

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 9th January 2026

Happy New Year

As we step into 2026, the cold weather outside was no match for the wonderful, warm smiles that greeted us back in school. This term, our worships began with Epiphany—a time when Christians celebrate the visit of the Magi to Jesus.

The message of Epiphany reminds us that light and love are for everyone, encouraging kindness and respect throughout our school community. This is something we already see lived out by so many of you, as you'll discover in the stories shared in this newsletter.

Shining for Our Community – Will's Generous Gesture

We love hearing stories that show what it means to shine for our community, and this one really made us smile.

Will recently won £1,000 in a draw at Great Ayton Football Club. Instead of spending it on himself, he decided to give the whole lot to the charity that his class helped just before Christmas! When asked why, his answer was simple:

"I just wanted to give it away to help others because I didn't need it. Money is just a thing."

What a brilliant example of kindness and thinking of others. It's a reminder that even when life gives us a little extra, we can use it to make a big difference.

Well done, Will – you've shown exactly what our vision looks like in action!

Alba Helps Our Dyslexic Learners Shine

You may remember a few newsletters ago we shared Alba's fantastic fundraising effort. She raised money and kindly donated it to school. After chatting with her, Alba was happy for us to decide how best to use it—and we chose something that would make a real difference. We bought some brilliant books to support our dyslexic learners. Stan, our Dyslexia Ambassador, gave them a big thumbs up and said they were awesome! Thank you Alba.

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.

January Online Safety Newsletter

We know that some children may have received new consoles or phones for Christmas, so this month's newsletter includes some really important guidance for families.

Inside, you'll find:

- ✓ Clear advice that children must be **13 or older to have an Instagram account**
- ✓ Tips for keeping children safe when **online gaming**
- ✓ Guidance on **Snapchat safety**

Please take a few minutes to read through—it's full of practical ideas to help keep our children safe online.



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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!

Also on the look out for...

The wonderful Miss Sellars has truly re-energised our children's lunchtimes. For example, she has introduced Funky Fridays, which the children absolutely love! This fun initiative mainly involves an outdoor disco – not only does it bring lots of smiles, but it also keeps everyone active and fit.

We are now looking to update the games in our quiet area and provide some props for drama on our stage (such as hats, wigs, bags, etc. – not full dressing-up costumes or clothes). If you are able to help by donating any suitable items or supporting us in any way, we would be very grateful.

Supporting the Environment – Recycle and Upcycle!

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH
Stokesley School
TS9 5AL
FREE PARKING (and lots of it!)

2-4pm

Find your new sustainable collection for 2026!



STOKESLEY MENDING CIRCLE

STITCH, ALTER, REVIVE,
REPAIR AND REWEAR YOUR
CLOTHES



DROP
IN
MENDING
AND
SEWING
ADVICE

8 DEC 2025
12 JAN 2026
9 FEB 2026
9 MAR 2026
13 APR 2026
11 MAY 2026

FREE - DONATIONS WELCOME TO COVER COSTS



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

Weds 25th March Parents' Meetings

Friday 27th March Break up for Easter

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/
- 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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