



### Spring Term Dates:

Wednesday 4th  
January—Friday  
31st March

### Half term:

Monday 20th—  
Friday 24th Febru-  
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**PD DAY:** Fri 17th  
Feb 2023

### School Times:

8.45a.m—3.15p.m.

Doors open:

8.45a.m—8.55a.m.

### Nursery:

AM: 9am—12pm

PM: 12pm—3pm

### Remaining PD Days:

Fri 17th Feb 2023

Thurs 20th July  
2023

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NEWSLETTER: 17

27th January 2023

## Dear parents and carers,

**Froks (Friends of Kirklevington)** parent and staff group met on Wednesday, after school. We discussed spending some of our fundraising on:

- New kits for sporting events
- Books to support English, including dictionaries and poetry resource
- New balance bikes and scooters for Early Years and Key Stage one
- Money to improve our music resources
- A summer treat for the children

We were also looking for volunteers to help us sort things in school such as our lost property. Any one who thinks they might be able to lend a hand, please let us know.

We also asked for feedback on events that would bring parents into school, perhaps to work with children. If you have any ideas please let Mrs Crowther know.

Search: **Friends of Kirklevington School** on Facebook and Instagram.



## National Strike Action

At present, I am not expecting any classes will be closed on Wednesday 1st February, due to National Strike Action.

Regarding the other planned strike dates, further communications will be shared with parents nearer the time.

We will give parents as much advanced notice as possible, if school is affected.

## RRSA—Rights Respecting School

As a Gold Level 'Rights Respecting' School, the children learn lots about children's rights, with a focus on:

- Well-being
- Participation
- Relationships
- Self-esteem

Article of the month:  
January

The right to be the best you  
can be.





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## Childhood illnesses

At present there are a number of illnesses that are prevalent in the community.

### Conjunctivitis

We have been notified of a few cases of conjunctivitis in our Reception Class. Conjunctivitis can be very infectious and there is no public health requirement to stay off school. We are regularly sterilising our equipment in Early Years and encourage frequent handwashing. Please see NHS guidance and a pharmacist if you think your child may be affected.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis/>

### Scarlet Fever

Scarlet Fever rates are high nationally and we have seen a few isolated cases of the illness. If you think your child has scarlet fever it is important to contact your GP. Your child should stay away from school until 24 hours after they begin to take an antibiotic.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

### Sickness and Diarrhoea

Sickness Bugs are also common at this time of year. There is a requirement for children to stay off for 48 hours after the last occasion of being unwell.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>

## Role-play costumes

We are looking for dress ups for role-play for Reception Class. Our themes are pirates, people who help us, chefs and Space-themed. If you have any costumes that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.





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## Achievements

We love to celebrate any extra curricular activities that your child has been doing out of school! Please email [Kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk](mailto:Kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk).

Jacob M, in Birch has had 2 fun packed afternoons watching the Teesside Lions' play basketball! He loved the atmosphere, meeting the mascot and players!





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## Team Points

Well done to Saturn who won the team point trophy this week!

Teams		Team Captains 27/01/23
Mars		Osian H
Neptune		Lucas H
Saturn		Jasper S
Earth		Jude S

## Attendance and Class of the Week!

Whole school attendance is 94.8%. Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays, unless circumstances meet our exceptional criteria, and that both parents will be referred to attendance which may result in a fine for 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) or more, per child, within 6 weeks.

‘Class of the Week’ celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class, across the term, will get a treat that they can negotiate with their teacher! **Well done to Birch and Oak classes this week!**

Y6 SATS will be held May 9th to May 12th, 2023 and we expect children will be in school during this period.

### Best Attendance

Willow	1
Birch	2
Chestnut	0
Elm	1
Oak	3



## January Birthdays

Happy birthday month to: Sasha L, Evie S, Roman G, Freddie B, Millie E, Amalia H, Lucy O’N, Sophia T, Osian H, Oskar B and Isla-Mae W.

## Stars of the week—Be Respectful, Be Safe

<b>Willow</b>	<b>Francesca P</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Fionn R</b>
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Jensen O’N</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Alex K</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Daisy K</b>



## Learners of the week—Be Ready

<b>Willow</b>	<b>Evie S</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Isla G</b>
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Samuel D</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Lillia H</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Lucy O’N</b>



## Star Writers

<b>Willow</b>	<b>Freddie B</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Austin B-H</b>
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>George Kem</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Logan P</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Pippa J</b>



**Head Teacher’s  
Award:**

**Well done to Monty S for being a helpful member  
of school.**



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The Y5/6 Boys enjoyed the football tournaments last week. They represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent teamwork and resilience.

The EFL Cup tournament last Friday was observed by current Middlesbrough right-back Tommy Smith, with whom the children enjoyed chatting.





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The children in Elm Class enjoyed their Music lesson with Mr Thompson at Conyers this week, where they practised their drumming skills.



Mrs Patterson took our Parliament Ambassadors, Isaac and Daisy to visit Levendale Primary. They toured the school and had the chance to quiz the head teacher, Mr Beadnell! The Ambassadors from each 1590 Trust school will visit all schools within the Trust to find out things they like about each one. Their next visit will be to Bewley Primary.





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**Dance Club have been working hard on their latest routine.**



**Willow Class have enjoyed being pirates this week and working in the Café Willow!**





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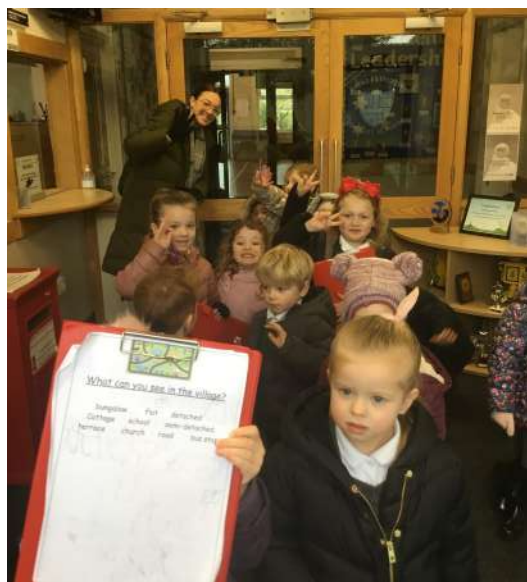
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**Willow Class enjoyed their walk around the local area this week. Thank you to the grown-ups for supporting them on their walk.**





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Birch Class are enjoying their Dojo treat. They voted for a teddy bear party! They’ve made names for their teddies, made habitats for them and danced with them!





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**Our sports leaders worked with year 1 children teaching them to learn the basics of chipping and putting in golf!**





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## Spring Term: Diary of Events

We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

**More information will be provided, closer to the time of events.**

Date	Event
30th January	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
30th January	National Story Telling Week
1st February	Elm and Oak trip to Life Centre
7th February	Safer Internet Day
7th—9th February	Y6 Bikeability
8th February 9.10am	Elm Class Assembly—parents welcome
w/b 13th February	Kindness Week
w/b 13th February	Parent Consultations week: information to follow
14th February	Chestnut Class Racket Skills
15th February	Oak Microbit Workshop
17th February	PD Day—School closed to children
20-24th February	Half Term
2nd March	World Book Day—costumes welcome!
16th March 9.10am	Birch Class Assembly—parents welcome



## Winter Weather

When the icy mornings are upon us, we grit the main routes around school. Please take care and stick to the main paths. Please see our gritting plan below, which shows the gritted route.

There is also a copy in the main entrance.



If we do experience extreme weather/a lot of snow, we may close the gate onto the large playground and have everyone come through the main entrance side of the building. We will notify parents if this is the case.

