bushcraft Company. As it was our first time visiting, many of the children (and staff!) weren't quite sure what to expect. Thankfully, we were blessed with beautiful weather — always a bonus when camping outdoors — and the children had a fantastic time. They threw themselves into a range of exciting activities, including den building, knife skills, fire lighting, trap making, wilderness first aid, and an SOS scenario challenge. It was wonderful to see every child shine in the woodland setting, and the three days were a resounding success!

