



Kirklevington Primary School

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Here we are in spring and rapidly approaching Easter. Spring is a season of growth and fresh beginnings, and it's wonderful to see the children returning to school daily with renewed energy, enthusiasm and a real sense of purpose. The lighter mornings and brighter afternoons seem to bring a special buzz to our classrooms, and we are looking forward to a busy and rewarding couple of weeks, filled with learning, achievements and memorable experiences for everyone.

It's a short but busy half-term, with plenty of exciting activities planned for the children. I have included an up-to-date calendar of events, so please note them down in your diaries so you don't miss anything.



Many thanks!
Mrs Peacock
Head of School

We are a **GOLD Award**
Rights Respecting School.
*Article 28: The right to a
good quality education.*



March Birthdays

Leah (1st)
Tiger-Lilly (13th)
Musa (16th)
Otilie (16th)

Happy birthday to you all!



Trusted Adults and Duty Bearers ...

If you or your child has any safeguarding concerns, there are many people in school to speak to, including:

Mrs Peacock – Designated Safeguarding Lead & Head of School;
Mrs Patterson and Mrs Harris – Deputy Safeguarding Leads;
The child's Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant...

We are all here to help!

Remember, all statutory policies can be found on our website: <https://kirklevington.org.uk/about-us/policies/>

Upcoming Event... Our Annual Easter Bonnet Parade!

It's that time of year again when we have our annual Easter Bonnet Parade around the village and invite parents/carers in to school afterwards for a coffee morning. For those of you who haven't been in school before at this time of year, we encourage children to **design and make a bonnet at home beforehand** to bring to and wear on the parade day on **Wednesday 1st April**. Parents and carers are invited to meet us on the route which we share prior to the event to enjoy some of the walk with their child or children. We will also be asking for volunteers to walk with their children who are in the younger classes. Further details to follow shortly.



Attendance

Our current year-to-date statutory attendance is **96.5%** which continues to be above national.

If in doubt as to whether to send your child into school or not, then please check the **NHS guidance**: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you need any support or advice on attendance, please get in touch with Mrs Peacock.

We'll all here to help!

Our Attendance information and that of Stockton Borough Council can be found at the websites below:

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

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

Please remember the policy is on a 3-year cycle. The first holiday/absence of 5 days (10 sessions within 10 weeks) or more will trigger a referral for a penalty notice and a fine may be issued per child per parent of £160 to be paid within 28 days. However, this will be reduced to £80 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days. For the second holiday in term time, the fine will again be issued per child, per parent, but there will be no reduction. The fine will remain at £160 per child, per parent and this must be paid within 28 days. If you were to take a third holiday of 5 days or more within the 3-year cycle, the Local Authority may take alternative actions, such as prosecution.



Please remember to adhere to the Uniform Policy. Extreme haircuts (tram lines), nail polish, false nails, jewellery and branded clothing is not school uniform. See: <https://kirklevington.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

Funded Free Breakfast Clubs Information

As I'm sure you will have heard in the news, these free breakfast clubs are being rolled out by the DfE to disadvantaged schools across the UK. Unfortunately, the DfE have not contacted us to implement this strategy of support for our families as of yet. We expect to hear more about this by

March 2027 and as soon as we know more, we will let you know. However, in the short-term, if you are struggling and need alternative support on a morning, please do contact school and speak to Mrs Peacock for other options. More information about Free Breakfast Club is available at:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/02/free-breakfast-club-roll-out-everything-you-need-to-know/>





Dates for Spring 2 and Summer 1 half-terms 2026

18.03.26 – 20.03.26 – Y5/6 children at Robinwood

18.03.26 – Fundraising Support Meeting after school – open to all parents / carers

20.03.26 – **Red Nose Day** – Children to wear something that makes them happy

20.03.26 – Birch Parents Activity Session and Lunch

25.03.26 – Walk for MND (see previous emails for details)

26.03.26 – Willow Easter Egg Hunt at Teesside High

27.03.26 – Elm Parents Activity Session and Lunch

30.03.26 – Easter Church Service (children only)

30.03.26 – Acorn Parents Activity Session and Lunch

31.03.26 – Rocksteady concert for parents / carers

01.04.26 – Easter Bonnet Parade and Coffee Morning

01.04.26 – Spark Sings event for the School Choir

02.04.26 – Last day in School before the Easter break

03.04.26 – 19.04.26 – Easter Holidays

20.04.26 – Children back to School

28.04.26 – Elm Quad Kids Event

29.04.26 – Y5/6 Hockey Festival

04.05.26 – May bank holiday (School closed)

11.05.26 – 14.05.26 – Y6 SATs week

14.05.26 – Y3/4 Football Festival

15.05.26 – Elm Striking and Fielding Skills Festival

19.05.26 – Chestnut Sports Afternoon

21.05.26 – Elm Sports Afternoon

22.05.26 – Y6 School Trip

22.05.26 – Last day in School before Summer Half term

23.05.26 – 01.06.26 – Half Term Holiday (01.06.26 PD Day)

02.06.26 – Children back to School

Further information about upcoming events will be sent closer to the time. Events may be subject to change, this is often out of our control.



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/>

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.



A meeting with Mrs Patterson and anyone interested in being part of a Fundraising Support Group will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 3:20pm.

This meeting will be held in Oak classroom. (Unfortunately, Mrs Peacock and Mrs Harris are unable to attend as we will be with the Y5/6 children at their Robinwood residential.)

We are not currently aware of any planned works on Forest Lane that may impact parking or traffic. We will do our best to keep you informed of any disruptions that we are informed about by official bodies.

More events from school are posted onto our social media:
<https://www.facebook.com/KirklevingtonPrimarySchool>.

Birch and Chestnut
had an amazing trip
to the Life Centre.



Willow class are
learning excellent
skills in their
balance bike
sessions.



Y5 had a fantastic time at the English & Drama experience day at Conyers.



The whole school enjoyed UV rhythm sessions from Schools out, Sports in.



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Would-be performers must check their availability against show and rehearsal dates prior to audition.

To register your interest in auditioning, please visit the link below:
<https://www.abdproductions.co.uk/jane-eyre/auditions/>

[Jane Eyre Auditions - Register your Interest](https://www.abdproductions.co.uk/jane-eyre/auditions/)

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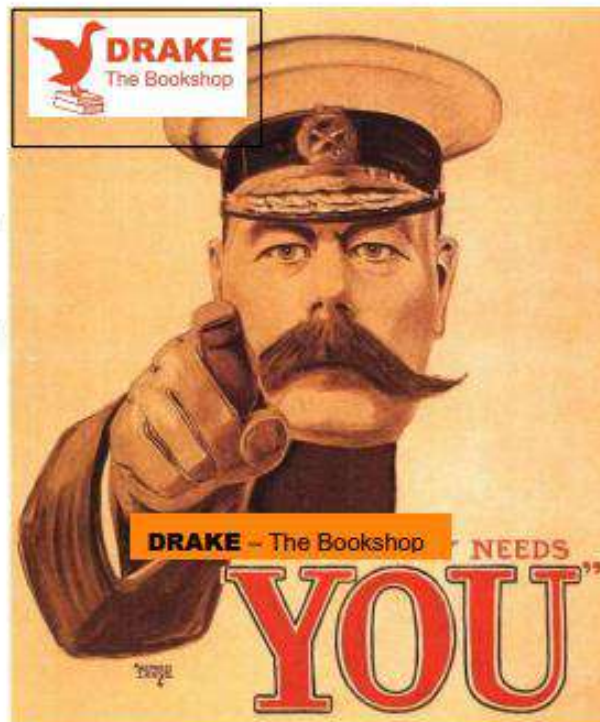
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Our Kirklevington Superstars



Well done to Isla and Felicity who completed their stage one qualification at ski school at half term. You are both amazing girls!

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.