

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 22nd May



We are Golden!

We are extremely proud to share some fantastic news !

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises schools for their commitment to developing sport, competition and physical activity both within school and across the wider community. We are thrilled that our efforts have been recognised in this way.

This year, our pupils have:

- Taken part in a wide range of inter-school competitions
- Represented the school with enthusiasm, teamwork and determination
- Increased participation in sports clubs and active play
- Developed leadership skills as sports leaders and event helpers
- Enjoyed inclusive opportunities ensuring sport is accessible to all

We are incredibly proud of all the children who have represented the school.

A huge thank you goes to **Miss Edwards**, whose hard work, dedication and passion have driven sport forward across the school

This award reflects the commitment of our whole school community—and we are not stopping here!

Next year, we are aiming even higher as we work towards achieving the Platinum School Games Mark.

Walk to School Week

As you know, we have all been working hard to keep fit and healthy by walking or wheeling to school and helping the environment. Today, we were delighted to welcome Spike the Hedgehog, our road safety mascot, to congratulate us on our achievements and celebrate Walk to School Week.



National Numeracy Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated National Numeracy Day across school. The children enjoyed coming to school dressed with numbers and took part in a wide range of fun and engaging maths activities throughout the day.

Activities included number treasure hunts, problem-solving challenges and even creating their own number-themed haikus. Thanks to Mrs Kay for organising it.



More Shining Stars

A huge congratulations to Zac, Harry, Oscar and Jack, who have all just signed for Great Ayton U6s.

Well done, boys – we are really proud of you!

We also want to celebrate the achievements of Tom and Wilf, who have been competing this week in the BMX World Cup in Montpellier. The boys have been training and riding alongside both the British and American BMX teams, and by all accounts are quickly becoming celebrities!. Watch out, Olympics!



Staff News

It's been lovely to see Mrs Johnson back in school recently, and we are very pleased to welcome both Mrs Johnson and Mrs Talkington back after half term. Mrs Johnson will be teaching Year 5 in the mornings, and we know the children are delighted to have her with them.

Last week we shared the news that our cook, Mrs Atkinson, will be retiring. We are very grateful for all her hard work and care over the years.

With mixed feelings we would like to let you know that Mrs Gail Atkinson, who has been a much-valued HLTA in school for over 20 years, will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Atkinson has supported so many children and staff during her time here and will be greatly missed.

We thank her sincerely for everything she has given to the school and wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

Rising Stars News

Our Rising Stars club is a welcoming and enjoyable place for children from nursery through to year six.

Filled with smiles, laughter and fun activities the club provides a safe, happy and caring environment.

Whether the children are building, creating, playing games, reading or spending time with friends there is always something fun to enjoy!

For more information leaflets are available from the school office or pop along and speak to Ange or Sally during club times.



Nursery Open Morning



'Shine among them like stars lighting up the sky'

Kirkby and Great Broughton Nursery

We invite you to ...

AN OPEN MORNING

Saturday 4th July

11:00am - 12:00pm

Discover our amazing classroom and
explore the vibrant outdoor space

STAY AND PLAYS

Book a time to stay and play
9:00 - 10:00am on
any Tuesday or Thursday in June
or call us for a 1-1 tour



email [admin@kirkby-
in-cleveland.n-yorks
sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirkby-in-cleveland.n-yorks.sch.uk)

or phone 01642 712687



If you know anyone with nursery age children, please do share the information about chances to visit and see our lovely nursery in action. We welcome children from 3 and can provide wraparound care from 7.45-6pm.

Safeguarding News

Online Safety Newsletter

June's newsletter covers popular apps, online scams, and digital footprints, with tips to help children stay safe. It highlights risks such as stranger contact, fake offers, and inappropriate content, and reminds parents to check privacy settings, talk regularly with children, and use parental controls. Please do have a read.



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Dates for Diaries

1-5th June Year 6 residential

17th and 19th July Secure Roots visit school

23rd June KS1 trip

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

Friday 3rd July pm Y6 event- save the date Year 6 parents :)

6th-10th July National Sports Week

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

14th July Y5 and 6 Visit Stokesley School Adams Family

Weds 8th Transition day for rest of school

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

Little Brushes

Holiday Art Workshop

Tuesday 26th May, 1.30-4pm

'Little Pet Homes'

Come and join us to create and decorate a little pet home using fabric, paint, and collage materials.

Great Broughton Village Hall.
TS9 7AE

If your child loves to be creative and likes to draw, paint, colour, cut and collage then come to Little Brushes art classes. The aim is to have a go and more importantly have fun!

Age 5+
£18 per child

(Please note this is a drop of class, adults are fully qualified with first aid training and DBS checked)

Workshops fill up very quickly so please secure your place with payment in advance.

All materials will be included with a snack and drink at half time. Please wear old clothes or an apron as it can get quite messy.

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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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