

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 23rd January 2026

Still shining for our community.

You may remember from our last newsletter that Wonderful Will chose to donate money to charity. We're delighted to share that he recently visited The Upper Room Project to present his donation in person. He also spent some time in the kitchen helping out – a lovely way to see his generosity in action.

Attached are the photos from his visit on Saturday morning.

We also have more fantastic news: Isla Tr has been busy fundraising too. She set up her very own lemonade stand in support of the RSPCA and raised an impressive £200. A brilliant achievement and a wonderful example of kindness and initiative.

Both Will and Isla have shown how small acts of generosity can make a big difference. We're incredibly proud of them.



Parent's View Feedback

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed our recent questionnaire. We received 62 responses and are delighted that the vast majority of feedback was very positive.

Parents told us they feel that:

- Children are happy and feel safe at Kirkby & Great Broughton School
- Staff are kind, supportive and approachable, responding quickly to wellbeing and friendship concerns
- Children make good academic progress

Many parents described the school as a kind, nurturing and caring environment.

We will be listening carefully to suggestions too, including feedback about streamlining communication, which we will be looking into. I will be sending parents a more detailed analysis as soon as I can. Thank you so much for your continued support – you are all part of what makes our school such a special place.

Shining Scientists

In Science this week, children across the school have been busy carrying out exciting investigations and practical learning.

Year 1 completed an experiment to discover which material would make the best curtains for Teddy Bear. The children shone torches through a range of materials to test which ones blocked out the light most effectively, recording their observations and explaining their choices.

Year 2 carried out a fascinating investigation into which liquids are best (and worst!) for our teeth. Using eggs to represent tooth enamel, the children tested different drinks and observed the effects over time. It was very clear that water was the best drink for keeping our teeth healthy- check out the video below!

Years 3 and 4 explored forces, investigating how objects move on different surfaces. They made predictions and tested how pushes and pulls affect movement, developing their understanding of friction and speed.

Year 5 have created some fabulous songs based on classification!

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system. They created excellent models of blood, using Cheerios and marshmallows to represent different blood cells, helping them understand how blood travels around the body and carries vital substances.

Well done to all our young scientists for their enthusiasm, teamwork and brilliant scientific thinking!



Tooth Decay Experiment with Eggs and Drinks | Why We Brush Teeth



What Drinks Do With Teeth

Rising Stars News

Our Rising Stars children have been busy creating self-portraits using a magic mirror. Children from Nursery through to Year Six have taken part in this creative activity. If you would like to join our club and take part in our fun activities, pop along to see Ange or Sally during club time we would love to meet you. We currently have spaces available in both our Breakfast Club and After School Clubs. Leaflets containing full details are available from the School Office.

Please remember to book sessions via Parentpay and contact admin if you have any difficulty booking Rising Stars. The Rising Stars phone number should only be used during Rising Stars hours and only for last minute changes/information and not for booking sessions.



Village News

Please find below some information we have been asked to pass on:

1. The play park on Kirkby Lane, Great Broughton will be closed for essential repairs and maintenance between Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026.

2. Dog fouling at the Sports Club

Following continued incidents of dog mess being found on the playing surfaces, the club need to enforce the following rules to avoid the health risks and unpleasant nature of coming into contact with dog mess.

1. Exercising dogs is permitted on the recreational field only (the field behind the club house).
2. Exercising dogs is strictly prohibited on the cricket field and football field - no exceptions.
3. No dogs are allowed to roam freely without owner in close supervision.
4. Dog walking during the hours of darkness is not permitted.
5. All dog mess must be picked up and put in the dog waste bag provided (please don't dispose in the normal sports club bins at the clubhouse).
6. All members and guests using the sports club must be registered (and email address confirmed) via www.broughton-kirby.com
7. For any questions or clarifications please email bksc1@outlook.com

Can you help with reading at our school?

We're looking for volunteers who can give up a little time each week—preferably in the afternoons—to read with our children.

Don't worry if you're not sure where to start! We'll provide training on our reading scheme, Little Wandle, and guidance for supporting older children. We'll also arrange a DBS check for you.

If you'd like to help out, please email the school office at admin@kirkby-in-cleveland.n-yorks.sch.uk with the times you're available.

Your support could make a huge difference in helping our children grow as confident readers!

Please pass this to anyone you think may be interested.

Safeguarding News

Parents' Online Safety Session (Externally Organised)

Please find below the link to access to parent/carer online safety session scheduled for next **Wednesday (28th January 2026 – 9.30am – 10.15am)**. Please share as required.

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Focus: Guide to online gaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.



Online Safety Newsletter Primary Jan 2026

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267.9 KB



Online Safety Newsletter Primary Nov 2025

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528.4 KB



Online Safety Newsletter Primary Dec 2025

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610.0 KB

Nursery & Reception – Can You Help?

Our Nursery and Reception classes are on the lookout for any donations of balance bikes or suitably sized new helmets.

We're really grateful to the PTA for agreeing to fund some of these, but before we go ahead and buy new ones, we wanted to check if anyone has a second-hand bike or helmet they'd be happy to donate.

If you can help, please drop them off at school or get in touch with the office. Thank you so much for supporting our youngest learners!

Supporting the Environment – Recycle and Upcycle!

Dates for Diaries

27th January: Key Stage 2 Cross Country

16th-20th February: Half Term

Monday 23rd March 11am Easter Service in church- all welcome

Friday 27th March Break up for Easter

22nd April Parents' meetings

Free Eye Tests for Children



Emma McCormick

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