

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 18th September 2026

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to walk around school over the last couple of weeks and see so many happy children settling back into their learning. The classrooms are already busy with enthusiasm, curiosity and lots of hard work. Our new children across school and in Nursery have settled well and we are delighted to have them in our school family.

This year, we will continue to place a strong emphasis on the key skills that underpin success across the curriculum, including mathematics, handwriting, phonics and spelling. These essential skills help children become confident, fluent learners and provide the foundations for future success.

Alongside this important work, there are some exciting topics planned across the school this term. Children will be exploring fascinating areas of history such as World War II, the Vikings and the Monarchy, bringing the past to life through engaging lessons, visits and activities.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year of learning and achievement and thank you for your continued support. Together, we can ensure every child thrives and makes the most of the opportunities ahead.

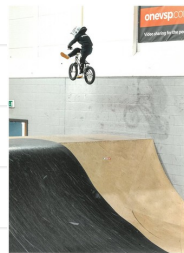
Ready to write

Let's sit up straight, feet nice and flat,
Tilt your paper - just like that!
Pinch your pencil, give it a flip,
Check your hold and then your grip.
Now we can begin to write,
But not too hard and not too light.



Congratulations

I am delighted to announce that over the holidays, Wilf in Year 4 was crowned British BMX champion, with Tom being the runner up! What an amazing achievement.



Well done from North Yorkshire

STARS Accreditation Success!

Your efforts last year in choosing to walk, wheel or scoot to school have been recognised by North Yorkshire. We are delighted to have received a STARS Accreditation Award, celebrating our commitment to promoting active and sustainable travel.

This achievement reflects the fantastic support from our children, parents and staff. By choosing active ways to travel to school, you are helping to improve health and wellbeing, reduce traffic and congestion around school, and support the environment.

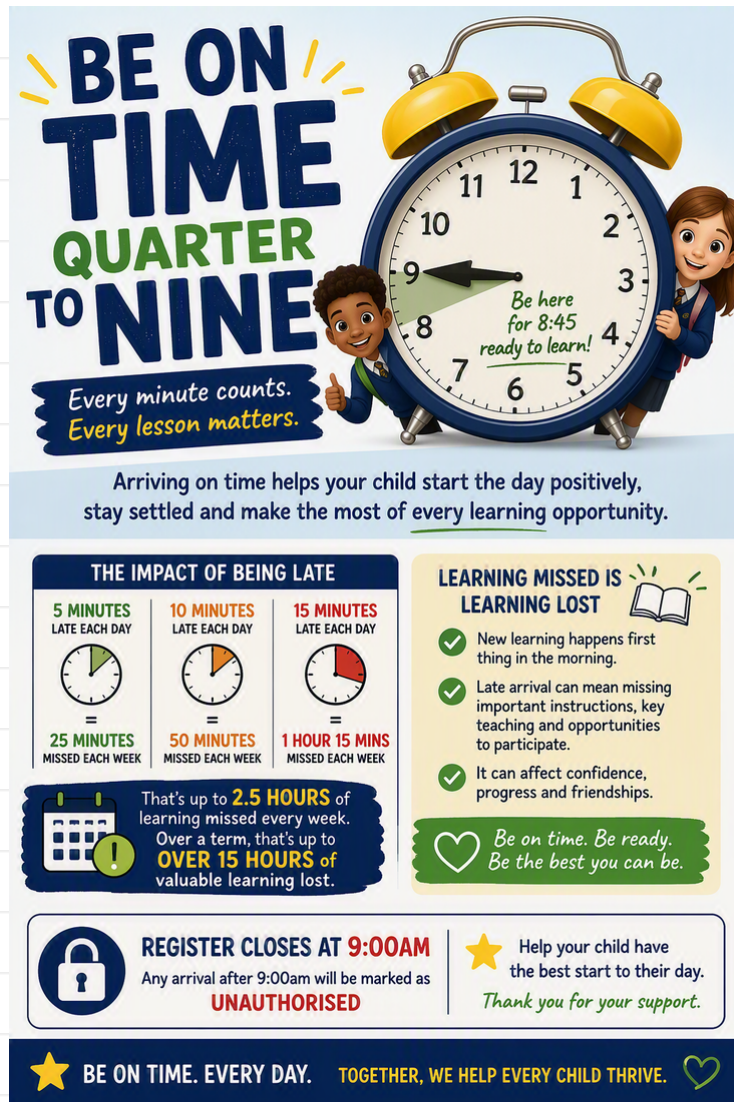
A huge well done to everyone who played a part in achieving this award. Let's keep up the great work and continue making active travel a positive part of our school community.



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



BE ON TIME
QUARTER TO NINE

Every minute counts.
Every lesson matters.

Arriving on time helps your child start the day positively, stay settled and make the most of every learning opportunity.

THE IMPACT OF BEING LATE		
5 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY	10 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY	15 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY
		
= 25 MINUTES MISSED EACH WEEK	= 50 MINUTES MISSED EACH WEEK	= 1 HOUR 15 MINS MISSED EACH WEEK

That's up to **2.5 HOURS** of learning missed every week.
Over a term, that's up to **OVER 15 HOURS** of valuable learning lost.

LEARNING MISSED IS LEARNING LOST

- ✓ New learning happens first thing in the morning.
- ✓ Late arrival can mean missing important instructions, key teaching and opportunities to participate.
- ✓ It can affect confidence, progress and friendships.

Be on time. Be ready.
Be the best you can be.

REGISTER CLOSES AT 9:00AM
Any arrival after 9:00am will be marked as **UNAUTHORISED**

Help your child have the best start to their day.
Thank you for your support.

BE ON TIME. EVERY DAY. TOGETHER, WE HELP EVERY CHILD THRIVE.

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.

Road Closure Next Week

Please do leave extra travel time next week if you come to school via The Holme area of Great Broughton. There is a planned road closure. The diversion is via the Industrial estate and into Kirkby or even better- park and stride :) Thank you.

Job Opportunities

North Yorkshire are advertising to local jobs. One here as Kitchen Assistant and one at Carlton as cook. (See links below) Please do pass on to anyone you think may be interested.

[Catering Assistant](#)

[Cook](#)

Safeguarding News

Online Safety Newsletter

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to read this month's online safety newsletter. It contains useful advice about keeping children safe online, including information about social media, online privacy, artificial intelligence (AI) and parental controls.

As highlighted in Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), online safety remains a key safeguarding priority. Children are accessing online content at younger ages and it is important that families work together with school to promote safe and responsible use of technology.

A useful reminder for parents is that most social media platforms, including WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok and Facebook, have a minimum age requirement of 13 years old. These age limits are designed to help protect children from content and online interactions that may not be suitable for younger users.

Please take a few moments to read the newsletter and discuss online safety with your child. Regular conversations at home are one of the best ways to help children stay safe online.

Together, we can ensure our children enjoy the benefits of technology safely and responsibly.

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.



Dates for Diaries

Monday 21st September Individual photographs. Siblings not attending school can come from 830

Wednesday 30th September 9.15 Bible Service in school. Year 3 parents welcome

Weds 14th October: Harvest service in St Augustine's Church. All welcome

Friday 16th October 330: Heart Restart- Resuscitation training for adults and children. Free . All welcome

Weds 21st October: Parent's meetings with teachers. Info to follow

Friday 23rd October: Training Day (Children not at school)

Tuesday 10th November am. Year 6 Crucial Crew

pm: KS2 Cross Country

Weds 16th December: Christmas Service in church. All Welcome



Emma McCormick

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