



# Kirklevington Primary School

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At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

Taken from the Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

We were quite blown away by your support of the Royal British Legion Appeal in school this year. The collection box is literally bulging at the sides and we had to request more poppy merchandise to sell which has never been known! In the Oak Class Assembly last Friday and in church too at the Remembrance Sunday Service, it was lovely to see so many families there. Thank you to everyone for your support of the Remembrance Appeal 2024.

On Friday (15<sup>th</sup>), we celebrated and donated to Children in Need's. Their bright clothing definitely brightened our day. If you would still like to donate, please click the following link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

As the weather has now changed, please can all children be encouraged to bring and wear a warm coat, gloves, hats, etc.

Many thanks!

***Mrs Peacock***

Head of School

We are a **GOLD Award Rights Respecting School.**

**Article 28: The right to a good quality education.**



## November

*Happy birthday to you all!*

Francesca (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Evelyne (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Charlie (6<sup>th</sup>)  
Anushka (8<sup>th</sup>)  
Esme (8<sup>th</sup>)  
Isabella (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Reuben (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Lonni (17<sup>th</sup>)  
Phoenix (17<sup>th</sup>)  
Toby (19<sup>th</sup>)  
Leo (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Joseph (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Rosie (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Flora (28<sup>th</sup>)  
Amelia (28<sup>th</sup>)



### Whole-School Staffing for 2024/25

Head of School: Mrs Peacock

School Administrator: Mrs Walker  
Nursery (Acorn): Mrs Ridley & Miss Rigby

Reception (Willow): Mrs Stainthorp,  
Mrs Burns & Miss Cameron

Y1/2 (Birch): Miss Briggs

Y2/3 (Chestnut): Mrs Harris

Y4/5 (Elm): Mr Woollett

Y5/6 (Oak): Mr Drake (along with Y6 tutoring support from Mrs Rea and Mrs Williams commencing in January)

*\*Please note: From Y1-Y6, we have mixed year group classes.*

From January, Teaching Assistants may be re-timetabled across Birch, Chestnut, Elm and Oak, depending on recruitment.



## Safeguarding your children is our priority.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L. Peacock**

**Deputy DSL: Mrs A Harris and Mrs J Patterson**

**(currently on Maternity Leave)**

If you have any concerns regarding your child or a child in our school, please do discuss these concerns with the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

All staff have participated in their annual Safeguarding Training delivered by Clennell and Mrs Peacock will update them termly with any updates from the Stockton Safeguarding Forum.

**Cost of living crisis:** If you need any further help/support, please take some time to explore the Family Hubs -

<https://stockton.gov.uk/article/9687/Thornaby-Family-Hub>

## Social, Emotional and Mental Health

At Kirklevington Primary, we care about our children's social and emotional development. We want to nurture and support them with any worries or concerns that they have. We can do this in a variety of ways: our pastoral care; our PSHE/RSE curriculum; our use of the Thrive Approach in school; and through interventions such as Drawing and Talking or, for some children (where appropriate) we may offer play therapy.

Our Mental Health Lead in school is Mrs Newton and she is available to talk to any parents/carers, who may need some additional support or a friendly listening ear. If you would like further support, please do get in touch at the school office.



## À bientôt

We want to say goodbye for now and see you soon to Mr Carlton (who is going on secondment to another school within the trust) and to Mrs Sinclair (who is returning to Canada).

They will be missed by the staff, children and parents of Kirklevington Primary and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them well in their new adventures.

*(For more details, please see 'Staffing' letter dated 20.11.24 sent out with this newsletter.)*



## Attendance

Attendance continues to be a focus within the school following the Working Together to Improve School Attendance. We have a current statutory attendance of approx. 97% (with minimal fluctuation). However, this has declined lately to the below national figures due to winter illnesses on the rise. This webpage on the NHS website may be useful to support parents' decisions on whether to keep their child off school or not: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

If you wish to receive support with your child's attendance, please do contact school and we'll arrange a meeting with Mrs Peacock and/or Ms C. Hardy (Safeguarding and Attendance Primary Lead for Vision 1590)

PLEASE!!  
NOTE

## School Uniform

Please see our Uniform Policy at:

<https://www.kirklevington.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

The policy clearly sets out our expectations for school uniform in which **extreme hairstyles** are detailed. These are not permitted and we ask that any child with an extreme hairstyle grows this out as soon as possible. We advise that this form of expression of themselves is saved for the summer holidays.

**Outdoor P.E. kit** is also listed on there as being: Navy jogging bottom; White T-Shirt; A plain navy or Kirklevington logo sweatshirt (in case of cold weather); and Trainers. Children should not be wearing sports' logo clothing nor other colours of jogging bottoms.

The policy is there to ensure that all children look smart and show that they have pride in being part of Kirklevington Primary School.

If your child is on free school meals and you need support in buying the next size of clothing, please get in touch with school to access some support (where possible):  
[Kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk](mailto:Kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk)



## Messages & Reminders

**No parking in the staff car park** unless by prior agreement with Mrs Peacock. This includes parents/carers for Breakfast Club and Nursery.

Children should **not be wearing jewellery of any kind** for health & safety reasons. Please see our uniform policy on our website.

A quick reminder about **scooters, skateboards and bikes**: Although we encourage the use of these to come to school, we ask that for the safety of everyone on school grounds, **that children get off their scooter, bike or skateboard as soon as they come onto school property** at the green gates, please.

Please take **extra care on the paths in the school**. Our paths are narrow and you may need to walk single file to accommodate people walking the other way. This is especially important if the grass is wet or frosty to keep everyone safe and prevent accidents. Also, although we are trying to keep on top of cleaning of the leaves, it is an endless task at the moment. Please do take care when moving around the school grounds. Our Gritting Plan has also been shared via email and on the website.

We are a **no smoking/vaping site**, so please be respectful and considerate of others when visiting our school site.

PLEASE!!  
NOTE

Well done to the Y5 & Y6 Boys' Football Team, who showed excellent determination, resilience, sportsmanship and respect during a recent football tournament at Conyers. Superb!







## Autumn Term 2024: Dates

22/11/24: **WOW Event** - Liz Million (Illustrator) class workshops **paid for from previous fundraising by parents and staff**

02/12/24-06/12/24: Scholastic Book Fair – money to spend on books given to school to raise the profile of reading

12/12/24: Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

12/12/24: Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice

16/12/24: Christmas Performance 9:15am – N, EY & KS1 (possibly aiming for a 9:30am start following the weekend break) – **Letter to follow shortly with further details**

17/12/24: Christmas Performance 2:15pm – N, EY & KS1

18/12/24: Christmas Performance 9:15am – N, EY & KS1

19/12/24: Children to attend Church Service (Unfortunately, this is just for the children and school staff as we can't accommodate parents/carers in the church along with the whole school. Apologies!)

19/12/24: Acorn Christmas Disco during the morning; Willow, Birch & Chestnut Christmas Disco 3:15-4:15pm; & Elm & Oak Christmas Disco 4:30-5:30pm

20/12/24: Whole-School Christmas Singing on the large playground at 2:45pm. (School closes for Christmas at 3:15pm.)

**23/12/24-03/1/25 - Christmas Holidays (School closed)**

06/01/25: School reopens for staff and children.

***A fundraising meeting will be scheduled for the spring term to share ideas and gather support for events. If you can help out at the Christmas school discos, please do get in touch with Mrs Walker asap.***



### Signposting for Local Wraparound Childcare

Unfortunately as a small school, we do not have the capacity in school to provide full wraparound care. Therefore, we signpost to local childcare providers.

**Kirklevington Primary School** - Bookable via our Arbor app:  
Breakfast Club open 7:45am-8:45am and half-termly after-school clubs 3:15-4:15pm (catering for different interests for Y1-Y6 pupils with limited places)

**Puddleducks Childcare, Yarm** – 01642 791895 or <https://www.puddleduckschildcare.com/>

**Clever Clogs Childcare, Yarm** – 01642 780586 or <https://www.cleverclogsyarm.co.uk/>

**Spring Oscars Layfield, Yarm** – 01642 787671 or <https://springchildcare.co.uk/>

N.B. Childcare providers with 4 or more children in their care may park in the staff car park, but for all others, additional parking is available off-site.



# Notices and Events

For [new to the school](#) prospective parents only:



## 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	1 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	4 11 18 25	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
	35		30	19		36

Bank Holiday	40
School Holiday	35
PD Days	35
	30
	19
	36
	195

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.



# Do you know someone who is **STRUGGLING** to **STAY WARM** in their home?

Our award winning Stay Safe and Warm scheme can help - it is a completely **FREE** service for **Cleveland residents**.\*

SCAN ME



Stay Safe  
& Warm!

EST. 2008



**01429 874063**

[www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/ssaw](http://www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/ssaw)

\*Following a free home assessment. You must live in Cleveland.



## To stay warmer this winter follow some of the advice below:



- Move furniture away from radiators to allow heat to circulate
- Curtains should be thick or lined and closed at dusk to keep heat in
- Use heating controls to help manage room temperatures and times
- Turning the room thermostat down by 1°C can save 10% off your bill
- Room temperatures should be set between 18°C and 21°C (64°F and 70°F)
- Remember a room stays warm for 45 minutes after you switch off the heating
- Setting your hot water tank thermostat to 60°C (140°F)
- Place aluminium foil behind the radiators to reflect heat back into the room
- Draught proof windows and exterior doors with brush or PVC seals
- Fit a brush or spring flap to letterboxes and cover keyholes

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## Congratulations!



Philippa went with her rugby team to Sale Sharks in Manchester at the start of the month, where they had a coaching session with some professional women’s rugby players. Then, they got to be the guard of honour for the game that evening. Sale Sharks women played Bristol Bears women, who both have lots of international players! Philippa loved it and got to meet Hannah Botterman, England Prop, which is Philippa’s position. It was an awesome day and she was absolutely over the moon!

Philippa played for her rugby team at Stockton earlier in the month and they beat Gateshead/Billingham who are a combined team. She played really well and was delighted to win. She really is a future England Women’s Rugby superstar!



## *Good luck!*

The Girls’ Y5/6 Football Team are taking part today in a tournament at Conyers. We wish them well and know that if last night’s training session is anything to go by, they will do marvellously! Good luck girls!



Following the feedback received from the Parents’ Survey, the newsletter will be increasing from monthly to fortnightly and will include more of the events and photos shared on social media. The next newsletter will be shared with you on **4<sup>th</sup> December.**