



Kirklevington Primary School

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Welcome to the start of a new school year.

September (in school) is all about new beginnings and starting over: it's a new year, in a new class with (possibly) a new teacher (but not always, at Kirklevington Primary) and, for some children, it's a new school too.

September is a time to remember that every day is a new opportunity and a fresh start, so our children can develop and grow into the people they want to be! We encourage them to dream big and reach for the moon, as they might just land amongst the stars.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new member of staff, Mrs McGregor, to our school community. We would also like to welcome Mr Woollett officially to our school, although he's been part of the team for over two terms already!

Staff have started the new term refreshed, with positivity and a passion to achieve the best for our children at Kirklevington Primary School.

We look forward to the adventures that lie ahead this year and look forward to working closely with parents, carers and our local community to continually improve our school for the best interests of our children.



Kind regards,
Mrs Peacock
Head of School

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

September

Happy birthday to you all!

Rufus 1/9
George 1/9
Grace 3/9
Seth 5/9
Monty 8/9
Freya 9/9
Imogen 10/9
Thomas 11/9
Luca 11/9
George 12/9
Archie 15/9
Orla 19/9
Bibi 20/9
Jasmine 23/9
Beatrice 24/9



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 & 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.**

Highlighted = Senior Leadership Team



Safeguarding

At the start of this new academic year, all policies, procedures and training has been updated in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025. As always our priority, along with yours, is to keep all our children safe.

We are teaching pupils throughout the year about our contextual safeguarding issues as shared with you via our website: [Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy 2025-26](#).

For Kirklevington, some of our contextual safeguarding include risks around: building sites, community parks, online safety, farms/farm buildings, roads and rivers.

Currently, we have identified the public footpath adjacent to our school field as one of our contextual safeguarding concerns. Members of the local community walk past school with their dogs and interact with children at lunchtime. As always, staff are vigilant and direct children elsewhere to play and, respectfully, ask members of the public to move on as quickly as possible. With this in mind, I would like to assure parents that we are exploring several solutions to this, including privacy screening on the inside of our palisade fencing.

I will update you on this matter within our next newsletter due on **Wednesday 8th October**.

Attendance

Our current year-to-date statutory attendance is **97.4%**. Today's *daily statutory attendance is 100% - superb!*

Thank you to all families for your support. It's brilliant to see your commitment to your child's education and our school.

Our Attendance information can be found at:

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

The revised policy for Attendance will be added to the website by the end of this week. *(There are no major changing to this from last year's policy which was in line with the Local Authority procedures and DfE statutory guidance.)*

Please note: Attendance is part of our school's safeguarding duty.

Messages & Reminders

- **Fidget toys** can support many children with a range of educational needs. However, for others, they act as a distraction rather than a support. Therefore, pupils are not allowed to use fidget toys in school, unless they have been recommended by a professional and school are in receipt of a report to confirm this. Even then, appropriate fidget toys will be supplied by school. Any fidget toys which do come in will be handed back to parents at a convenient time.
- Children should **not be wearing jewellery of any kind** – particularly dangly/hooped earrings - for health & safety reasons. Please also note that **nail varnish is not permitted** either. See our uniform policy on our website.
- **Extreme haircuts:** No tramlines, shapes nor symbols should be cut/shaved into children's hair during term time as this is not allowed within our uniform policy. All extreme hairstyles should be grown out and only cut in at the start of the six-week summer holidays.
- **Pencil cases:** All of the equipment your child needs for school is supplied by us. Therefore, all personal pencil cases should remain at home, please.
- A quick reminder about **scooters, skateboards and 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, bike or skateboard 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.

P.E. Arrangements starting - w.b. 08.9.25

Mondays: Acorn and Willow (Yoga)

Tuesdays: Elm and Oak

Thursdays: Birch and Chestnut (with DF Coaching)

On their day, all children should come to school in their outdoor P.E. kit.

Our P.E. uniform can be found at: <https://www.kirklevington.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

(Please note that **no football shirts nor fashion sportswear** is permitted. Thank you for your support with this.





Wraparound Childcare

Having surveyed parents before the summer holidays, I know that many families are keen for us to provide wraparound after-school care for children 3-11. However, this is something that we are currently unable to move forward with due to the logistics of staffing this resource within our small school. I am continuing to investigate other ways of making this a viable option for Kirklevington Primary and will share with you any developments as we progress through the term. Thank you for your support on this matter.

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

You are invited to our
Macmillan Coffee Morning
on Wednesday 15th October
at 9:30 in the school hall.
Please sign in through the
school office.

Donations of cakes and
biscuits from Tuesday 14th
October will be very
welcome. Please remember we
are a nut-free school.

Thank you!



Forest School

This takes place in the school grounds **each Tuesday morning**. All children will access this excellent provision at various points throughout the school year. This is run by Katherine and Sam from Sc.out.ed and supported by school staff. As Forest School is all about education in the outdoors, children will be going outside in all weathers and, therefore, need to wear appropriate outdoor clothing, coats and footwear. To get the maximum from these sessions, we recommend that children come to school each Tuesday in outdoor P.E. kit and trainers - see our school website at:

<https://www.kirklevington.org.uk/parents/uniform/>
They will also need to bring wellies or walking boots in a bag to change into and a waterproof, warm coat.

(Information was shared re. Forest School via the Class Newsletters on Friday 12th September. Please refer back to these bulletins for more information.)

Dates for Autumn Term 2025

1/09/25: PD Day for Staff – No children

2/9/25: Back to school - welcoming children from 8:45am

8/9/25: Yoga starts for Acorn and Willow; plus, After-School Clubs start

9/9/25: Forest School starts & RockSteady starts

11/9/25: Elm & Oak trip to the Life Centre

17/9/25: Sports' Leaders Training

18/9/25: Tempest – Individual & Family School Photos

19/9/25: Elm & Oak Bridge Building Challenge (STEM activity)

24/9/25: Cross Country Finals KS2

26.9.25: School Parliament Elections held in school (*Teaching Democracy – Fundamental British Values*)

28.9.25: Stockton & Darlington Railway 200th Anniversary (S&DR200) - celebrations across the region. To find out more, visit: <https://www.sdr200.co.uk/>

w.b. 29.9.25 – In school, all children will be celebrating the S&DR200 (more information to follow shortly)

30/9/25: Autumn 1 Governors' Meeting

1.10.25: Flu immunisations

2.10.25: Y6 Parents are invited to a coffee morning with Conyers staff at 9am

7.10.25: Parents' Evening

8.10.25: Parents' Evening

9.10.25: Elm trip to Teesmouth

10.10.25: Young Minds Mental Health Day – **Wear something yellow** (with your uniform)

10.10.25: Girls' Wildcats Football Skills Festival (Elm & Oak)

14.10.25: Please bring in your cake & biscuits donations for the MacMillan Coffee Morning

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

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)

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

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.*

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

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

13.11.25: Michael Rosen Poetry Day

14.11.25: Birch at KS1 Sports Festival

1.12.25-12.12.25: Y4 Swimming Lessons (daily)

12.12.12: Lego League Tournament (selected pupils)

19.12.25: Christmas sing-a-long in the KS2 playground – All welcome!

19.12.25: Break-up for Christmas holidays

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

***N.B. Christmas performance dates will be published here on 8th October 2025**



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 for 2025-26 are (school closed to children):

- 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/>

Notices and Events

We Need Your Help!

Support a Safe Walking & Cycling/Wheeling Route from Kirklevington to Conyers and Yarm

Earlier this year, villagers overwhelmingly backed the idea of a safe walking and cycling route into Yarm alongside the A67 — but when the time came to act (via the recent Judges hotel development application), only **7 residents** submitted comments to Stockton Borough Council (SBC).

This walking/cycling route is vital:

- ✓ For the protection of our children, safe walking/cycling to school is paramount
- ✓ For young families with pushchairs, plus older residents & commuters in wheelchairs \ mobility scooters
- ✓ The current Bus Service was for a five-year period only, and is not guaranteed beyond that
- ✓ To support government targets for active travel and everyone's physical and mental wellbeing
- ✓ To reduce car use and traffic on the A67

⚠ The stretch of A67 near Judges Hotel remains **narrow, dangerous, and poorly lit**, especially around the S-bends, making the footpath particularly dangerous. However, we now have a **real opportunity** to fix this once and for all. The redevelopment of **Judges Hotel (Planning Ref: 25/1001/FUL)** gives Stockton Council the chance to secure a **safe footpath and cycleway** linking Kirklevington to Conyers and Yarm.

Positive conversations are happening about this right now, but we need to demonstrate that there is a genuine public demand for such, as all 137 of the public comments previously added to the on-line Kymel screening questionnaire are not reflected or captured in the official SBC application.

👤 What we need from YOU:

1. **Email your support to:** (or via the prepared QR code)
 - ✉ planningdevelopmentservices@stockton.gov.uk
2. **Use Planning Ref: 25/1001/FUL**
 - ✎ Include your **name and address**
 - 📄 Use or edit the suggested text in the QR Code email
 - (Else, the green bullet points can be used as reasons for this route)



SBC have stated:

"The Council continues to explore all relevant funding opportunities for a scheme whether that's via the A67 in its entirety or part via third party land such as Judges Hotel."

It is now nearly two years since Judges Hotel was purchased and now, via this planning application, SBC have a unique opportunity to work with the buyer to make this scheme a reality.

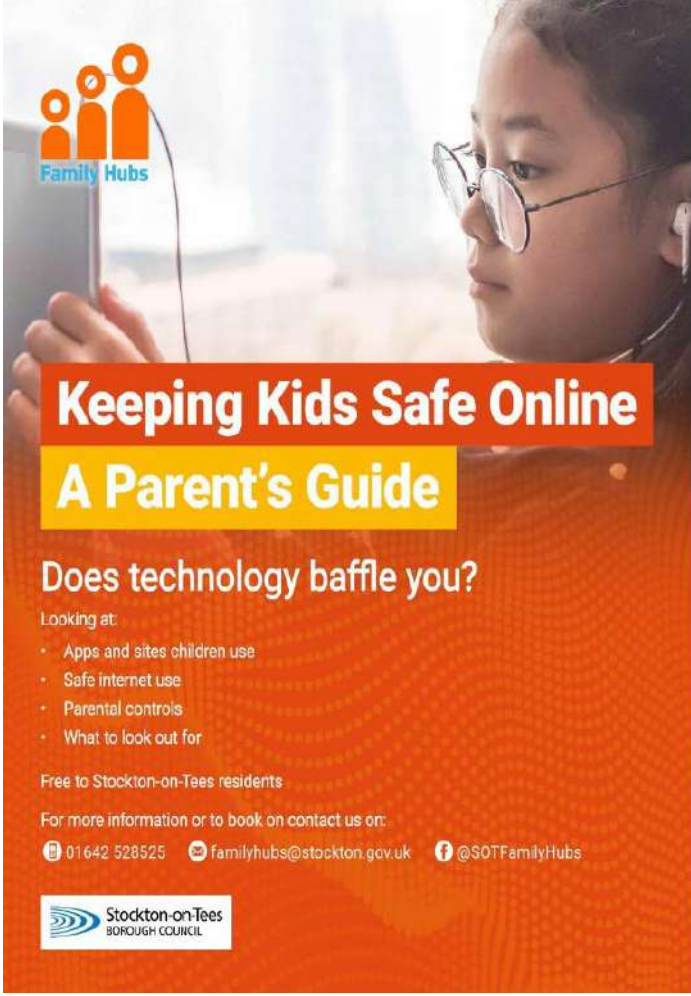
Matt Vickers has spoken to the new owner on our behalf to promote this new route, but **we need residents to mail SBC to show public support of the improved footpath/cycleway.**

3. **Tell your neighbours.** Share this. Speak up. There are over 700 houses in this village!!

💡 We have been campaigning for this route for five years and we now have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to make our village safer, healthier, and more connected. Please let's not miss it through silence or inactivity.

Thank you,

David Bell & Andy Alton



Family Hubs

Keeping Kids Safe Online

A Parent's Guide

Does technology baffle you?

Looking at:

- Apps and sites children use
- Safe internet use
- Parental controls
- What to look out for

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For more information or to book on contact us on:

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Pop along to ask questions and get advice from a variety of services to help support you and your family, including:

- Family support
- School, education and careers advice
- SEND support
- Health (including mental health)
- Home safety
- Drug and alcohol support
- Employment and training
- Housing
- Welfare and finances

Ask questions, get advice on the support available or make a plan on how to tackle your issues:

Upcoming dates

19 September	Stockton	9:30am - 11:30am
17 October	Thornaby	9:30am - 11:30am
21 November	Billingham	9:30am - 11:30am
19 December	Redhill	9:30am - 11:30am



What's on guide

September to

December 2025 term time only.

Billingham, Redhill, Stockton and Thornaby, Family Hubs



Daisy Chain Peer Support Coffee mornings
Mondays - weekly Drop in

10am - 12pm

From 8th September - Thornaby Family Hub
From 3rd November - Redhill Family Hub.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news and activities:

 www.facebook.com/SOTfamilyhubs
01642 528525



Scan to find your local Family Hub



What's on at Stockton-on-Tees Family Hubs

Monday

Billingham
Community Garden
10am-12pm
Adults only

Redhill
*Stay and Play
10-11:30am
Perinatal Walk and Talk
1-3pm (fortnightly)
Andy's Man Club
7pm

Thornaby
Babbling Babies
12:30-2pm
Infant Feeding Support
1:30-2:30pm
SEND Club
(starting 15th Sept)
4-5pm



Tuesday

Billingham
*Stay and Play
9:30-11am
Harbour Drop-In
10am-12pm
Employment Hub Drop-In.
1-3pm (fortnightly)

Redhill
SEND Lego Club
4-5pm

Stockton
Infant Feeding Support
10-11:30am
Warm Welcome
1-3pm
After School Family Fun
3:30-5pm

Thornaby
Perinatal Walk and Talk
1-3pm (fortnightly)
MIND Be Heard
11-13 years 4-5:30pm
14-16 years 5:30-7pm

Scan to book for Be Heard



Wednesday

Billingham
**Messy Play 1st Week
**Soft Play 3rd Week
Monthly 10-11am
Coffee Morning 2nd Week
SEND Coffee Morning 4th Week
Monthly 9:30 - 11am

Redhill
Babbling Babies
9:30-11am
Infant Feeding Support
10-11:30am

Stockton
*Stay and Play
10-11:30am

Thornaby
Multiples Stay & Play
1-3pm

Thursday

Billingham
Perinatal Walk and Talk
9:30am-11:30am
(fortnightly)
After School Family Fun
3:30-5pm

Redhill
**Soft Play 1st Week
Rhyme Time 2nd Week
**Messy Play 3rd Week
Craft & Coffee 4th Week
Monthly 9.30-10.30am
The Bread & Butter Thing
1pm - 1.30pm

Stockton
Babbling Babies
1-2:30pm

Thornaby
Knit & Natter
9.30 - 11.30am
*Stay and Play
1-2:30pm



**Call 01642 528525 to book

Friday

Billingham
Babbling Babies
9:30-11am
Infant Feeding Support
10:30am-12pm

Stockton
Polish Village Stay and Play
10:15-11:45am

Thornaby
**Monthly Messy Play
10-11:30am

Saturday

Billingham
SEND Club
3rd Saturday of the month
10:30am-12pm

*Scan to book for Stay & Play Starting w/c 15th September





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THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Chorister Experience

Saturday 11 October

12.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

A wonderful opportunity for girls and boys in Years 2 to 6 to have a first-hand experience of being a Chorister.

The children will enjoy meeting the current Cathedral Choristers, hearing them sing, and making music together. They will also have the opportunity to have a tour of the Cathedral, play the organ, and do a craft activity together.



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Schedule for the day:

- 12.30 p.m. Registration in the Chapter House
- 12.50 p.m. Welcome
- 1.10 p.m. Choir Practice
- 2.00 p.m. Craft activity, tour of the Cathedral and organ playing activity
- 3.30 p.m. Break *with a snack provided*
- 4.15 p.m. Choir Practice in the Cathedral
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong

A separate schedule for parents/guardians will run alongside this.

The day is free of charge and all children in Years 2 to 6 and their parents/guardians are welcome. No previous experience is necessary, just a love of singing and plenty of enthusiasm! Children are asked to wear their school uniform please.

To apply for a place or for more information, please contact us by email on music@durhamcathedral.co.uk or by phone on 0191 374 4066.

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

Oak and Elm
excelled at
bridge building.



Willow class have
been making
amazing artwork.



Acorn class have
learnt about
filling buckets of
kindness.



Chestnut class
had a special visit
from an explorer.





Our Kirklevington Superstars



In future newsletters, 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. The next newsletter will be sent out on 8th October, so please send electronically any achievements – photos and a brief write-up - to us by 6th October.

Thank you!