

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 10th October 2025

Young Leaders at Our School Shining for Each Other

At our school, we believe that children shine when they are trusted to lead, support, and inspire one another. Across the school pupils take on meaningful roles that help shape our school community. Our **School Councillors** represent their classmates and help shape decisions that matter.

The **Wellbeing Warriors** promote kindness and emotional wellbeing, making sure every child feels safe and supported.

The **Worship Team** leads collective worship, guiding younger children to think and respond

Team Captains energise our house teams, leading competitions and Friday worship with pride.

Subject Ambassadors support learning in areas like science, PE, and music—sharing their enthusiasm and helping others succeed

Coaches teach younger children games and skills, encouraging active, inclusive play.

We're proud of the way our pupils step up, shine for one another, and help make our school a joyful, respectful community.



Well done Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Team

We're incredibly proud of our girls' football team, who recently competed in a cluster schools tournament and brought home the **bronze medal**! Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship shone through every match, and they represented our school with pride and passion.

From powerful tackles to brilliant goals, the team showed resilience and skill throughout the competition. It was fantastic to see their hard work pay off—and even more inspiring to watch them encourage and support one another on and off the pitch.

A huge well done to every player involved. You've made us all proud.



Inspiring Young Scientists!

This week we welcomed Professor Amelia Ashwell, an expert in nutrition, to speak with our pupils in Years 3, 4, and 5. Her session focused on the importance of water and nutrition, helping children understand how healthy choices fuel their bodies and minds and the issues with energy drinks (see below!)

The children were so pleased to meet a real-life scientist! They asked thoughtful questions, explored how water supports our bodies, and learned why balanced nutrition is essential for growth, energy, and concentration.

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world science, and we're incredibly grateful to Professor Ashwell for inspiring our children. Below are



Summer Reading Challenge Success!

We're thrilled to share that over half of our pupils took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, run in partnership with North Yorkshire Libraries. From gripping adventures to laugh-out-

loud tales, our young readers immersed themselves in stories that sparked imagination and built confidence.

This fantastic level of participation reflects our school's commitment to fostering a love of reading—and the enthusiasm of our children and families is fantastic

A huge well done to everyone who joined in.



Harvest Festival

A reminder that next Wednesday at 11am we will be holding a Harvest Festival at St Augustine's church. We will be taking donations for the Middlesbrough Foodbank. Please bring donations into school on Wednesday. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in church.

Year 6's Fashion Show with a Difference!

This week our Year 6 pupils took to the runway—not just to showcase style, but to share what they had learned about sustainability and the impact of fast fashion. Their fashion show was the culmination of a learning journey exploring how clothing production affects our planet and what we can do to make more responsible choices.

Pupils gave old clothes a new lease of life, transforming them into fresh, creative designs using newly acquired sewing skills. From patchwork denim to upcycled accessories, every piece told a story of resourcefulness and care for the environment.

A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who supported the children with sewing, design, and encouragement—you helped make this project truly special.

Year 6 reminded us that fashion can be fun, expressive, and sustainable. Well done to all involved!



Football Talk

We were delighted to welcome former professional footballer David Wheater to school this week! David shared stories from his career, answered questions from our curious young minds and allowed some of the lucky ones to try on his Boro and England shirts. David was so impressed he said '*This is the best school I have been to !*' We wholeheartedly agree!

A huge thank you to David for taking the time to inspire our pupils— if anyone is interested in joining his Saturday morning sessions the information is below.



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.



Mayan Bread

In Wisdom of the Woods learning, Year 6 have been diving into the fascinating world of the Mayan civilisation. Today, they had a hands-on experience working with David, who guided them through the process of making traditional Mayan bread.

The children learned about the cultural significance of food in Mayan society and enjoyed getting stuck into the practical side of history as well as learning important outdoor skills.

This activity helped bring history to life and gave pupils a deeper appreciation of ancient cultures through taste and teamwork.



Safeguarding at KGB

Online Safety Newsletters

Please do read October's issue of the online safety newsletter for parents. This month:

How to make You Tube and Whats App safer for children

ADHD, Screen Time, and Healthy Boundaries

Risks of using AI for mental health

Please do have a read.



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AIR TAGS

We have recieved this message from the Local Authority and as such will be adapting our permission slips in the future. Thank you

Apple AirTag and tracking children on school trips

It has been brought to our attention both locally and nationally that parents/carers are using devices such as the Apple AirTag to track children on school residentials/trips/visits/outings. Other devices can also include electronic watches that are essentially tracking devices with the capability of sending video footage from the device back to the person tracking i.e. parent. Such devices have the potential to post locations of children's whereabouts on social media. We are therefore advising schools to include this in the consent slip which parents sign prior to taking part in a trip that such devices will not be allowed under any circumstances and must not be hidden in pockets/bags etc. If any tracking devices are found on pupils they will not be allowed on the trip and will be returned to school.

Apple have released the statement below which can be found on their website:

"AirTag was designed to help people locate their personal belongings, not to track people or another person's property, and we condemn in the strongest possible terms any malicious use of our products"

<https://www.apple.com/uk/newsroom/2022/02/an-update-on-airtag-and-unwanted-tracking/>

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick (who should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns), and we have two deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Gence and Miss Atkinson. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.

PTA Fireworks

Tickets are now on sale!!

We are looking forward to holding our 2025 Fireworks Extravaganza!!

Saturday the 1st of November, gates open at 5pm - fireworks start at 6.30pm.

This year we will have [The Pizza Engine](#) and Rhinos Burger Bar joining us for some tasty treats!

Tickets are £5 per person (4 and under free). Please follow the below link for tickets -

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/QH53W68WL84UQ>

We look forward to seeing you there!!

School will be holding a none uniform day in return for a donation to the tombola on Friday 24th October. Thank you

Dates for Diaries

- **Weds 15th October 11am** at St Augustine's church. Harvest Festival **all welcome**
- **Friday 24th October** None uniform day for tombola/raffle prizes for the fireworks
- **Weds 5th November** Parents' Meetings
- **3rd December 3pm** Christmas Fayre at School
- **16th December.** Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **17th December 11am** Christmas Service in church **all welcome**

Wrap Up Campaign

The box is now in our School entrance hall for any unwanted coats- thank you

Events and Opportunities



Emma McCormick

Emma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters