

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 12th September 2025

Our School Vision

"You will shine among them like stars lighting up the sky." (Philippians 2:15-16)

Our Christian vision is for every member of our school community to shine:

Shine within themselves

Shine for our community

Shine out to the world

Together we light the way for others

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year! It has been such a joy to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children, as well as some new pupils and staff. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Cracknall, who has recently joined our team and is already settling in beautifully. It is also lovely that Mrs Johnson is able to be in school for some time over the next few weeks.

The school has been filled with a fantastic buzz over the past couple of weeks, with plenty of shining stars and happy, smiling faces. Our Reception children have now completed their very first full week in school, and it is lovely to see how quickly they have settled into routines and are already forming friendships through play and learning.

We strongly believe that a close partnership with parents is essential, so please do get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns. We are really looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead together.

News from around the school

Nursery

Our Nursery children have had a lovely first week. They have been busy exploring the classroom and the outside area which has been revamped with a new mud kitchen and other areas. It has been lovely to see new friendships formed and old friends being together again.



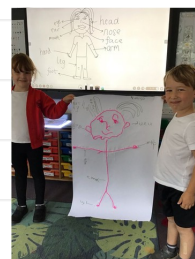
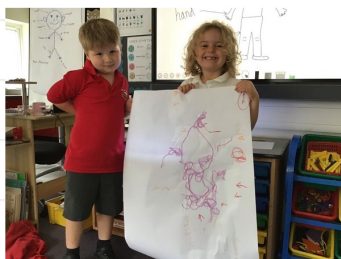
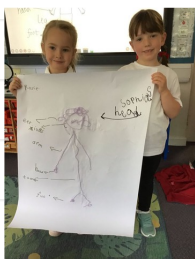
Reception

Reception children have all made a super start. We are busy building relationships, learning routines and familiarising ourselves with the school environment. The children have enjoyed listening to the Colour Monster story all about feelings. We have been making some Colour Monster artwork for the children's tent at the Stokesley Show too.



Years 1 and 2

Key Stage One have had a lovely couple of weeks, getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. This term brings lots of exciting learning such as animals including humans, (Year 1 have made some lovely, labelled wool people) learning about Muslim people, story telling and learning about the world!



Year 3, 4 and 5

This term in history we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We are very excited about this and we have already started learning about the Egyptian Gods. In music we are learning to sing

songs about Ancient Egypt too.



Year 6

What a great start to the year the Year 6 team have had. They are looking forward to the extra responsibility that Year 6 brings and they will be given their roles next week. Along with other learning, they have the opportunity to learn the trumpet this term as part of our wider music offer (ear plugs at the ready!) This week they also have met their Reception Buddies and are the first class to enrich their curriculum with Wisdom of the Woods (all classes will take part in this outdoor learning opportunity throughout the year).



Working Together to Keep Children Safe Online

At Kirkby & Great Broughton CE VA Primary School, we all share a vital role in helping children enjoy the internet safely. Technology offers amazing opportunities for learning and fun, but it also brings risks such as unsuitable content, online strangers, and unkind messages.

Last term, children across the school completed an online safety survey.

Key findings:

- Many pupils, even in Key Stage 1, already own smartphones or use social media and gaming platforms such as Roblox and Minecraft. We have to remember that smartphones are hand help computers being able to access the entire internet.
- A significant number have experienced mean comments or been approached by strangers online.
- Most children know know what to do if something goes wrong but a significant number said that they have seen upsetting content at home

These results remind us how important it is for school and families to work together—talking regularly with children about their online activities, setting clear boundaries, and encouraging them to speak up if they feel uncomfortable.

Miss Atkinson, our Computing Co-ordinator, will send more detailed information and practical tips for parents next week and please keep an eye for regular updates on the newsletters.

Together, we can help every child explore the digital world with confidence and safety.



Harvest in a Barn

Reverend Anne would like to invite you all to 'A Harvest in a Barn'. This year it is on Sunday September 21st 10am at Trevor Weighell's barn, Dromonby TS9 7AP. All welcome.

Dates for Diaries

- **22nd Sept.** Individual photos
- **10 am 29th September** Y3 Bible Service 29th in school. **Year 3 parents and carers welcome**
- **Weds 15th October 11am** at St Augustine's church. Harvest Festival **all welcome**
- **Weds 5th November** Parents' Meetings
- **17th December 11am** Christmas Service in church **all welcome**

Safeguarding at KGB

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.

JUNIOR RUGBY

**NORTHALLERTON RUGBY CLUB IS
RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS
AND WE WANT YOU!**



**IF YOU ENJOY GETTING MUDDY AND WANT TO TRY
SOMETHING NEW, COME DOWN AND GIVE RUGBY A GO!**

**DON'T BE SHY
GIVE IT A TRY!**



**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-17
SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM
AT BROMPTON LODGE, DL6 2PZ**



@NorthallertonRUFcjuniors



northallertonrufcjuniors@gmail.com



Emma McCormick

Emma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters