



Kirklevington Primary School

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With one week left in school before our Christmas holidays, we are into the fun & magical times of the festive season!

We have Y1-Y3 Christmas performances on Tuesday and Wednesday; the Rocksteady Christmas Concert (for those involved) on Tuesday; Christmas jumper and dinner day also on Wednesday; and then, parties on Thursday and Friday.

After that, all that will be left to say is, "Merry Christmas to all and to all, a goodnight!" and we can all relax for our family celebrations.



Many thanks!
Mrs Peacock
Head of School

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



December

Ted (16th)
Ava (19th)
Oscar (25th)
Ruby (28th)
Archie (30th)

January

Roman (4th)
Hugo (4th)
Freddie (5th)
Vienna (5th)
Millie (6th)
Amalia (7th)

Happy birthday to you all!

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
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

* Staffing is always considered in the best interests of the children.



Over the holiday season, if you are concerned about the safety and welfare of any child, please call:

Children's Hub: 01429 284284 or 01642 130080

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

NSPCC Helpline for 18 year olds or under to call: 08001111

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Attendance

Our current year-to-date statutory attendance is **96.0%** which is still above national, but is falling. We know there are lots of coughs, colds and germs around at this time of year, but please send your child into school and if they are ill, we will send them home. Also, check the **NHS guidance**:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our Attendance information can be found at:

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

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/school-attendance>

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

After-School Clubs

Come & join the fun! (Sign up on Arbor)

Monday: DF Coaching
Dance (Mrs Crowther)

Tuesday: Kids with Bricks
(Mr Drake)

Wednesday: Ball Games
(Mr Woollett) and Arts & Crafts

(Mrs Burns/Miss Waller)

Thursday: DF Coaching
Football and Cook Stars

Please remember to adhere to the Uniform Policy. Extreme haircuts, nail polish, jewellery and branded clothing is not school uniform.

See: <https://kirklevington.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

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.



Forest School

From 5.1.26-20.2.26, Birch, Chestnut, Elm & Oak will all continue to have Forest School sessions on Tuesdays. Your child's clothing needs to be suitable for outdoor learning in winter, as Forest School sessions are held outside. As the grass and Forest School areas become very muddy, they will not be able to participate fully without a change of footwear (ideally wellies, but can also be trainers or boots), so please ensure these are in school on every Tuesday. All children should bring a warm coat, gloves, a hat and an extra pair of socks are also recommended. Shorts are not recommended for outdoor learning in the cold, especially with the nettles growing in our 'wild' area near Forest School.

P.E.

P.E. will revert back to Birch & Chestnut on Tuesday (only day for PE kit as it's the same day as Forest School) and Elm & Oak on Thursday. Elm & Oak, please also wear your PE kit on this day as well as Tuesday for Forest School.

THANK YOU!



Dates for Christmas 2025 & Spring 1 2026

15.12.25: Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 - Dress Rehearsal to school

16.12.25: Rocksteady Performance (only for parents of children participating – 2 seats per child only)

16.12.25: Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Christmas Performance to Parents at 2:15pm (school hall – enter through Breakfast Club/Hall Door)

17.12.25: Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Christmas Performance to Parents at 9:30am (school hall – enter through Breakfast Club/Hall Door)

17.12.25: Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – Donate to Save the Children (optional) at:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here>

18.12.25: EY Christmas Party (am) – party clothes/Christmas jumper

18.12.25: Birch & Chestnut Christmas Party (pm) – party clothes/Christmas jumper

19.12.25: Elm & Oak Christmas Party (pm) – party clothes/Christmas jumper

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

20.12.25 – 4.1.26: Christmas Holidays

5.1.25: Return to school for Spring-Summer 2026

12.1.25: Elm – EDF Energy Visit & Workshop

16.1.25: Y1-Y6 Diwali Dance Workshops

20.1.25: Birch – Pirate ABC Festival at Queen's Campus

21.1.25: Willow – EYFS Festival at Queen's Campus

20.2.25 – Break-up for February half-term

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

Leave of Absence forms for any absence from school need to be completed online and are available at:

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

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

Mr Drake and a group of Y5 and Y6 pupils entered a Lego League Competition on Friday. They came 8th out of several schools, some of which were KS3 children. Well done everyone involved and a big thank you to Mr Drake for working with the group in preparation for the competition in the weeks leading up to it!



Willow have been working hard last week in Santa's Workshop!



In Forest School this half-term, Chestnut made Christmas decorations.



All children participated recently in the annual decorating of the school Christmas Tree!





Our Kirklevington Superstars



For several weekends in December, Harriett has given up her own time to help Santa and his North Pole elves. She has become a helping Elf with her drama group at Preston Park: helping children make reindeer dust, write Christmas lists and face painting rosy cheeks. She has been putting the time in: her elf shifts have been 10am - 3:30pm and she has not moaned once! She will certainly be on Santa's NICE list this year! Well done, Harriett!



Well done to Orla, who has completed her Trinity College London, Arts Award Discover. She completed this with piano lesson school 'Music Monsters' and worked really hard to achieve this award by exploring the art of music and learning new piano playing skills.

You are a superstar, Orla!

