



### 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: 19

10th February 2023

## Dear parents and carers,

We've had an e-safety theme running through the week, with children learning about ways to keep safe on line.

Elm Class did a fantastic job in their assembly and we were all very impressed with their recorder performance! Stars in the making!



## 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:  
February

To meet with friends and  
pursue your interests.





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## **World Book Day 2023—Thursday March 2nd**

Children may come dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day, which is the week after half term.

We are also holding a ‘book swap’, where children can donate a book to school and then take a different one home.

Please can we ask that children only bring in books that are of a good quality.

Please note, we won’t be able to return any books so don’t bring your favourites!

We will also have a donations box in our school entrance, where we would appreciate any donations of books that are no longer wanted. We are aiming for every child to go home with a book so we’d appreciate your help! Any spare books after the swap, we will add to our school library.

It would be lovely to get some picture books, non-fiction or poetry books too!



### **Thrive**

In school, teachers will be having training on ‘Thrive’, which is a programme that promotes the well-being of children. This will focus on building positive relationships, increasing self-esteem and confidence to learn.

What is the Thrive approach?

Thrive uses a screening and monitoring tool called Thrive-Online® which identifies the developmental needs of individuals or groups and suggests actions plans to meet these needs.

At Kirklevington, we will begin by focussing on well-being activities that will benefit KS2 children as a whole class.

Teachers will be provided with strategies and age-appropriate activities to build into teaching to support social and emotional development.

Find out more

There is lots more information on the Thrive website ([thriveapproach.com](https://thriveapproach.com)) and also the Thrive Community Facebook group: The Thrive Approach - supporting the community to weather the storm.

We are excited to learn more about the ways we can support children through the development of positive experiences.



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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).

## Christmas Card Design Winner

Better late than never!

A huge well done to Millie C!

Every year, Matt Vickers holds a contest for local school children to design his Christmas card. This goes to many people including the King & the Prime Minister, with judging being done by a panel of councillors and his team.



This year they say judging was very, very tough, as there were so many incredible entries, but the winner was Millie C from Elm Class!

Fabulous! Twitter [#swankiestcardthisxmas](https://twitter.com/swankiestcardthisxmas)

## No After School Clubs Next Week

A reminder there will be no after school clubs next week apart from Gymnastics and Dance as children are owed a session.

After half term, Multi-Sports will be for children in ELM and OAK .

## Teacher Training

We continue to work with Campus Stockton Teaching Alliance with trainee teachers This year we have Miss Hardy and Miss Hearn, who have been working in Elm Class.

**Make a difference  
Train to teach with us**

visit [www.stocktonteachingalliance.org.uk](http://www.stocktonteachingalliance.org.uk)  
for more information  
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[caitkin@stocktonteachingalliance.org.uk](mailto:caitkin@stocktonteachingalliance.org.uk)  
for informal guidance



Campus Stockton Teaching Alliance









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## Team Points

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

Teams		Team Captains 10/02/23
Mars		<b>Tani O</b>
Neptune		<b>Oliver Mc</b>
Saturn		<b>Thomas J</b>
Earth		<b>Joe G</b>

## 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 Chestnut and Elm 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

<b>Willow</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>4</b>



## February Birthdays

Happy birthday month to: Poppy A, Austin B-H, Freya F, Aidan H-S, Penny H, Theo J, Thomas J, Pippa J, Isabella L, Elwood Mc, Jacob M, Jasper S, Juse S and Samuel Y.



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

<b>Willow</b>	<b>Charlotte P</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Amalia H</b>
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Luca R</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Anastasia S</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Noah B</b>



## Learners of the week—Be Ready

<b>Willow</b>	<b>Bibi McC</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Iona B</b>
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Franco B</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Elwood M</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Joe G</b>



## Star Writers

<b>Willow</b>	<b>Maisie D</b>
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Jacob M</b>
<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Jensen O'N</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Oscar C</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Sam S</b>



**Head Teacher's  
Award:**

**Penny H in Chestnut for always working hard and being polite.**



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**Oak Class have been developing their football skills in P.E.**







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**Chestnut Class practising their Racket Skills ready for their event next week! They learnt how to bounce a ball, serve and rally!**







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Acorn have been architects and builders this week designing homes and bridges to save the Gingerbread man. They used apparatus in PE, trying different ways of moving.







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**Elm Class have been completing Task Master challenges as part of Healthy Minds week. Tasks included designing a game using only one piece of equipment and three rules. Children also created a self-portrait using natural resources!**







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**Willow class enjoyed their gymnastics and model making this week!**







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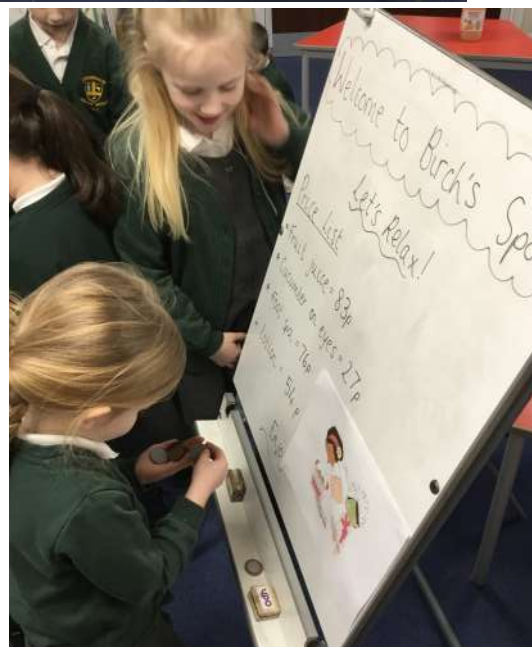
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During Healthy Minds week, Birch class learnt about positive connections. They enjoyed their ‘Spa’ day! They paid for refreshments and treatments such as a foot spa and drink of juice!







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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
13th February	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
w/b 13th February	Kindness Week
w/b 13th February	Parent Consultations week
14th February	Chestnut Class Racket Skills
15th February	Oak Micro bit Workshop
15th February	Gymnastics club—payback session
16th February	Dance Club—payback session
17th February	PD Day—School closed to children
20-24th February	Half Term
27th February	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
2nd March	World Book Day—costumes welcome!
3rd March	Oak E-Safety workshop
6th March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
8th March 2.45 –3.15pm	Year 2 SATS parents information session in the hall
13th March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
14th March	Primary Dance Festival—Dance Club
15th March	Elm—Music at Conyers
17th March	Red Nose Day
20th March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
22nd March 9.10am	CHANGE OF DATE: Birch Class Assembly—parents welcome
TUES 21st March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
27th March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
29th March	RLNI Assembly
3rd—14th April	Easter Holiday



## 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.

