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As we reach the halfway point of the term, it's a great time to reflect on how much our pupils have already achieved in just a few short weeks. Classrooms are full of energy, curiosity, and creativity, and it's been a joy to see children embracing new challenges with such enthusiasm.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support—whether it's attending parents' evening, helping with homework, or simply encouraging good routines at home, your support makes a real difference.

As the days grow shorter and the weather turns colder, we'll be focusing on kindness, resilience, and wellbeing across the school. I'm proud of how our community continues to look after one another and uphold our shared values every day.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful weekend and returns refreshed for the final few weeks before the half-term break.



Kind regards,
Mrs Peacock
Head of School

We are once again a **GOLD Award**
Rights Respecting School.

Article 28: The right to a good quality education.

October

Happy birthday to you all!

Harry T (4th)
Lilly M-S (6th)
Georgia (11th)
Skye (13th)
Lillie S (16th)
Seth (19th)
Gabriel (20th)
Olive (20th)
Sofia-Rae (24th)
Isla G (26th)



Whole-School Staffing for 2025/6

Head of School: Mrs Peacock
School Administrator: Mrs Walker
Nursery (Acorn): Mrs Ridley & Miss Rigby
Reception (Willow): Mrs Patterson, Mrs Burns & Mrs Durham (*previously Miss Waller*)
Y1/2 (Birch): Mrs McGregor & Miss Cameron
Y2/3 (Chestnut): Mr Woollett & Mrs Pederson
Y4/5 (Elm): Mr Drake & Mrs Wallace
Y5/6 (Oak): Mrs Harris & Mrs Newton

**Please note: From Y1-Y6, we have mixed year group classes.*

Safeguarding

As promised, here's my update for the contextualised safeguarding concern identified previously. As we are currently without our site supervisor, we have made a temporary barrier to stop children putting their fingers through the fence to dogs on the public footpath. Once our site supervisor returns next week, he will endeavour to find a more permanent solution to this issue.



Attendance

Our current year-to-date statutory attendance is **97.3%**. However, today's *daily statutory attendance is down to 89.1% due to coughs, colds and other illnesses which we understand can't be helped.* Thank you to all our families for your support.

Our Attendance information can be found at:

<https://kirklevington.org.uk/parents/attendance/>

Please note: Attendance is part of our

Messages & Reminders

- Another reminder about **scooters, balance bikes and other bikes**: Although we encourage the use of these to come to school, we ask that for the safety of everyone on school grounds, that **children get off their scooter, balance bike or bike as soon as they come onto school property at the green gates, please.**
- We are **a no smoking/vaping site**, so please be respectful and considerate of others when visiting our school site and adhere to this rule.
- For safeguarding of children and staff, **no mobile phones are permitted within the school building**. Y5/Y6 children who walk to school and bring phones, must hand them in daily at the office and collect them again at the end of school. Staff phones are only permitted within the staffroom, office or outside of the premises. There is one school mobile phone which Mrs Peacock has control over.

After-School Clubs are running until Thursday 23.10.25.

Monday: Dance (DF Coaching - Mrs Crowther)

Tuesday: Ball Games or Kids with Bricks

Wednesday: Hi 5 Netball or Arts and Crafts

Thursday: Football (DF Coaching)

Friday: Girls' Football (Stockton Town FC)





Signposting to Wraparound Childcare

Kirklevington Primary School - Bookable via our Arbor app: **Breakfast Club open 7:45-8:45am (for all children 3-11)** and half-termly after-school clubs 3:15-4:15pm

(catering for different interests for Y1-Y6 pupils with limited places)

Puddleducks Childcare, Yarm – 01642 791895 or

<https://www.puddleduckschildcare.com/>

Clever Clogs Childcare, Yarm – 01642 780586 or <https://www.cleverclogsyarm.co.uk/>

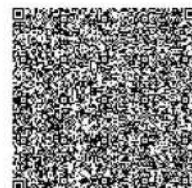
Spring Oscars Layfield, Yarm – 01642 787671 or <https://springchildcare.co.uk/>

N.B. No transport from outside childcare providers are allowed in our staff car park.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Please come along to our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. We will be honouring our friend and colleague Jan.



Cake donations welcome!

Kirklevington Primary School Hall,
Wednesday 15th October, 9:30-11am

Dates for Autumn Term 2025

14.10.25: Please start to bring in any donations of cake & biscuits for the MacMillan Coffee Morning (*nut-free*)

15.10.25: **MacMillan Coffee Morning** at 9:30am

15.10.25 Y5/6 T1 Rugby Festival

21.10.25: Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition

23.10.25: Spooky Disco after-school (R-Y3 3.15-4.15; Y4-Y6 4.30-5.15) – volunteers to help would be much appreciated, please... (Nursery Disco during the morning session)

23.10.25: Break up for October half-term holidays

24.10.25: PD Day – School Closed for half-term

27.10.25-31.10.25: October half-term holidays (school closed)

3.11.25: School reopens for Autumn 2 – welcoming children at 8:45am

5.11.25: Year 5/6 Open Football Competition (selected pupils only)

9.11.25: Remembrance Sunday at Church – *If any pupils are willing to volunteer to lay the wreath on behalf of the school, please contact the school office.*

10.11.25: Taekwondo Workshop in school

11.11.25: Girls' Football Competition

12.11.25: Reception & Y1 – The Smeds and the Smoos at Darlington Hippodrome

12.11.25: Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics Competition (selected pupils)

13.11.25: Michael Rosen Poetry Day in school

14.11.25: Birch at KS1 Sports Festival

26.11.25: Willow Class – Phonics/Stay and Play Session (1)

27.11.25: Y2-Y6 'We Will Rock You' Performance at Middlesbrough Theatre

28.11.25: Willow Class – Phonics/Stay and Play Session (2)

1.12.25-12.12.25: Y4 Swimming Lessons (daily)

11.12.25: EY Christmas Performance to Parents at 9:30am

12.12.12: Lego League Tournament (selected pupils)

16.12.25: Year 1- Year 3 Christmas Performance to Parents at 2:15pm

17.12.25: Year1 – Year 3 Christmas Performance to Parents at 9:30am

19.12.25: Whole-school Christmas sing-a-long in the KS2 playground – All welcome and please join in!

19.12.25: Break-up for Christmas holidays

Information to follow with more details of events nearer the time.

School Term Dates for 2025-

26 can be found on our website at:

<https://www.kirklevington.org.uk/parents/school-term-and-holiday-dates/>

Our PD Days (when school is closed to children) for 2025-26 are:

- Monday 1.9.25
- Friday 24.10.25
- Monday 1.6.26
- Monday 20.7.26
- Tuesday 21.7.26

Useful links:

The Children's Hub (Hartlepool & Stockton) - Concerned about a child or young person, please contact: 01642 130020 or childrensbub@hartlepool.gov.uk

Family Hubs:

<https://www.facebook.com/SOTfamilyhubs>

Daisy Chain:

<https://daisychainproject.co.uk/>
(They offer support to autistic and neurodivergent individuals and their families)

Spark Education Trust:

<https://sparkeducationtrust.org.uk/>



Parental Controls

MORE parents admit they are not regularly talking to children about online safety



Around six out of ten parents admit they are concerned about issues including online grooming (58%), viewing sexual or violent content (58%)



Yet in the last six months alone, only a third of those parents have had any kind of conversation with them about it. The majority of parents (55%) admit they speak to their children less than once a month about the most pressing issues they face online.

Top tips

- **Set up and make use of your home broadband parental controls**
- **Set controls on your search engine**
- **Use privacy settings on apps and devices**
- **Block pop-ups**
- **Monitor your child's devices**
- **Have open conversations with your child about online safety and reassure them that they can talk to you or a trusted adult whenever they need to**



Parental controls are a great tool to help better protect your children online. Find out how you can use them more effectively



Helpful Websites for Parents and Carers

UK Safer Internet Centre

[www.https://saferinternet.org.uk/](https://saferinternet.org.uk/)

This site contains advice on how to use the internet and new technologies safely and responsibly as well as a range of practical resources, news and events focussing on the safe and responsible use of the internet and new technologies.

Childnet International

[www.https://www.childnet.com/](https://www.childnet.com/)

A non-profit making organisation working with others to help make the Internet a great and safe place for children. You can access Jenny's Story, Becky's Story and Let's Fight It Together (the cyberbullying DVD) in addition to other online resources from this site.

Internet Matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

An internet portal which aims to direct parents and carers to credible and helpful information on how to keep children safe online.

Think U Know

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/>

Provides the latest information on the sites young people like to visit, mobiles and new technology. It's separated into different age groups: 5-7 years, 8-10 and 11-16 years. There is also a 'parent/carer' and 'teacher/trainer' section. It discusses what's good, what's not so good about the internet, about online risks and what you can do about them.

Google Family Safety Centre

<https://safety.google/families/>

Provides parents and teachers with practical tools to help them choose what content their children see online. Look out for the video tips on how to set up safe searching on Google and YouTube.

Comparitech

<https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/protecting-childrens-privacy/>

A useful guide to help parents, carers and educationalists protect children's privacy online.



The internet mirrors, magnifies and makes more visible, the good, bad and ugly of every day life...



What we have agreed about our online life

internet
matters.org

We have decided that *(add your names)*:



1. We agree that we want to use our phones and the internet safely
2. When we eat together phones and online activities will be off
3. I can play my games after school for minutes and at weekends for minutes
4. At night my phone will be charging in another room while I sleep
5. We agree to be kind to other people online and move away from anything that upsets us

Below are our agreements for social media and our devices

We've agreed on some rules about social media. We don't like:

- Messages that are rude, upsetting or make people sad
- Photos or videos that are not OK for children or teenagers because they make us less safe or let other people see things that are private to us.
- It is not OK to send these.

I/We promise to do these things:

- Get help from [] *[name of parent / carer]* to add friends at first
- I'll only talk to close friends I know now or my family
- I won't share photos that are inappropriate (describe)
- We all understand that social media apps have age limits and rules
- We all understand how important it is to be private and []
will set up a social media account for []
- We agree to be kind to other people on social media and help our friends

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6. If I feel upset about anything I see, I can tell []
I know how to block or restrict people if they are nasty or I can ask []
[] to help.
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Devices

- Which devices are we allowed to use and when? []
- Who will check regularly to see that the privacy and security settings are OK? []
- What do we do if we are asked to click on something?
(Like don't click 'accept' before checking with an adult) []
- When is it OK to download files, games or apps? []
- When is it OK to buy things in games? []

We will talk about our agreement [] *[enter agreed amount of time]* to see how it is working.





OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

MON 27TH OCT
 TUES 28TH OCT
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Remember the majority of photos of events from school are posted onto our social media: <https://www.facebook.com/KirklevingtonPrimarySchool>.



Birch enjoyed
Forest School
this week
making
autumnal
friendship
bracelets.



Elm had a
fabulous
trip to the
Teesmouth
Field
Centre.





Chestnut class had a fun week celebrating the Stockton & Darlington Railway 200th Anniversary.





Oak class have looked
at the artwork of Lucy
Pittaway.





Our Kirklevington Superstars



Well done to our cross-country superstars, who came 20th and 33rd out of 90 pupils from different schools in our county. **You were truly amazing!**



This is where we celebrate the achievements of our children (and staff). If your child would like to share their achievement with our school community, please send a photo of them and a brief write-up to the kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk.

A huge well done to Austin who has moved up to the next stage in his keyboard lessons!



Well done to Ted who was awarded Sea Cadet of the month for outstanding commitment and exemplary conduct. What a superstar!