

# Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 28th November 2025

## Shining for our Community

### Reception

At Kirkby and Great Broughton School, we encourage our children to become agents of change who strive towards a fairer and more just world and 'shining for the world and our community'. Over the last couple of weeks, two of our year groups have brought this to fruition, learning that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Working with this term's Christian values of generosity and compassion, the Reception class have been thinking about how there are people who are less fortunate than themselves and what they might be able to do to help them. The children have been invited to bring into school a toy that belongs to them but is no longer used. These toys will be donated to children who are less fortunate. All donations will be collected and passed on to Purple Rose, a charity based in Stockton that supports local communities — particularly asylum seekers and refugees — so that their young children can enjoy a special treat this Christmas. Many of these families arrive in the area with very little, and the project is an opportunity for the class to show generosity and compassion by giving something that will bring joy.



### Year 3

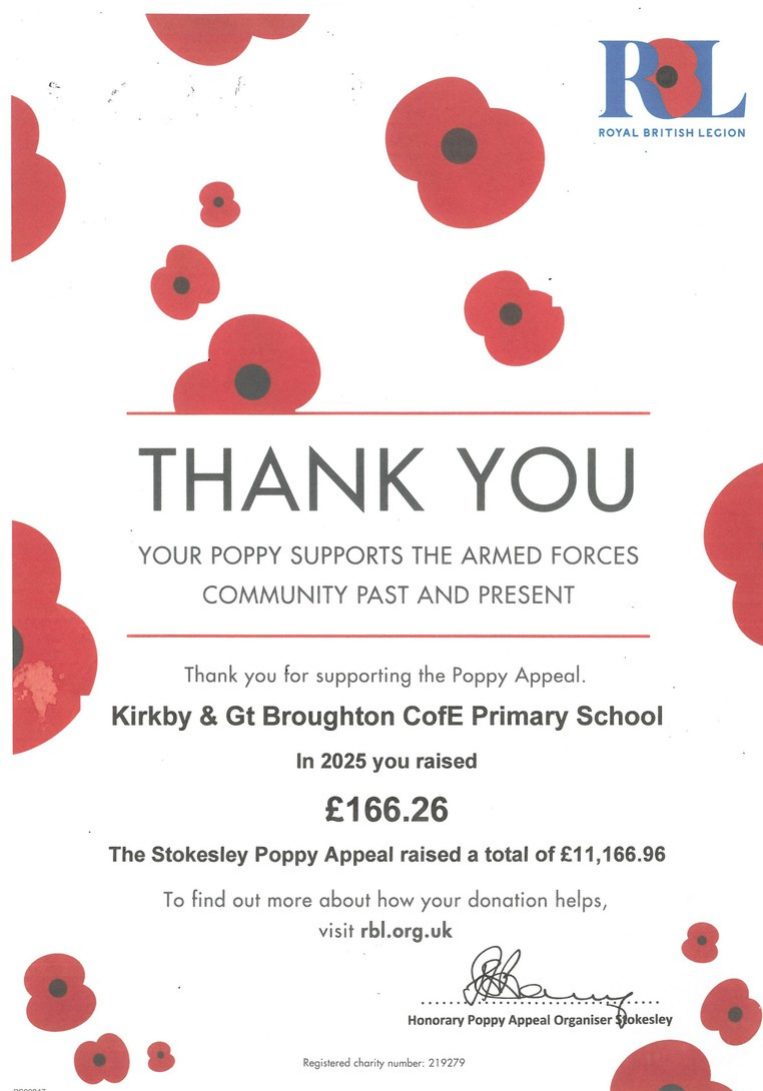
On Tuesday 18th November, the Year 3 children hosted a coffee afternoon to raise funds for the Angel Trust. This is a local charity who work for anyone and everyone. They provide a food bank, a community pantry, clothing, support for mental and physical illnesses and so much more. We are

so proud of all the children for showing compassion and empathy for those in our community who need support and help. We raised an amazing £216 and we thank everyone who supported the event, especially Stokesley Golf Range, ARC Stockton Arts Centre and those parents who kindly provided raffle prizes and all the families who attended. We had a fantastic afternoon.



## Poppy Appeal

We have also received notice this week that the school raised over £166 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.



## Y1 and 2 visit a Mosque and The Life Centre

Years 1 and 2 had a really busy and memorable day on their visit to Newcastle last week.

The day began with an early coach ride to the Mosque. Once inside, pupils explored the building and learned more about the faith of Islam. They impressed everyone with the knowledge they already had and enjoyed discovering new facts. A highlight was learning about the natural wood toothbrush used as part of wudu – a reminder of how many uses a tree can have.

Afterwards, the coach took us to the Life Centre for a much-anticipated picnic lunch. With energy restored, the children joined their first workshop, 'Where on Earth?' They explored different locations around the globe, discussed continents and animal habitats, and even added a penguin waddle to their journey between destinations.

Next came the planetarium adventure, 'What Santa Sees'. Pupils flew around the world on Santa's sleigh ride, learning how he navigates the night skies.

The second workshop, 'Who Wants to Be a Scientist?', was a hands-on highlight. Wearing PPE, children carried out experiments: testing which part of an orange gives the strongest smell, observing how chemicals change liquid colours, and finally creating slime using a liquid found in ice cream. The unusual texture caused both fascination and laughter.

The day continued with the Light Box exhibit, where pupils explored interactive displays. Favourites included the tornado creator and the challenge to creep quietly enough to make zero sound.

Finally, the coach returned us to school. Staff were extremely proud of the children's behaviour throughout the trip – they were a credit to both the school and the wider community. Well done, Year 1 and Year 2, for your enthusiasm and excellent conduct and a huge thank you goes to our children, parents, volunteers, and staff who helped make this trip such a success.



*Snow Day!*





Last week brought a treat for the children in the form of snow and plenty of excitement. Pupils made the most of the wintry weather, building snowmen and enjoying games together outdoors. It was lovely to hear their laughs :)

## Please Support our PTA

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fair which will take place straight after school next Wednesday until 4.30. Each classroom will be hosting games and activities, with further games and refreshments available in the hall. Families are warmly invited to join us — please collect your children as usual and then enter the school through the main entrance to take part in the fun.

Alongside the fair, we are once again running our popular Rainbow Raffle. This was a great success last year, and we are excited to continue the tradition. Information has already been sent home, and we kindly ask that donations in the correct colour are brought into school next week.

The PTA continue to support the school- their most recent contribution has been to fund puddle suits for Nursery which means they can play in their lovely outdoor area whatever the weather.



# Christmas Rainbow Raffle

We are excited to announce that we are having a Christmas rainbow raffle this year!

Each child is asked to bring into school a non-perishable item in their year groups colour - this could be anything from some shower gel to a box of chocolates!

All donations should be brought into school the week commencing Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December (Monday to Friday). Raffle tickets will be sent home the week after for the children to sell - £1 each.

The draw will take place on Christmas Jumper day - the teacher of each class will pick the winning ticket! The class that makes the most money will get a special treat in school!



## Good luck!



## Open Morning and Stay and Play

We are pleased to share details of our upcoming Open Morning for prospective Nursery and Reception children and some opportunities to 'Stay and Play' the week after giving them the chance to experience our welcoming environment and enjoy activities alongside others.

Please do pass this information on to friends and neighbours: we look forward to meeting new families and sharing the exciting opportunities that await their children here.





## Kirkby and Great Broughton School and Nursery

invite prospective Reception  
and Nursery parents and children to:

### AN OPEN MORNING 6th December

Bring your children, meet staff and tour school:  
Just turn up.

**Reception 9.30am - 10.30am**  
**Nursery 10.30am - 11.30am**

### STAY AND PLAYS

Bring your child and stay to chat to the staff. New  
Reception children have the opportunity  
to meet friends starting Reception in 2026.  
Nursery children can make new friends and meet  
staff.

**10.30-11.30**

Monday 8th,  
Tues 9th,  
Weds 10th December

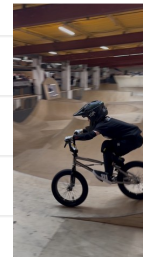
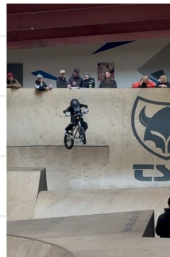
**Call to book on : 01642 712687**

1-1 tours are also available by  
phoning the above number



## Shining Within Themselves

It is always wonderful to hear about our amazing children 'shining within themselves'. We often celebrate these in Friday Worship so do let us know if your child has done something special out of school. For example, we have loved hearing about Tom and Wilf who have been to the Nationals, and were not only commended for their amazing tricks but for their excellent attitude too! Alfie whose team 'Boro Rangers' won the league and Aoife who has taken part in the Under 16 Aintree Working Hunter at the age of 11! Very proud of you all.

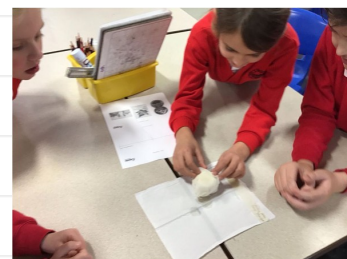


## Science Meets History

You may remember in a previous newsletter that children in Years 3,4 and 5 carried out their very own mummification experiment with tomatoes. The results were revealed this week — and it really

worked! The tomatoes were perfectly preserved, shrivelled and wrinkly, just like ancient mummies. The children were amazed to see how the process of drying and preserving can transform everyday objects.

Meanwhile, in science lessons, Year 3 and 4 have been investigating how our digestive system works. Using bread, tights, and other materials, the children built a hands-on model to show how food travels through the body. This messy but memorable experiment helped everyone understand the journey food takes – from chewing to digestion – in a fun and practical way.



## 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.



**Online Safety Newsletter Primary Dec 2025**

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## 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

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

## 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](http://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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