

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 14th November 2025

Honouring Remembrance: Compassion

This week, our school community came together to explore the Christian value of *compassion* through the powerful story of the Unknown Warrior. Across year groups, children reflected on the courage, sacrifice, and love shown by those who served—and how we can show compassion by remembering them with dignity and respect. We held a two minutes silence and every child in the school took part in this with great respect.



Alongside our special service on Tuesday, children across the school have been reflecting on this in different ways. Reception and Year 6 Buddies took a meaningful walk to the church to view the beautiful poppy display. Reception and Nursery have also created thoughtful wreaths as part of their learning about remembrance. Reception children brought their wreath into worship which started the service off beautifully. We are very proud of all the children who attended or took part in the Remembrance Sunday service and parade too. Thank you for showing great respect.

This week has reminded us that compassion is not just a feeling—it's an action. Through silence, creativity, and togetherness, our children have honoured the past and shown how deeply they care.



Interfaith Week

This week, our school took part in Interfaith Week—a national celebration that promotes understanding, respect, and friendship among people of different faiths and beliefs.

As part of our learning, we were honoured to welcome two special guests: one from the Hindu community and one from the Muslim community. They spoke to the children about their beliefs, traditions, and daily practices, offering valuable insights into how faith shapes lives in unique and meaningful ways.

This year's theme—Community—encouraged us to explore how everyone, regardless of similarities or differences, plays a vital role in building and sharing within our communities. Inspired by this, pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6 wrote some wonderful poems.

Our Community

*Our community gift of the Earth,
We've all been in it since our birth,
Harmony combined and us all been kind,
Giving up our time so we can help others
Mother Daughter, Sister or brother,
You matter everyone does Hindu or Sikh
or you live in a city
We'll always be in unity
Our community **by Nell***

In Community We Work Together

*In community we work together .
Never ever alone .
Together we are stronger .
Everyone is special always
Rough or tough, shy or awkward , you MATTER
Friends, family and other faiths are COOL!
Always be nice, never mean.
In case you're sad or hurt someone is there for you
Time, love , generosity and kindness are priority
How you look or act doesn't matter: You're AMAZING! **By Emily***



Crucial Crew

On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils took part in the Crucial Crew programme—a hands-on, interactive event designed to teach children vital skills for staying safe and making responsible choices. Throughout the morning, pupils rotated through a series of real-life scenarios led by emergency services and safety experts. They learned how to respond in a fire, stay safe online, make good

decisions around peer pressure, and even how to help someone in an emergency.
The children engaged brilliantly :)



Tag Rugby Team

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 5/6 tag rugby team, who proudly represented our school last week in a cluster tournament. Facing some tough competition, the team showed incredible grit, determination, and teamwork throughout every match. Although they didn't come away with a win, their resilience and positive attitude were amazing. They supported one another, played with heart, and demonstrated the kind of sportsmanship that makes us very proud.



Supporting Christian Aid

We're delighted to share that our 'Justice Group' has raised an impressive £90 through their recent cake sale in support of Christian Aid. With trays of delicious treats the group worked together to promote fairness, generosity, and action—living out the Christian value of *justice* in a truly tangible way. Their efforts didn't go unnoticed. This week, we received a heartfelt letter of thanks from Christian Aid, recognising the group's compassion and commitment to helping others. It's a powerful reminder that even small acts—like baking and buying a bun—can make a difference. A huge well done to everyone who baked, bought, and supported the sale.





To Mrs Edwards and the Tuesday club.

Many thanks for the kind invitation to your bake sale and also to visit your group and hear about the work you have been doing.

I was totally in awe of your understanding of the concept of helping people in the world who are less fortunate and live in poverty. A lot of young people today only think of themselves.

The cakes you made were delicious and to raise £90.00 was a tremendous sum from such a small group.

To give you an example £90.00 could provide a farmer with sweet potato seeds and farming equipment to grow food more successfully in the climate crisis. Additionally it would also provide training for 8 community members on ways they can adapt their farming to the climate crisis in countries like Sierra Leone.

So it's been a win win - you enabled the pupils and parents at your school to buy some delicious cakes and more importantly helped poor people in another country who are struggling, to survive.

On behalf of Christian Aid - WELL DONE

Best regards

Jean Taylor

Kirkby and Great Broughton Christian Aid Group

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Taylor".

Parent Governor Vacancy

This week, all parents were sent information regarding a Parent Governor vacancy at our school.

The letter can be found below.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. McCormick.

If you are interested in taking on this vital role within our school community, please request a nomination form, which should be completed and returned by Monday, 24th November.

Thank you for your continued support.



Parent Gov letter for nominations .pdf

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Online Safety

This month's online safety newsletter offers excellent advice about Online Roasting, What's' App groups and a reminder about why Apps have age ratings- the VAST majority are for aged 13+ (see picture). This includes What's App, Snap Chat, Instagram, Cap cut and AI platforms. We know from pupil voice that many of our children have a hand held device which allows them to access these

without parental control. There are so many risks for our children online so please do take some time to read the newsletters.

Please can I remind you that electronic devices or phones should NOT be in school. The ONLY exception is if a Year 5 or 6 child has written permission to walk home. In this case they should ALWAYS be signed in and out of the office.

This newsletter also offers advice about when your child asks for their first phone [Phones - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



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Years 3 4 and 5 Walk like an Egyptian

This week, children in Years 3, 4, and 5 had a fantastic day at the Dorman Museum, deepening their understanding of Ancient Egyptian history. The visit was packed with exciting activities, including:

- Exploring fascinating exhibits and artefacts
- Consolidating classroom learning through hands-on experiences
- Investigating the process of mummification in a fun and engaging way

It was a brilliant opportunity to bring history to life and spark curiosity about ancient civilizations!



Thank you Alba

A huge thank you to Alba, one of our dedicated School Councillors, who raised £50 by making and selling delicious apple crumbles! The School Council is still deciding how best to spend the money, but one exciting idea is to invest in new playground equipment to benefit all pupils. Well done, Alba and thank you.

Be On Time—Quarter to Nine!

A reminder please that learning at our school starts at 8:45am, and every minute counts. When children arrive late, they miss vital moments of key learning. Did you know that arriving just 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 full days of lost learning across the school year? That's time missed from phonics, key instructions, vocabulary development, and the calm, focused start

that sets children up for success. Please remember: Children arriving after 9:00am will be marked with an unauthorised absence, unless there is a valid reason agreed with the school.



Dates for Diaries

- **3rd December 3pm** Christmas Fayre at School
- **16th December.** Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **17th December 11am** Christmas Service in church **all welcome**

NATIVITIES:

- Reception and Nursery: 930am 3rd December
- Years 1 and 2: 2pm 10th December, 2pm

Free Eye Tests for Children

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.



Young Photographer

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Young Writer

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Young Artist

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Netball

*** BRAND NEW SESSION ***

- 📅 Starting 7th November
- 📍 Grangetown YCC, TS6 7HP
- 🕒 4:30-5:30pm
- 👶 Age 6-9 years old

Grangetown Netball are excited to announce that we are delivering a brand new programme for beginners who want to try netball.

Bee Netball is friendly, high-energy and carefully designed for children.

Bee Netball is a fun and nurturing programme for children at the beginning of their team sport journey. It is designed to introduce children to netball skills: throwing, catching, footwork and shooting.

To book your free sessions, please email: GrangetownNC@hotmail.com



Emma McCormick

Emma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters