

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 12th December 2025

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at school. The past couple of weeks have been so exciting as our children have shared their wonderful Nativity performances, joined together for the Christingle service, and enjoyed the fun of our Christmas Fair.

Next week promises even more festive cheer with our Christmas lunch, jumper day, and class parties – a perfect way to end the term before the holidays.

As this will be the last newsletter before the Christmas break, on behalf of all the staff, I want to thank you for your incredible support throughout this term; it does make such a difference to our school community.

As we celebrate this special season, we are reminded of the words from Romans 15:13.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope". We all hope your Christmas is filled with happiness, peace, and love and we wish you and your families a joyful holiday and a blessed New Year.

Christingle Service

After making Christingles with their Reception buddies, Year 6 led a special worship last week at the start of Advent for the whole school, joined by Reverend Anne. It was a truly spiritual moment when the lights went out and the children were invited to reflect on Jesus as the light of the world, and how they themselves can bring light to others.

Thank you, Year 6, for leading this thoughtful and meaningful worship.



Wonderful Nativities

We've had two brilliant nativities this year. Last week, Nursery and Reception joined together for a wonderful performance, and this week we enjoyed our Nursery Rhyme Nativity led by Year 1 and 2. The children learned their words beautifully and sang their hearts out. It was a fantastic way to feel the Christmas spirit.



Christmas Fair and Christmas News

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas Fair. There was plenty of fun to be had, including many enthusiastic attempts to free Kevin the Carrot. Over £500 was raised at the fair in total! The winner of 'Free the Carrot' was announced today — though we were all a little surprised that the winner chose Kevin rather than the enormous carrot Rocco discovered!

Thank you as well for buying raffle tickets and your contributions to the Rainbow Raffle- the hampers look amazing!. Winners will be drawn on Tuesday which is Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. Also you should have received a Seesaw message from your child's teacher regarding Christmas parties and end of term fun.



Terrific Trumpets

Year 6 put together a terrific trumpet performance for the school and for parents today. Throughout the term, they have been learning the trumpet with their music teacher, Mr Harvey, and their hard work really shone through.

They were also joined in rehearsal by Mr Barber, a music teacher from Stokesley Secondary, which made the experience even more special.

A wonderful performance all round.



Restocking our Outdoor Play Areas

The wonderful Miss Sellars has truly re-energised our children's lunchtimes. For example, she has introduced Funky Fridays, which the children absolutely love! This fun initiative mainly involves an outdoor disco – not only does it bring lots of smiles, but it also keeps everyone active and fit.

We are now looking to update the games in our quiet area and provide some props for drama on our stage (such as hats, wigs, bags, etc. – not full dressing-up costumes or clothes). If you are able to help by donating any suitable items or supporting us in any way, we would be very grateful.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Jack and the Beanstalk is coming to the Princess Alexandra Auditorium in Yarm from 11th–30th December and four of our very own budding stars - Nell, Vivi, Nancy and Alba- will be performing in the production.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support them while enjoying a festive family outing. If you'd like to go along, full details and booking information can be found on the auditorium's website. <https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/jack-panto/>

Online Safety

December's online safety newsletter offers valuable guidance for families, particularly as some children may be receiving new technology over the Christmas period.

The focus is on **setting up parental controls** to help children use devices safely and responsibly. Key topics include:

- **First Smartphone** – advice on managing settings, monitoring use, and encouraging healthy habits.
- **Discord** – tips for keeping communication safe, understanding privacy settings, and supporting children in using the platform appropriately.
- **Roblox** – guidance on in-game safety, managing chat functions, and ensuring children enjoy the platform securely.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to read through the newsletter and make use of the practical advice it provides. Supporting children with safe online experiences is especially important at this time of year.



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Dates for Diaries

16th December. Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

17th December 11am Christmas Service in church **all welcome**

Children Return to School **TUESDAY JANUARY 6th**

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 opticians, 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/
- 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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Community Opportunities

Rotary Youth Competitions 2025–26

The Rotary Club have announced their 25-26 youth competitions. Children have the opportunity to take part in three fantastic Rotary Youth Competitions, each celebrating creativity and self-expression under the theme **"Happiness in Nature."**

Young Artist Competition

Open to children aged **up to 17**, this competition invites young artists to interpret the theme using traditional, contemporary, or digital media. Entries will be judged on imagination, technical skill, and relevance to the theme. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Young Writer Competition

This is a chance for budding writers to express their thoughts and ideas through poetry, short stories, or prose. Open to the same age groups, the competition encourages thoughtful interpretation and creative writing.

Young Photographer Competition

Young photographers can showcase their skills using digital or traditional photography methods. Entries must be original and reflect the theme creatively. Judges will look for technical merit, composition, and style.

Each competition is open to **Junior (up to 10 years)**, **Intermediate (11–13 years)**, and **Senior (14–17 years)** age groups. Pupils can enter through school or individually, and all entries must be original work.

For more information or to get involved, visit www.rotarygbi.org. More information and the entrance form that must be completed by parents are attached below. Entries must be in school early January.



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Young Artist

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