

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 17th July 2026

As we come to the end of another school year, it feels like the perfect moment to pause and reflect on what a wonderful school community we are blessed to be part of.

Throughout the year, we have come together to support one another, share laughter, celebrate successes and watch our children shine in so many different ways. Alongside our amazing staff, there have been countless members of our wider community who have generously given their time to enrich the experiences of our children. From listening to readers, supporting in classrooms, providing maths tuition, cooking activities and doing odd jobs, to sharing careers and life experiences, the list is endless. We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of you for helping our children grow, learn and shine.

I am of course most proud of our children. Their kindness, respect and courage brighten our school every single day. I am also deeply thankful for our families. Your encouragement, trust and partnership make such a difference and are invaluable in helping our children flourish.

As always, I would like to thank every member of our staff and governing board for all they have given this year. Each person has played an important role in creating opportunities, supporting our children and helping them achieve their very best.

"You will shine among them like stars in the sky."

Philippians 2:15

I wish you all a restful, happy and sunny summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another year of shining together.



Some Fond Farewells

Good Luck Year 6s

Our Year 6 pupils have had a fitting farewell to their time at Kirkby and Great Broughton this week. They've enjoyed a fun water fight, a thoughtful church service, time together in the park, and a final play with their buddies. They loved their picnic today too (and a special thanks to the PTA for providing every child in the school with an ice lolly) – memories we know they'll carry with them. You will be missed, Year 6, but you are ready to move on. We hope that each of you will take away something special from your time here and remember you will always be part of our KGB family. Shine brightly, Year 6 – we are so proud of you.



Happy Retirement Mrs Atkinson

As well as saying good bye to Year 6s and a couple of children who are moving to pastures new, who we also say goodbye and 'Happy Retirement' to Mrs Atkinson. Mrs Atkinson has been part of

our school family for 22 years...so probably has supported over 1300 children (and a couple of generations !) We will miss her dearly but hope she enjoys her time with her family and in the caravan and of course scrap booking. Thank you Mrs Atkinson for everything.



Inspection Success

Have you managed to have a read of our SIAMS report? It captures so much of what makes Kirkby and Great Broughton special. The inspector highlighted that *"the Christian vision has a transformative impact across the school community"* and that pupils *"treat one another with genuine respect and care."* It's wonderful to see our children, staff and families recognised in this way.

Thank you for your continued support – our community shines because of the partnership we share. :)



SIAMS Report Kirby and Great Broughton Primary School

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Super International Sports Week

What an incredible Sports Week we had at Kirkby and Great Broughton! The children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, teamwork and plenty of smiles. From Zumba

sessions with Natalie, multisports tournaments and our KS1 festival at Stokesley, it was a brilliant week of movement and fun.

A HUGE thank you to Miss Edwards, who has once again gone above and beyond to organise a full, exciting and inclusive programme for every year group. Her commitment to giving our children the very best sporting experiences is extraordinary, and we are so grateful.

We also want to thank all the coaches and partners who came in to support the week – from Zumba to football, netball and multisports. Your energy and expertise made the week even more special.



Changes to School Meals for September

Free School Meals – September 2026

From September 2026, the Government is extending free school meal eligibility to all children whose families receive Universal Credit. Families must still apply for free school meals, even if they receive Universal Credit. Applications can be made through North Yorkshire Council:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals automatically, but eligible families are encouraged to apply as this may also provide additional funding for the school through Pupil Premium.

More Flexible Choices

From September, our wonderful new cook Sarah will be offering more flexibility and a choice of meals. From the start of the new term, you will no longer need to stick to a packed lunch/cooked meal for the week and can choose the choice of school meal or packed lunch from home each day. We will let you know more about the meal choices next term.

Reception visit the farm

Reception Class had a wonderful time exploring the farm last week. They were incredibly excited and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of their visit. A huge thank you to all the helpers who made the trip possible.

The children especially loved the play area and had lots of fun exploring and learning about life on the farm. It was a fabulous way to celebrate the end of their first year at primary school.

We are all so proud of you, Reception Class. Well done on a fantastic year!



Keep up with Key Skills

Keeping Skills Fresh Over the Summer

We know that the summer holidays are a much-needed time for rest, refreshing and recharging. However, it's also important to help children keep up with key skills such as reading and maths – and the good news is that this can be done in fun, relaxed and meaningful ways.

Why It Matters: Summer Learning Loss

Research shows that when children do nothing academic over the summer, they can fall behind noticeably by September. Studies indicate that pupils typically lose 2.6 months of reading progress and 2.8 months of maths progress over the summer break if they do not engage in any learning activities. Even small, enjoyable learning moments help protect children from this “summer slide”.



Join the North Yorkshire Summer Reading Challenge!

Why not use your library card and get reading this summer? North Yorkshire Libraries are once again taking part in the national **Summer Reading Challenge**, this year the theme is 'Read to the Beat' where children read books, collect rewards and complete an adventure. It's completely free, and a brilliant way to keep reading enjoyable and engaging.

You can sign up at any North Yorkshire library, choose books your child loves, and take part in activities throughout the summer. We then present the certificates at school in the autumn term.

Learn Through Everyday Life

Reading a recipe together, measuring ingredients, doubling quantities or timing baking can all build maths and reading skills without feeling like “work”. Cooking is one of the easiest ways to keep learning going naturally.

Try These Fun Maths Websites

A few minutes a couple of times a week can make a big difference:

- **Topmarks** – games for all ages, including *Hit the Button* <https://www.topmarks.co.uk>
- **White Rose Maths – Parent Resources** – free workbooks and activities <https://whiterosemaths.com>
- **Maths Frame** – interactive games linked to the curriculum <https://mathsframe.co.uk>

A little reading, a little maths, and lots of fun – that's all it takes to keep children confident and ready for September. Let's help them shine all summer long.

Safeguarding News

As we move towards the summer holidays the video below '**Staying safe during school holidays**' provides a quick overview on posting photos safely, balancing screentime and tackling cyberbullying.



Summer Online Safety - July 2026

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Dates for Diaries

17th July: Break up for the summer.

8th Sept Children in main school return

14th September Nursery return

Summer Fun

**KIRKBY AND
GREAT BROUGHTON SCHOOL**

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

JOIN THE FUN!

    

 **10AM-2PM**

 **£20**
PER PERSON
PER DAY
OR
2 DAYS £35

 **BOYS & GIRLS
WELCOME!**

DATES

22ND JULY	23RD JULY	28TH JULY	29TH JULY
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 **ACTIVE. FUN. FRIENDS. MEMORIES.
THIS SUMMER!**

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Little Brushes

Summer Holiday Art Workshops

**Tuesday 21st July, 10-2pm
and Friday 24th July, 10-2pm**
'Crafty Clay Camp'
A two day clay workshop creating jellyfish and pinch pots.
£55 for 2 days.

Friday 31st July, 10-2pm
'Painted Plant Pots and Paper Flowers'
£28

Monday 3rd August, 10-12.30pm
'Printed Fish'
£18

Monday 10th August, 10-12.30pm
'Butterfly Wand'
£18
at
Kirkby & Great Broughton Primary School, TS9 7AL

Age 5+

If your child loves to be creative and likes to draw, paint, colour, cut and collage then come to Little Brushes art classes. The aim is to have a go and more importantly have fun!

Workshops fill up very quickly so please secure your place with payment in advance.
All materials will be included with a snack and drink at half time.

contact: Sara Lusvardi 07794689421,
littlebrushes.artclub@gmail.com
or via Facebook @Littlebrushesartclub



Summer Art Club

23, 28, 30 July and 4 and 6 August
11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm
Danby Lodge National Park Centre

Join Sara from Little Brushes Art Club in our beautiful new workshop space inside the inspired by... gallery. Give your child the gift of creativity right in the heart of an inspiring art setting, where imagination and artistry come to life among real works of art.

£7 per child. Booking essential

For ages 5+ years, children must be accompanied by an adult
Max of 2 adults per child

Danby Lodge National Park Centre
Lodge Lane, Danby
North Yorkshire, YO21 2NB
01439 772 738



To find out more and book your place scan the QR code or visit:

northyorkmoors.org.uk/events



North York Moors
National Park

Free Eye Tests for Children



Has your child had their eyes tested yet?

This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an optician, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost**.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**

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