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'Be ready, be respectful and be safe'

Wow! Where did January go?! We're rapidly moving towards the end of our first Spring half-term and so much is happening. We have our Eco-Warriors starting to design and develop our new Eco garden; our Y6 Leadership Team having an input into the playground improvements; and our Rights Respecting School Leader guiding the whole-school in our Article of the Month in assembly. **February's Right is: Article 17: Access to information from the media.**

As you know, Kirklevington Primary (along with all schools) are having an increased effort at improving school attendance. Our whole-school attendance is currently **95.9%** which is just above National (94.3%) but is low for Kirklevington.

Please remember that all children should be in school unless they are ill or attending necessary medical appointments and we ask that all appropriate medical evidence is shared with the school office. We would also like to **remind you that all holidays should be taken outside of term time** and those requested will be unauthorised (unless there are exceptional circumstances). If

holidays are of 10 or more sessions, or if your child has persistent absence, we will work with parents to support attendance but if there's no improvement these will be referred to the Attendance Team at Stockton Borough Council.

To raise the profile of attendance in school, as well as having a weekly Class Attendance Awards, we are introducing an **Improved Class Attendance of the Month Award**. This will be announced in assembly and within our newsletters. The class who wins will receive a prize of their choosing from their 'Spin the Wheel' in class.

Here's to a *fabulous* February!

Mrs Peacock

February 2024



Austin (1 st)	Freya (19 th)
Isabella (9 th)	Violet (19 th)
Pippa (11 th)	Thomas (20 th)
Jacob (12 th)	Theo (26 th)
Elwood (13 th)	Samuel (27 th)
Aidan (16 th)	
Penny (17 th)	

Happy birthday to you all!

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YOU

Together, we have so far managed to raise over £6000 towards our playground improvements which is amazing!

A huge thank you to you all!

Thank you also to the parents who were able to attend the Friends of Kirklevington School Fundraising Meeting in January. *We will be sharing our latest ideas to add to the fundraising total with you soon.*

Improved Class Attendance of the Month for January goes to....

Willow *Congratulations!*

Academic Year 2024-25

I can confirm that our holidays are the same as Stockton Local Authority – see attached.

We have 5 PD days to take over the year:
2/9/24 & 3/9/24 – PD day (no children)
21/7/25 – PD day (no children)

An additional 2 days are still to be confirmed.

Diary Dates

- 6.2.24 – Safer Internet Day
- 8.2.24 – Birch Class Assembly
- 12.2.24 - 3:30-5:45pm: Spring-term Parents' Evening Consultations
- 13.2.24 – 12:30-2:45pm: Chestnut Racket Skills Festival (Queen's Campus)
- 14.2.24 – 9:30-11:45am: Willow EYFS Multi-Sports Festival (Queen's Campus)
- 15.2.24 - 3:30-5:45pm: Spring-term Parents' Evening Consultations
- 16.2.24 – Break up for February half-term
- 19.2.24-23.2.24 – Half-term holidays
- 26.2.24 – Back to school after the half-term holidays
- 1.3.24 – Willow Class Assembly (details to follow directly from Class teacher)
- 5.3.24 – Y1 Parents' Phonics Session
- 7.3.24 – World Book Day (details to follow before half-term)
- 15.3.24 – Red Nose Day (details to follow)



Eco-Garden

Thank you to **Wilkinson's Landscapes** for donating several pallets to us which we will delivered before half-term and will be transformed into benches for our Forest School – Outdoor Classroom. However, to help develop our Eco-Garden further we still need donations of the following, please: sleepers, top soil, compost, plant pots, bedding plants, vegetable plants, seeds and spades, etc. If you are able to contribute in any way or know anyone who works in/owns a garden centre and can ask them for any donations, we would be very grateful.

Thank you!



VALT 1590 Trust

As you now know, the 1590 Trust is proposing to merge with the Vision Academy Learning Trust from September 2024. We believe this will be a positive enhancement to the current work of the 1590 Trust.

If you wish to voice your opinion during this consultation period, please contact:

response@valt1590consultation.org.uk

Many thanks 😊



Safety Notices



Please remind children to stay close to their adult and to be careful going down the driveway at the end of the school day. Forest Lane is a busy road at this time and we want to ensure everyone is safe. Also, we would like to reiterate that unless you have authorisation to use the staff car park, please park elsewhere. It is not a public car park and we restrict additional cars for the safety of all school site users.

Many thanks!

Signposting of local wraparound childcare

- **Kirklevington Primary School**
01642 781261: *Breakfast Club - open 7:45am-8:45am and Half-termly after-school clubs - 3:15-4:15pm (for Y1-6, various interests, numbers limited)*
- **Spring Layfield, Yarm (Spring Childcare)** - 01642 787671
- **Clever Clogs Childcare, Yarm** – 01642 780586
- **Puddleducks Childcare, Yarm** - 01642 791895



Calling any parents who are able and willing to donate some time to help improve our school environment!

Current projects that we need help with are:

- Pressure washing and painting the bike shelter;
- Digging some flower beds for our Eco Garden;
- Organising and tidying the KS2 Library Area.

If you are able and willing to help, please speak to Mrs Peacock or get in touch via the school email: kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk

Thank you!

Breaking News...

Pupils from our school have been selected to take part in the new DfE **Five to Twelve** study!

Five to Twelve is a new national study involving around 8,000 children attending Primary School in the 2020s and their families. The study will explore how children are getting on in a range of areas in the post-pandemic context. By following children and their families over time, the study aims to provide a contemporary understanding of how children's environments and experiences impact on their future education and wellbeing outcomes.

For the first stage of the study, the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), which is delivering the study on behalf of DfE, sent letters to the parents or carers of the selected children at their home address in October 2023. The information posted to families listed the various ways they can get in touch with the study team, should they have questions about participating or opting out.

If invited parents and carers have any questions, you can visit the study website at fivetotwelve.org.uk, or get in touch with the study team at FivetoTwelve@natcen.ac.uk or on Freephone **0800 652 4568**.

Kirklevington's Shining Stars!

Congratulations!

Well done to Philippa who made history last weekend when she was part of the first ever full Stockton U12s Girls' Rugby Squad.

Philippa's rugby team played their first games together and Philippa played in five of these. They demonstrated great teamwork, determination and resilience. Well done, Philippa and her teammates!

If you or your child would like to get involved, please contact Stockton Rugby Club directly.



Stockton Rugby Club

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Today marked the first tournament where our under 12 girls played as a full Stockton squad. Our focus this season has been to grow an age group where, until now, we were unable to field a full team

Thanks to the hard work of our apprentice [Max Thompson](#) and the support from [Bede Institute of Sport and Education](#), not to mention the players and parents, we've achieved our ambition.

The hard work (and fun) doesn't stop here, we continue to build our squad and if your daughter is in years 6 or 7, then join us every Wednesday night from 6pm.

Stockton RFC offer rugby at EVERY age group, boys and girls, women and men. Feels great to say that 🇬🇧 🇬🇧

[#OurTownOurClub](#)

STOCKTON ON TEES LOCAL AUTHORITY TERM DATES 2024-25

	AUGUST 2024	SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2024	JANUARY 2025
Monday	5 12 19 26	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	8 15 22 29
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2025
Monday	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
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Bank Holiday	
School Holiday	
PD Days	

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The number of term dates shown is 195 up to 5 of these dates will be used as Professional Development days for teachers. Pupils will not attend school on these dates and the school will inform parents of the dates.

* Two further PD days to be confirmed.