KIRKLEVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Kirklevington Primary School Newsletter. It has been another busy and rewarding few weeks at school, including our recent visit from Ofsted. We were incredibly proud of how our children conducted themselves throughout the inspection. They were polite, confident, and enthusiastic about their learning, showcasing all that is special about Kirklevington Primary School. We look forward to sharing the inspection report with you as soon as it is available.



As many of you will know, we are now six weeks into our roles as Interim Executive Headteachers. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children, staff, families and wider school community, and we would like to thank you for the warm welcome and support you have shown us. We will continue to lead the school until Christmas, providing stability and continuity while supporting the next stage of the school's journey.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can provide the very best opportunities for every child to thrive, achieve and enjoy their time at Kirklevington Primary School.

Best wishes,

Mr J Downs & Mrs A O'Gara

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Assembly Themes

Week 1 – Welcome Back!
We read The Colour Monster Goes to School and talked about new starts.
Week 2 – We looked at democracy in action in preparation for our School Parliament elections and read Duck for President!
Week 3 – We announced our new School Parliament members, school leaders and sports leaders.
Week 4 – This week, we thought about caring for others and raising money through a Macmillan Coffee Morning. We read The Good Samaritan.
Week 6 – We read 'Have you filled you Bucket Today?' We spoke about kindness to ourselves and others.
Week 7 – We will be celebrating Harvest Festival. THANK YOU for your donations.
Week 8 – We will be thinking about looking after our mental health and reading Ruby's Worry.

The Week In Photos



Learning Around School

Star Maths Learners

Willow:
Artie Penny & Joshua Spence

Birch:
Jasmine Walker & Blake Boddy

Chestnut:
Joe Meehan & Leo Durham

Elm:
Francesca Patel & Monty Suddes

Oak:
Iman Lambert & Ruby Rollinson

Star Writers

Willow:
Meila Percy & Yienna Hull

Birch:
Harry Swinhoe & Jasmine Hambling

Chestnut:
Theo Coverdale & Ella Spence

Elm:
Georgia Marshall & Isabella Lewis

Oak:
Archie Suddes & Sylvie Meehan

Star of the Week

WILLOW: Harry Churchman & Bobby Laing

BIRCH: Bree Ditchburn & Hallie Hynes

CHESTNUT: Ella Wright & Lonni Bell

ELM: Harriett Bowers & Roman Godsiff

OAK: Amalia Hutchcraft & Isla Irwin

Gold Awards

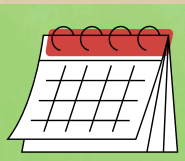
(Oak) Alalia Hutchcraft
&
(Chestnut) Reuben Godsiff

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 20 October 2026 - Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 October 2026 - Halloween Dress up Day in School
Thursday 22 October 2026 - Parents Evening
Friday 23 October 2026 - PD Day, **School closed to children**
Friday 20 November 2026 – Children in need, More information to follow
Wednesday 02 December 2026 – Willow Stay and Play, More information to follow
Thursday 03 December 2026 – Willow Stay and Play, More information to follow
Monday 07 December 2026 - 2pm -3pm Birch and Chestnut dress rehearsal (**no parents**)
Wednesday 09 December 2026 – 2pm Birch and Chestnut Christmas Performance
Thursday 10 December 2026 – 9:30am Birch and Chestnut Christmas performance
Friday 18 December 2026 – Carols on the Playground

Dates For Your Diary

- *Mental Health awareness week - w/c 19 October 2026 - children are encouraged to wear odd socks this week*



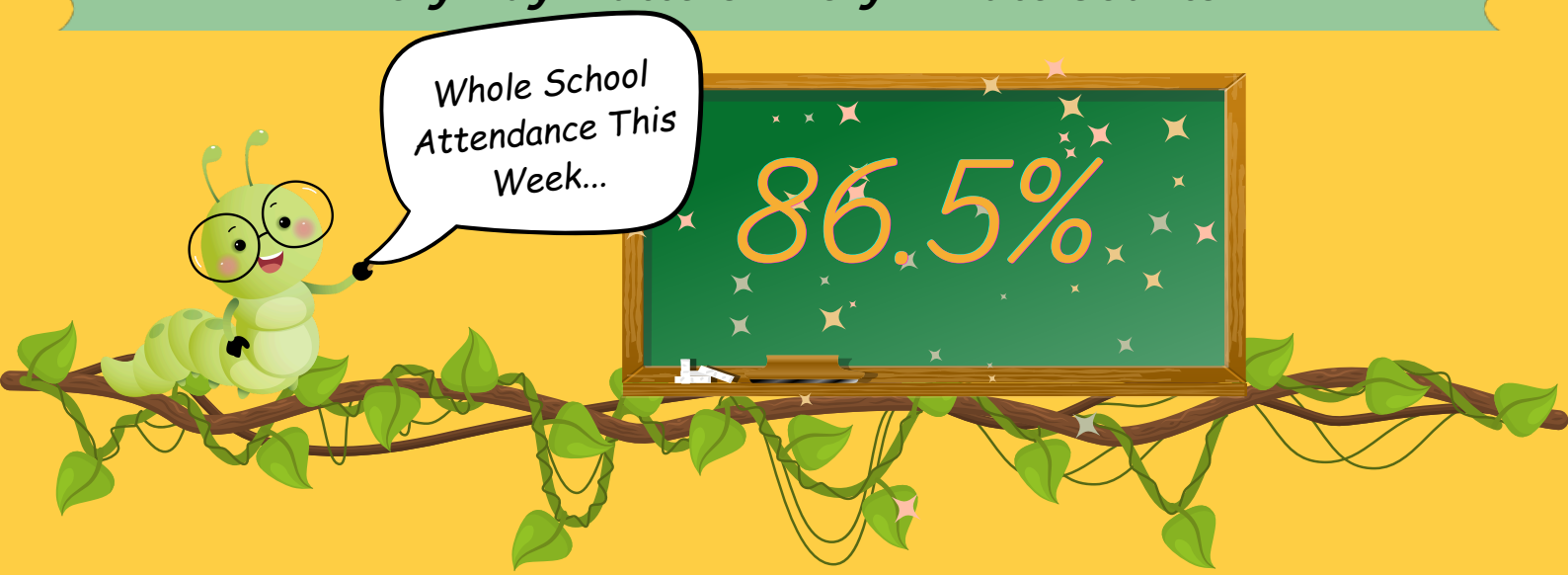
Enrichment & School Life

At Kirklevington Primary School, we are proud to offer a range of experiences and opportunities that enrich our children's learning and make school life enjoyable and memorable. From special events and creative activities to sport, clubs and opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, we encourage every child to explore their interests, develop new skills and build confidence. We look forward to sharing highlights of our school life and celebrating the wonderful experiences our children enjoy throughout the year!

Attendance Matters

As we approach the half term break, maintaining good attendance and punctuality remains important. Every day in school helps children make progress, build friendships and feel part of the school community.
Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend regularly and arrive on time.

Every Day Matters. Every Minute Counts.



Reminder For Parents

- *The school day begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm for children in Reception to Year 6. This equates to a 32.5 hour week.*
- *The school gates are open from 08:40 with registration at 8:45 when children will begin learning. Children enter school via the door in their classroom.*
- *The exterior school gates are locked at 8.50am and if your child arrives after this time they must enter through the main school reception area. This will mean they will have a late mark. After half term we will be locking the gates as promptly as possible at 8.50am and insisting that parents sign pupils in through the front door. This is to ensure that registers are accurate and encourage a prompt start to the day. Thank you for your support.*
- *Gates will be locked at 8.50am and remain locked throughout the school day. All access after this time is through the main entrance.*

Thank you for your continued support

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch Information:

Please follow the link for our lunch menu
https://kirklevington.org.uk/parents/meals/

If you would like to have a school lunch please let Mrs Nicholson know at least one week in advance.

School lunch cost: £3.31 per day.

Afterschool Clubs
Important Information

After-School Club Reminder:
Just a quick reminder that there will be no Martial Arts, Minecraft or Cook Stars after-school clubs during the week commencing 19 October 2026, as the hall will be in use for Parents' Evening.
DF Coaching after-school clubs will run as normal. (Monday & Thursday)

Bookings for our next block of after-school clubs, running from Monday 02 November to Friday 18 December, are now available!

To book a place for your child, please visit the relevant club website using the links provided below.

Please ensure you complete your booking directly with the club provider, as bookings are not made through Arbor.

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding
Keeping Our Children Safe

Keeping Our Children Safe This Half-Term
With the excitement of Halloween just around the corner and half-term fast approaching, we hope our children are looking forward to enjoying some autumn fun with family and friends! As the evenings become darker, it is also a great opportunity to remind children about staying safe while enjoying the festivities.
Please remind your child to:

- Stay with a trusted adult when out trick-or-treating, and never go off alone.
- Be bright, be seen! If wearing a Halloween costume, add something bright or reflective to help drivers see you.
- Take care near roads and always stop, look and listen before crossing.
- Stay safe around strangers and never enter someone's home or go anywhere with someone they do not know.
- Keep a safe distance from fireworks and always follow the instructions of adults at organised displays.
- Speak up if something feels wrong. Tell a trusted adult if you feel worried, unsafe or uncomfortable.

At Kirklevington Primary School, we regularly talk to our children about making safe choices and looking after themselves and others. Thank you for helping us reinforce these important messages at home.

As you enjoy the Halloween celebrations and half-term holiday, please remember our simple safety message:
"Have fun, stay together, be bright and stay safe!"
Wishing all our families a happy Halloween and a safe, happy and relaxing half-term break!

Together we are Happy, Caring and High Achieving

Afterschool Clubs
November - December 2026
BOOK NOW!!

Get active • Try something new • Have fun!

Monday

Multisport, Movement & Activities with DF Coaching
(book through the DF Coaching Portal here)
https://dfcoaching.ipalbookings.com/



Tuesday

Le Modus Martial Arts
(awaiting more information)



Wednesday

Minecraft Club with Mr Drake
(booked through the Mi Little Pad website here)
https://www.milittlepad.com/



Thursday

Football with DF Coaching
(book through the DF Coaching Portal here)
https://dfcoaching.ipalbookings.com/



Thursday

Cook Stars Cooking Club
(book through their website here)
https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/6034



To book on these afterschool clubs please visit the websites provided.