Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 20th November 2026



Remembrance

As a school community, we came together last week to mark Remembrance and to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served, and continue to serve, our country.

The whole school observed a respectful two-minute silence, providing a valuable opportunity for children to pause, reflect and show their respect. Year 6 and their Reception buddies also visited the church , where they reflected on the importance of remembrance and and viewed the beautiful poppy display.

It was also wonderful to see so many of our children taking part in the Stokesley Remembrance Sunday Parade. We have enjoyed seeing the photographs and hearing about their involvement in such an important community event. We are incredibly proud of the respect, maturity and sense of

community shown by all of our children as they helped honour those who have given so much for others.







Children in Need News

Wow! In true Kirkby and Great Broughton style, our children absolutely smashed this challenge! Between them they ran just over 300 miles! Not only that but together we have raised £398 for Children in Need! Well done everyone and thank you for your support.



Year 6 News- Bikeability and Crucial Crew

Over the last two weeks, our Year six pupils have been busy taking part in two important enrichment opportunities.

Year 6 have started Bikeability, the national cycle training programme that helps children develop the skills and confidence to ride safely on today's roads. Throughout the course, pupils will learn essential cycling skills, including road awareness, signalling, positioning and how to make safe decisions when cycling independently.

They also attended Crucial Crew, a multi-agency safety event designed to help young people prepare for some of the challenges they may face as they move towards secondary school. Through a range of interactive workshops, children learned about keeping themselves safe in a variety of situations, including road safety, online safety, personal wellbeing, emergency situations and making positive choices.

The children represented the school brilliantly and gained valuable knowledge and skills that will help them stay safe both now and in the future.





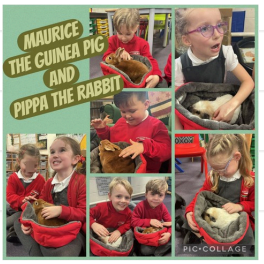


Year 1 have some special visitors

Year 1 had a fantastic visit from Aquatic Fanatic as part of their science learning. The children had the opportunity to meet a range of animals up close and learn about their habitats, diets and unique characteristics. The hands-on experience brought their classroom learning to life and helped develop their understanding of living things and really enriched their Science curriculum.







PTA News

You should have received information about upcoming exciting evets organised by our PTA. See below for information.







Welcome Miss Clark and Mrs Calvert

Last week we said goodbye, good luck and thank you to Mrs Lackenby, who has been a valued MSA at our school for the past few years. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication and wish her every success for the future.

This week, we are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Mrs Calvert has joined us as our Kitchen Assistant, employed by North Yorkshire, and Miss Clark has joined us as our new Midday Supervisory Assistant.

A very warm welcome to both of them. We are delighted to have you as part of the KGB family!

Rising Stars News

Our Rising Stars children have been busy appreciating the wonderful colours of autumn with lots of fun, creativity and imagination.
The children came together to create, design and decorate our beautiful autumn wreath sharing the message;
“Like autumn leaves we are unique. Together we make our world complete”.
If you would like to come and join our club, information leaflets are available from the front office or why not pop along and speak to Ange or Sally during breakfast club (07:45 - 08:45) or after school club (15:15 - 18:00).







Community Pharmacies

We have been asked to share the following

Community Pharmacies and Winter Health
As we move into the winter months, community pharmacies can provide fast and convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment, helping children get the support they need quickly and reducing time away from school.
Many parents are unaware of the range of NHS services available from their local pharmacy, including **NHS Pharmacy First**
Parents can take children aged at least **1 year and over** directly to a participating pharmacy for assessment and treatment of common conditions without needing a GP appointment. This includes:

- **Earache (ages 1-17)**
- **Sore throat (ages 5 years and over)**
- **Sinusitis (ages 12 years and over)**
- Impetigo
- Infected insect bites
- Shingles
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women aged 16-64

Pharmacists can provide advice and, where appropriate, supply NHS-funded prescription medicines.
Minor Illness Advice Pharmacists can offer expert advice on managing:

- Coughs and colds
- Fever
- Chickenpox
- Hay fever and allergies

- Sickness and diarrhoea
- Head lice
- Mild skin conditions

Childhood Vaccinations While routine childhood vaccinations are delivered through GP practices, pharmacies can help families access information about seasonal vaccinations and signpost to local services.

Preventing Illness Over Winter Community pharmacy teams can provide advice on:

- Managing winter viruses
- Healthy eating and hydration
- Supporting children with asthma and other long-term conditions
- Appropriate use of medicines

Advice for the Whole Family Many pharmacies also provide services for adults, including flu vaccinations, blood pressure checks, contraception services, and NHS advice on staying well during winter. **Most pharmacies offer walk-in consultations with no appointment required, making them an accessible first point of contact when a child becomes unwell.**

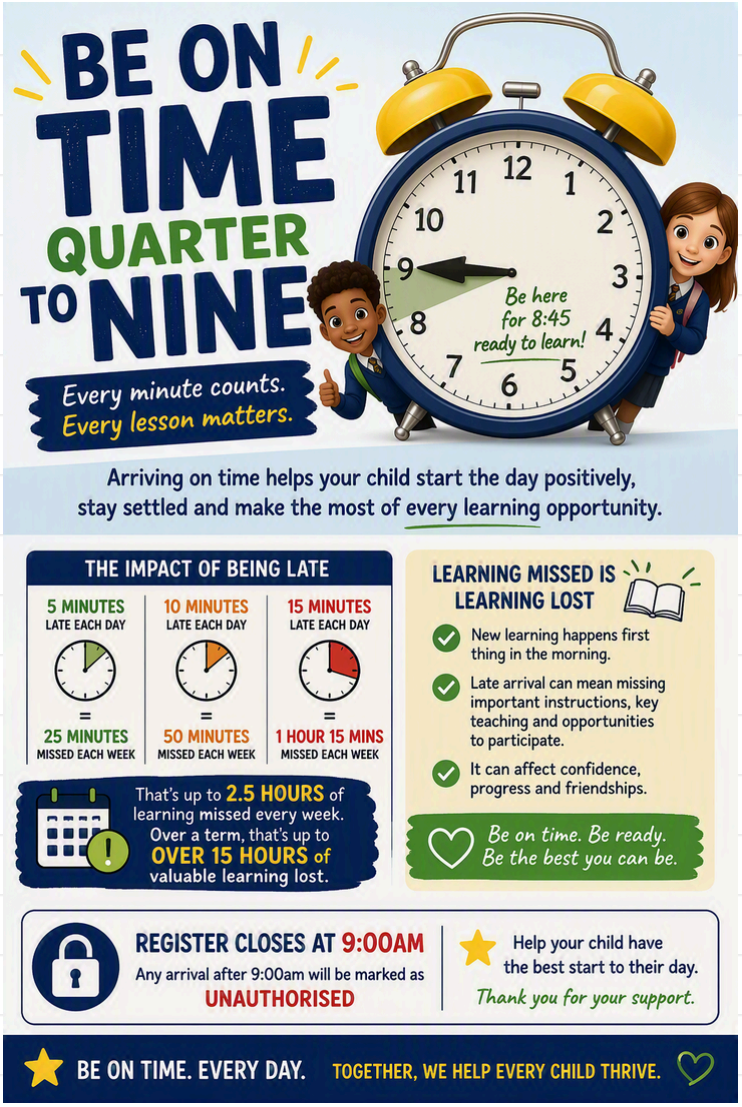
Parents can find their nearest pharmacy and available services by visiting the NHS website at: www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy

Community pharmacies play an important role in supporting families and helping children stay healthy, reducing the need for GP appointments and helping children remain in school whenever possible. Further information is available at New patient-facing website to promote NHS pharmacy clinical services - Community Pharmacy England

Attendance and Lateness

Lateness

Just a reminder that learning in our school starts at 8.45. Please do try to be on time as key skills are revised at this time such as phonics, maths key facts and handwriting. As you can see below, even 5 minutes makes a difference. Lateness will be monitored closely and teachers may be in touch. Thank you



Term time holidays

A reminder that schools are unable to authorise holidays during term time except in very exceptional circumstances. Requests for family holidays will normally be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Parents should be aware that 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from North Yorkshire. Further information can be found on the reverse of the leave of absence application form.

Good attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and progress. It is also an important aspect of Ofsted inspections. Attendance levels contribute to inspectors' evaluation of a school's culture, expectations and pupils' behaviour. With our next Ofsted inspection due this academic year, every day in school counts. As a school, we work hard to provide an exciting and engaging curriculum. However, if attendance across the school falls, this can have a negative impact on our overall outcomes and may affect how Ofsted judges aspects of our provision, including attendance, behaviour and pupils' personal development.

We therefore ask all families to prioritise school attendance wherever possible, avoid taking holidays during term time, and ensure children arrive punctually each day. By working together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to succeed and ensure our school continues to thrive.

Thank you for your support in helping every child make the most of their education by being in school every day, ready to learn.

Safeguarding News

November's Online Safety Newsletter

Please take a few moments to read this month's online safety newsletter. It contains important information for parents about current online risks, including online grooming, harmful online communities known as COM networks, WhatsApp channels, parental controls, and the growing trend of"rage bait" content designed to provoke strong reactions online.
Technology and online trends change rapidly, and staying informed is one of the best ways to help keep children safe. The newsletter also includes practical advice, warning signs to look out for, and useful resources to support conversations at home. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to read the full newsletter.

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October Newsletter

This month's Online Safety Newsletter highlights a number of current online trends and potential risks for children, including the use of AI companion apps, Discord, CapCut and content that may appear suitable for children but contains inappropriate themes. It also provides practical advice for parents on setting parental controls, monitoring online activity and having regular conversations with children about staying safe online. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to read the newsletter and watch the accompanying video to help keep our children safe in an ever-changing digital world.

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Safeguarding Leads

For those new to school if you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs McCormick via the office. If she is unavailable, Miss Atkinson (Y3) and Mrs Gence (Reception) are our Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

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Dates for Diaries

Weds 2nd Dec 930: Nursery and Reception Nativity
Weds 2nd December 330: Christmas Fair at school
Weds 9th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 16th December: Christmas Service in church. All Welcome

Community News



Emma McCormick
Emma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters