

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 8th May

Balance Bikes for our Early Years

Reception and Nursery had a fantastic time on Monday taking part in a balance bike session. The children were full of excitement as they developed their cycling skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Throughout the session, they learned how to balance, steer and control their speed, with many children growing in confidence as they practised. It was wonderful to see such determination and enthusiasm, with children encouraging one another and celebrating each other's successes.

The session not only helped to develop their physical coordination and gross motor skills, but also boosted their confidence and independence. A great time was had by all, and we are very proud of their efforts!



A visit from Chicks

The younger children enjoyed a wonderful surprise when a group of newborn chicks came to visit. The children were incredibly excited and showed great care and gentleness as they observed and handled them. Thank you to Mrs Anderson for bringing the chicks in—this hands-on experience was an excellent addition to the children's life-cycle work.



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.

Walk or Wheel News

Walk or Wheel to School – Well Done Year 4!

A huge well done to Year 4, our *Walk or Wheel to School Champions* this week, with an impressive 91% of pupils travelling to school actively!

Here's how the rest of the school did:

Y2- 90%

Y4/5-91%

Y1- 86%

Y3- 78%

R-65%

Y6- 47%

339 Active Trips Taken



Shining Sport Stars

Children from Years 4 and 5 have been taking part in cluster cricket events over the past few weeks. They have really enjoyed developing new skills, working as a team, and showing great sportsmanship throughout. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm they brought to each session.



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/>

Some requests please

Birthday Treats

We know how much children enjoy celebrating their birthdays with their friends in school, and we always love to mark these special occasions. However, due to the wide range of allergies across the school, it can be difficult to safely share food items.

We kindly ask that you do not send in sweets, cakes, or other treats for birthdays. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep all children safe.

PE Kit Reminder – Warmer Weather

As the weather becomes warmer, we are seeing more children coming into school wearing shorts for PE, which is absolutely fine.



However, we do ask that shorts are knee-length or just above the knee. This helps to maintain a smart appearance and also ensures children are comfortable when sitting on plastic chairs for longer periods of time.

Alternatively, children are welcome to wear black tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Healthy Playtime Snacks

As part of promoting a healthy lifestyle in school, we kindly ask that KS2 children bring only **healthy snacks** for playtime (Nursery to Y2 are provided with fruit)

Suitable options include:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apples, bananas, grapes)
- Vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber)
- Dairy items (e.g. cheese, yoghurt)

Please avoid sending crisps, chocolate, sweets or sugary snacks.

Thank you for your support in helping us encourage healthy choices for all children.

Safeguarding News

Online Safety Newsletter

Read May's newsletter for information about:

- **FreezeNova:** Some games and chats may be unsafe. Check what your child plays.
- **Group Chats:** Risks include bullying and strangers. Use controls and talk with your child.
- **Roblox:** New age-based accounts and better parental controls.
- **Screen Time:** Under 5s should have less than 1 hour/day; none for under 2s.
- **Looksmaxxing:** Trend about appearance with online risks.
- **PEGI Ratings:** Games will show more info about risks and features.

Keep your child safe online—stay informed!



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Virtual Parent/Carer Information Session

Please find below the link to the recording and presentation of the Parent/Carer session that we told you about on the last newsletter,

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12UgzMQhBnYjiCF9m0pD6lv05MU7tCTz4>

There is also a copy of the video here for those who would prefer to watch it via a browser.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-carer-session-may-2026/>

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)

Friday 4th July pm Y6 event- save the date Year 6 parents :)

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



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.

contact: Sara Lusvardi 07794689421
email: littlebrushes.artclub@gmail.com




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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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