Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 6th November 2026

Year 6 Play Leaders

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic training session with Mr Burgess, our local area sports lead, this week. They were an absolute credit to the school, and Mr Burgess commented on what a great Year 6 cohort we have.

After developing their coaching skills, the children had the opportunity to put them into practice by working with Year 2. They showed confidence, enthusiasm and excellent leadership throughout.

We are excited to see them continue to develop as Sports Leaders and look forward to them supporting and encouraging younger children across the school in the future.







PTA News

Playground Refurbishment

What an incredible achievement! From first discussing the idea at the AGM in September, to consulting staff and the School Council, our playground refurbishment was completed over half term.

A huge thank you to Andy and the rest of the PTA for organising everything so quickly and helping to bring the project to life. The children have loved exploring the new markings already, and we can't wait to see our Nursery and Reception children making use of the track on their balance bikes.

We would also like to thank all our families for their continued support of PTA events throughout the year. Without your generosity and commitment, projects like this simply would not be possible.

The playground is already creating new opportunities for active play, physical development and fun, and we know it will be enjoyed by the children for many years to come.

Thank you for helping make it happen!







Easy Fundraising

Did you know that you can raise money for our school every time you shop online, at no extra cost to you?

By signing up to **e**asyfundraising, thousands of retailers, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Tesco, Booking.com and many more, will make a small donation to our school whenever you make a purchase. The best part is that it doesn't cost you a penny extra.

These donations quickly add up and can help us provide additional resources, equipment and opportunities for our children. Whether you're booking a holiday, renewing insurance, ordering school shoes or doing your weekly shop, your everyday spending could make a real difference.

Please consider signing up and supporting our school. It only takes a couple of minutes to join, and every donation, no matter how small, helps us enrich the experiences we can offer our pupils.

Click on this link or scan the barcode below. Thank you

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Children in Need News

Children in Need Thames Challenge

Next Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need with a whole-school challenge.

The children will be aiming to travel the length of the River Thames - 215 miles! Throughout the day, classes will be taking part in running, walking, hopping and other active laps around our school course.

Our school track is approximately 1/6 of a mile per lap, which means we will need to complete an incredible 1,290 laps altogether to reach our target of 215 miles!

We will have a QR code available so that families can follow our progress throughout the day and, if they wish, make a donation to Children in Need. This is not a sponsorship event, and children do not need to collect sponsors. Any donation, however small, will be greatly appreciated. Information about how to donate will be shared separately.

To help us get into the spirit of the day, children are invited to come to school wearing spotty, sporty clothes and trainers.

Thank you for your support. Let's see if we can make it all the way along the Thames together while raising money for a fantastic cause!



Year 5 and 6 Rationing

Just before half term, Year 6 took part in a fantastic Rationing Day as part of their World War II learning. The children learned about the challenges families faced during wartime and discovered how rationing affected everyday life.

They put their learning into practice by cooking a delicious meal of corned beef stew followed by crumble. Despite having limited ingredients available, the results were surprisingly tasty!

The day also provided plenty of opportunities for mathematical learning, with pupils applying their skills in measuring, weighing, ratio and proportion while preparing their dishes.







Nursery News

As well as enjoying our newly refurbished playground, Nursery have been immersing themselves in their Bonfire Night learning. The children have been busy creating fantastic artwork and mark-making activities, as well as enjoying role play activities where they have been pretending to be firefighters putting out fires.

It has been wonderful to see their creativity, imagination and enthusiasm as they explore this exciting topic.







Keep Walking and Wheeling!

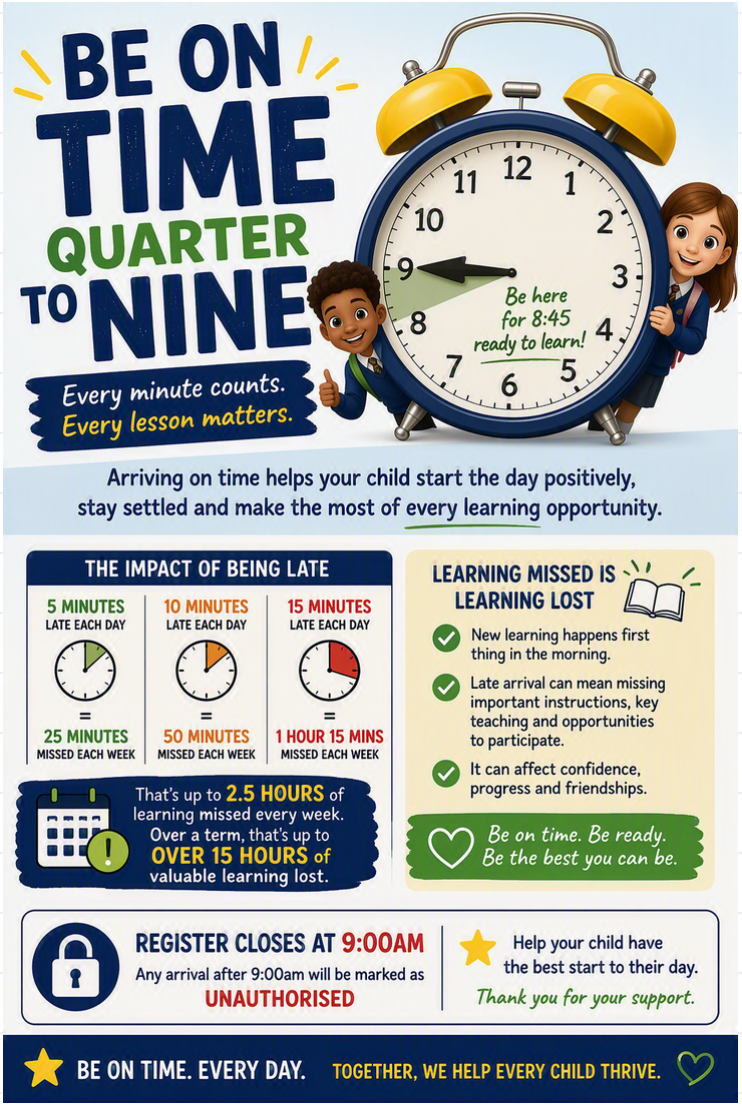
The days may be getting shorter but keep up the amazing walk to save our planet and get fitter! We are currently SWECOND in North Yorkshire.. AMAZING!!



Attendance and Lateness

Lateness

Just a reminder that learning in our school starts at 8.45. Please do try to be on time as key skills are revised at this time such as phonics, maths key facts and handwriting. As you can see below, even 5 minutes makes a difference. Lateness will be monitored closely and teachers may be in touch. Thank you



Term time holidays

A reminder that schools are unable to authorise holidays during term time except in very exceptional circumstances. Requests for family holidays will normally be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Parents should be aware that 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from North Yorkshire. Further information can be found on the reverse of the leave of absence application form.

Good attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and progress. It is also an important aspect of Ofsted inspections. Attendance levels contribute to inspectors' evaluation of a school's culture, expectations and pupils' behaviour. With our next Ofsted inspection due this academic year, every day in school counts. As a school, we work hard to provide an exciting and engaging curriculum. However, if attendance across the school falls, this can have a negative impact on our overall outcomes and may affect how Ofsted judges aspects of our provision, including attendance, behaviour and pupils' personal development.

We therefore ask all families to prioritise school attendance wherever possible, avoid taking holidays during term time, and ensure children arrive punctually each day. By working together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to succeed and ensure our school continues to thrive.

Thank you for your support in helping every child make the most of their education by being in school every day, ready to learn.

Safeguarding News

November's Online Safety Newsletter

Please take a few moments to read this month's online safety newsletter. It contains important information for parents about current online risks, including online grooming, harmful online communities known as COM networks, WhatsApp channels, parental controls, and the growing trend of"rage bait" content designed to provoke strong reactions online.
Technology and online trends change rapidly, and staying informed is one of the best ways to help keep children safe. The newsletter also includes practical advice, warning signs to look out for, and useful resources to support conversations at home. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to read the full newsletter.

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October Newsletter

This month's Online Safety Newsletter highlights a number of current online trends and potential risks for children, including the use of AI companion apps, Discord, CapCut and content that may appear suitable for children but contains inappropriate themes. It also provides practical advice for parents on setting parental controls, monitoring online activity and having regular conversations with children about staying safe online. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to read the newsletter and watch the accompanying video to help keep our children safe in an ever-changing digital world.

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Safeguarding Leads

For those new to school if you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs McCormick via the office. If she is unavailable, Miss Atkinson (Y3) and Mrs Gence (Reception) are our Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

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Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 10th November am. Year 6 Crucial Crew
pm: KS2 Cross Country
Friday 13th November : Children in Need
Weds 2nd Dec 930: Nursery and Reception Nativity
Weds 2nd December 330: Christmas Fair at school
Weds 9th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 16th December: Christmas Service in church. All Welcome

Community News



Emma McCormick
Emma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters