



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: 20

16th February 2023

Dear parents and carers,

During Kindness Week, we have been thinking about friendships and our behaviour towards others. We've had lots of teamwork and creative activities happening, including on Valentine's Day, where some of the children made pictures and cards for friends and family.



A reminder that tomorrow is a PD Day and school is closed to children.

Next week is half term and the children will return to school on Monday 27th February.

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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National Strike Action

The National Education Union (NEU) are continuing with planned strike action, which will take place across dates in February and March. This strike action is in response to a national dispute between the union and the Government related to teachers pay, school funding and recruitment. Whilst Kirklevington Primary will be directly impacted by this strike, this action is not against the school or The 1590 Trust.

Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 15th March

At present, all classes will be open as usual on these dates, and we will be unaffected by National Strike Action.

Thursday 16th March

BIRCH CLASS

Regarding the other planned strike dates, I expect that Birch Class will be closed to children on Thursday 16th March.

The exception to this will be any child who is:

- On the SEND register;
- Pupil premium (registered free school meals);
- Open to social services;
- Parents are key workers and are both at work during the school day.

Children meeting this criteria will have adult supervision in school on that day and may come to school.

We apologise for any inconvenience. In the event that strike action does not go ahead, school will be open as normal.

All other classes will be open as normal on Thursday 16th March and attendance is expected.



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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.

Book Swap

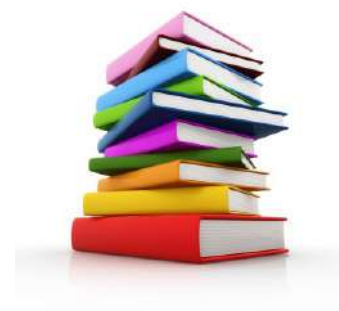
We are also holding a ‘book swap’, where children can donate a book to school and then take a different one home.

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!



Pupil Ambassadors

Our Pupil Ambassadors, Daisy and Isaac, had a great time visiting Bewley Primary, the base of our Executive Head Teacher. They enjoyed taking part in a music session, a lovely tour of the school and the opportunity to interview Mrs. Carlton.





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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.

A big well done to Summer, in Chestnut, who made her Brownie Promise this week! She is looking forward to completing her badges at her group.



After School Clubs

Clubs will start the week beginning 27th February and run for four weeks. They are bookable on Arbor for £16 for the four sessions. Clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm and children must be collected by an adult.

Tuesday: Multi-Sports will be 'Dodgeball' for children in Elm and Oak .

Wednesday: Gymnastics—Birch, Chestnut, Elm and Oak

Thursday: Dance— Birch, Chestnut, Elm and Oak
Rock School— Birch, Chestnut, Elm and Oak

Friday—DF Football Coaching — Birch, Chestnut, 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.

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for more information
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Team Points

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

Teams		Team Captains 16/02/23
Mars		Jack B
Neptune		Oscar C
Saturn		Eli W
Earth		Millie C

Attendance and Class of the Week!

Whole school attendance is 95.4%. 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 class 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	3
Chestnut	2
Elm	2
Oak	4



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

Willow	Olive J
Birch	Isla Mae W
Chestnut	Alexander L
Elm	Aidan H-S
Oak	Grayson K



Learners of the week—Be Ready

Willow	Alex P
Birch	Seth W
Chestnut	Ted D
Elm	Isaac R
Oak	Ollie L-O



Star Writers

Willow	Ava I
Birch	Georgia N
Chestnut	Sylvie M
Elm	Ben H
Oak	Oliver McP



Head Teacher's
Award:

Thomas J in Oak, for being polite and kind to others.



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Elm Class have enjoyed making soup with seasonal vegetables as part of their ‘Sow, Grow and Farm’ topic!





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Acorn and Willow enjoyed working in partnership in the Early Years environment.





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Chestnut Class enjoyed the Racket Skills Festival this week!





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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
17th February	PD Day—School closed to children
20-24th February	Half Term
27th February	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
28th February	Y2 Birch and Chestnut visit to Teesmouth
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
8th March	KS2 girls football festival at Conyers
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
21st March	New to Nursery—taster 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
27th March	Y1 Birch and Reception visit to Teesmouth
29th March	RLNI Assembly and workshops for Birch and
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.

