

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 24th April

Nursery Stars

We have had some new faces join Nursery this week, and they've all had a brilliant first week settling in and making new friends.

This week Nursery are exploring how things grow, with a focus on planting seeds and (hopefully!) watching their flowers and vegetables begin to sprout over the coming weeks.

We do still have places available for September. If you know any families with children turning 3, please encourage them to get in touch to arrange a 1:1 tour. We'll also be sharing information soon about our drop-ins and stay-and-play sessions.



Forest Fieldwork

Last week, Years 3, 4 and 5 visited Guisborough Woods for a geography field trip, comparing our local forests with the Amazon rainforest, which they learned about last term.

Led by David from Wisdom of the Woods, the children explored the forest's flora and fauna and were able to make thoughtful comparisons between the two environments. They loved getting

hands-on with nature and seeing how our local woodland differs from – and is similar to – the Amazon.



Walk or Wheel News

Walk or Wheel to School – Well Done Year 2!

A huge well done to Year 2, our *Walk or Wheel to School Champions* this week, with an impressive 93% of pupils travelling to school actively!

Here's how the rest of the school did:

- Year 1: 88%
- Year 3: 79%
- Year 4/5: 64%
- Reception: 61%
- Year 6: 46%

Altogether, pupils completed an amazing 470 active journeys to and from school this week – a fantastic achievement that supports healthy habits, wellbeing and our environment.

Keep up the great work everyone – let's see who takes the crown next week!



Shining Sport Stars

Well done to some of our Year 3 and Year 4 girls who represented our school at a football competition at Thirsk this week. They won 3/5 of their group matches and came 3rd in their group. It is wonderful to see so many of our pupils getting the chance to take part in a wide range of sporting events this year and a huge thank you goes to Miss Edwards who has taken on the organisation and running of the cluster sports events. Her hard work and enthusiasm are making such a difference for our children, and those of our local schools and we are incredibly grateful.



Job Opportunities

It is with mixed emotions that I share that Mrs Atkinson, our wonderful school cook, who has been part of Kirkby and Great Broughton School for 24 years, will be retiring in June. We will, of course, have plenty of time to celebrate her and thank her properly for everything she has brought to our school family.

In the meantime, if you know someone who would love to join our team and help to feed our children each day, please do encourage them to look at the vacancy via the link below, where they will find all the information they need.

The job closes on **04/05/2026**.

[Cook](#)

North Yorkshire is also having to re-advertise the caretaking/cleaning role at school. Please do encourage anyone you think will be interested to have a look.

[Cleaner and Caretaker](#)

Tennis Opportunities

All children are members of Great Broughton and Kirkby Sports Club. Our Year 6 pupils are really enjoying their tennis lessons there, and on Sundays the club also offers tennis drills for different age groups.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Phil Marshall on 07980 766427.

You can also claim a free racket here: <https://www.lta.org.uk/lta-play-login-overview-page2/?r=https://www.lta.org.uk/lta-youth-new-starter-offer/>

More Shining Stars

As you know , we love celebrating our children's success out of school. If you have Horse and Country TV, why not look out for Aoife on TV tomorrow. She is in the Novice Freestyle at 6pm!

Tom and Wilf have been training at the Paris Olympic BMX stadium with professional too. So impressive!

And a huge congratulations to our Year 1 writers , many of whom have received certificates for their fantastic poems. They shared them with Year 6 today too, who said they were 'amazing!'



A Snowy Day

I can see snowmen.
I can hear playing children.
I can smell fire's smoke.
I can feel cold snowmen.
I can taste hot chocolate.

Rose

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE (VA) Primary School,
Great Broughton

Rising Stars news



As always, an arty addition from Ange and Sally and the Rising Stars children that brightens up our hall. The children designed and painted the umbrella and Wellington boots by themselves. They also helped to fold and colour the flowers.

Quick note...

Just in case the children haven't mentioned it...

The Key Stage 2 and Reception toilets have been replaced and are now much easier to flush!

Thinking about becoming a Teaching Assistant?

Our school is part of the Swaledale Alliance, and we are delighted to offer a sponsored placement for someone interested in beginning their journey towards becoming a Teaching Assistant.

If you are aged 18 or over and would love to support children in a school setting, this could be a wonderful opportunity. The Swaledale Alliance offers the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning – a nationally recognised qualification that combines high-quality training with hands-on experience in school.

This is a fantastic chance to gain new skills, make a difference locally, and take the first step into a rewarding career in education.

Please do share this opportunity with friends, family, or anyone who might be interested.

For more information, please use the email address on the flyer.

TEACHING ASSISTANT QUALIFICATION

Support your local school

Are you 18 or over, have some spare time and would love to work with children?

Be a volunteer in your local school and gain a Teaching Assistant qualification too!

Interested?

If so, the **NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning** could be the perfect course for you.

Why train with the Swaledale Alliance.

- ✔ Support children in your local school.
- ✔ Gain a nationally recognised qualification.
- ✔ Full support as you embark on a new career.

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SEPTEMBER 2026**

MORE INFORMATION

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Visit: www.swaledalealliance.org

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Safeguarding News

Virtual Parent/Carer Information Session

Parents and carers are invited to a virtual information session taking place on:

Wednesday 6 May 2026

4.00pm – 4.45pm

Session focus: *Understanding social media and livestreaming*

This session will provide guidance on current social media and livestreaming platforms, including the latest trends and emerging online risks. It will help to develop your understanding of how children and young people use these platforms, the potential risks involved, and the practical steps we can take together to keep them safe online.

Access details for the session will be sent one week before the event.

Please note that this session will be recorded and made available to view afterwards.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Guide to Social Media & Livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY
2026
4PM – 4.45PM**



Online Safety Newsletter – April

This issue gives parents a quick, helpful guide to keeping children safe online. It covers game age ratings, safe BBC iPlayer use, important information about AI and deepfakes, understanding harmful online ideologies, and new parental controls on apps like ChatGPT and WhatsApp.

Why It's Worth Reading

It's packed with practical tips that make it easier to guide children's online choices, protect them from inappropriate content, and start important conversations at home—all in one easy, supportive update.



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Dates for Diaries

11-14th May Year 6 Sats week

1-5th June Year 6 residential

Weds 1st July Sports Afternoon (Thurs 2nd pm reserve for bad weather)

Weds 8th-Friday 10th Y6 transition to Stokelsley High

Weds 8th Transition day for rest of school

15th July 11am Leavers' Service in church all welcome

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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/](https://www.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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