Kirby Hill C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

All things are possible for one who believes (Mark 9:23)

Friday 11th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. The children have settled back in brilliantly, and it has been a calm and enthusiastic beginning. Behaviour in school this week has been excellent, and the children should feel very proud of consistently being ready, respectful, safe and kind. They also look very smart in their uniforms - thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting us with this.

Thank you to the families who sent in postcards from their travels far and wide this summer. It has been wonderful to share these in school, and they will be displayed for all the children to read and enjoy.

Kitchen:
A new temporary menu has been sent via ParentPay following some issues with the kitchen equipment. A huge thank you to our kitchen staff, who have been working incredibly hard to ensure that the children continue to enjoy tasty and nutritious meals.

Welcome:
This week, we were delighted to welcome three new members of staff to Team Kirby Hill: Mrs Stapylton, Mrs Walker and Ms Walsh. They have already settled in so well and have been made to feel incredibly welcome by both the children and staff. We are very lucky to have them join our team and look forward to all they will bring to our school community. We would also like to give a warm welcome to Mr Langley from JuniorJam, who will be teaching Computing to children from Years 1-6. We are delighted to have them all as part of our team and wish them a very happy and successful start with us.

A big welcome to our new friends in Anning Nursery and Anning Reception! We have been so impressed with how brilliantly they have started life at 'big school' and how warmly they have been welcomed by the other children. It has been wonderful to see such care and kindness being shown to them.

A huge thank you and well done to our Year 5 and 6 Big Buddies, who we could not be prouder of. They have stepped up to their important role in school brilliantly. Our little buddies love having their Big Buddies to help and support them – what wonderful teamwork!

Welcome also to the three families who have joined us in Year 5 this week. We hope you already feel very much part of Team Kirby Hill.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Miss Welburn
Headteacher

Role Model Award Winners

Well done to the following children who are living the 'Kirby Hill way' and showing they are always:
Ready, Respectful, Safe, Kind.

La'Niyah (R), Quinn (R),
Amber (Y2),

Effort Shield

The Kirby Hill Effort Shield is an amazing award to receive as it shows that particular children have valued their learning and fulfilled our school vision:
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Well done to:
Oscar (1)

Dates for your Diary

A full list of dates for the year was sent this w
Some upcoming dates are below.

W/C 7th+ 14th September - Class Meetings
15th September - Whole School International Dot Day
21st September - Reading and Phonics Information Session: "Supporting your child with their reading" meeting for Rec & Y1 parents, **5.00 – 6.00 pm**
25th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning straight after Celebration Assembly. All parents & carers welcome to join Einstein Class in the hall.
28th September - Harvest Festival in School
30th September - Tempest Photography in school for families and individual photos
October - Black History Month
5th-9th October - Children's Mental Health Week.
7th October - EYFS Stay and Play 9-10am
8th October -Parents' Evening 1
9th October - Wear Yellow – World Mental Health Day
8th, 9th, 12th October Bikeability
12th October - Y6 Applications open for Reception places 2026
13th October - Parents Evening 2
16th October - Walk to School Day TBC
19th October - Reception Welcome Service with Rev. Claire – Parents/Carers invited – 2.15pm
23rd October INSET Day 2
24th October – 1st November Half Term.
31st October – Closing Date for secondary school places
2nd November – Autumn Craft Competition.

Kirby Hill C of E Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all the children in school. If you have a concern about a child please speak to Miss Welburn (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Houghton/ Mrs Adkin (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

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Meet the Teacher Class Meetings

Thank you to the families who were able to join Bell and Darwin Class teachers for their parent information sessions this week. Remaining Class teachers will be holding short 10-minute meetings straight after school next week in the children's classroom to discuss routines, homework, and expectations. If you cannot attend, all information will be shared on the class webpages:

- **Monday 14th September** Canady Class (Year 2/3)
- **Tuesday 15th September:** Einstein Class (Year 5/6)
- **Wednesday 16th September:** Anning Class (EYFS)

If you wish to contact the class teacher at any time, please contact the school office or speak directly with the teacher. Teachers are keen to listen and help ensure your child has a successful year.

PE Days

Anning Class: Tuesday (PE kit to be worn to school)
Bell Class: Monday & Tuesday (PE kit to be worn to school)
Canady Class: Wednesday & Friday (PE kit to be worn to school)
Darwin Class: Monday (PE kit to be worn to school)
Wednesday - Y4 Swimming (school uniform worn; swimming kit to be brought)
Einstein Class: Wednesday & Friday (PE kit to be worn to school)

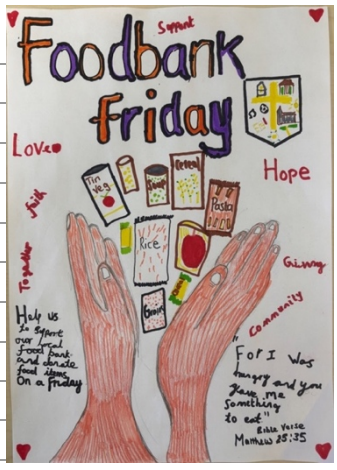
FOODBANK FRIDAYS

Each week, a different class is challenged to help fill our foodbank donation box.

Donations are welcome from all families. Whether it's an item from your cupboard that's in date but not needed, or something bought on your next supermarket trip with the children using their own pocket money.

Will your class fill the box?

18th September	Einstein
25th September	Darwin
2nd October	Canady
9th October	Bell
16th October	Anning
6th November	Einstein
13th November	Darwin
20th November	Canady
27th November	Bell
4th December	Anning



Parking at Church

Please help us look after our Church Green 🌿

We are very grateful to **All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill**, for kindly allowing families from school to use the green for parking. This is a generous gesture from the church and one that we would very much like to be able to continue.

As the weather becomes wetter, please be mindful that **the green should not be used when it is wet and, in particular, when the cones or bollards are in place.** We know that some larger vehicles, including 4x4s, may be able to drive across the grass without getting stuck; however, doing so can cause significant damage and churn up the green.

Please do not move or drive around the cones or bollards. They are there to protect the grass when the ground is too wet to take vehicles.

Thank you for helping us to look after this lovely shared space and, importantly, to ensure that we do not risk losing the kind arrangement that the church has offered to our school families.

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Young Voices: Sheffield Arena

Children in Years 4/5/6 all have the opportunity to attend Young Voices in February. This is an optional extra-curricular visit and in addition to class trips this year. There are a limited number of spaces on this trip – please see the original letter sent out – deadline is next week.

Remaining spaces will be offered to Year 3 children in choir after this date and final numbers need to be submitted to Young Voices asap.

It may feel early to be thinking about February, but **parent/carer tickets for this event sell out extremely quickly**, so we are encouraging families to sign up as soon as possible.

Please refer to the letter sent out for more information.

To sign up, simply secure your place via ParentPay all **Years 4–6** are welcome.

You will then be sent a link to secure their place in the choir directly with Young Voices - the link for this will be sent out in groups. Families must complete it in this order as all spaces have to be verified.

After School Clubs

Please see the timetable for planned clubs this term.

There has been a delay in some of our sports clubs returning. As some of you may know, the government announced changes to Sports Funding in the Summer Term – the timing of this announcement left sport education companies, who work with schools, in a state of uncertainly leading to staffing and operational challenges. We're very lucky to be continuing to work with our usual external agencies and we thank you for your patience as these will begin again soon over the next couple of weeks.

Clubs

We are delighted to have a vast range of clubs for the Autumn term:

Monday	**Multi-Skills and Games** (Led by Mr Vitali - Sporting Influence) 3.15 - 4.15pm Y1,2,3 sign up link coming soon – Starts week 4
Tuesday	**Sewing Club** (Y1-6) (Led by Mrs Wise) 3.15 - 4.15pm Forms in office – starts next week **Multi-Skills and Games** (Y1-6) (Led by Harrogate Town AFC) 3.15 - 4.15pm sign up link coming soon – club starts week 3
Wednesday	**Multi-Skills and Games** (Led by Mr Vitali - Sporting Influence) For Y4,5,6 Darwin and Einstein Pupils **3.15 - 4.15pm** sign up link coming soon – Starts week 4 Forest School club – All years 1-6 – limited spaces – sign up via Parent pay.
Thursday	**KS2 Choir** (3.15-4pm) – Miss Welburn (Free) sign up now full – please contact the office to be added to the waiting list.
Friday	**Girls' Football Club (Y2-6)** (Led by Mr Simpson - FA Coach) 3.15 - 4.15pm sign up link sent – starts next week

School Wraparound Care.

Reflective of increasing costs, our school wraparound care charges will be increasing in the Autumn 2 half-term:
Breakfast Club 7.45am – 8.45am £5.50 including breakfast
After School Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm £5.50 including snack
3.15pm – 5.15pm £11.00 including snack
3.15pm – 5.45pm £13.00 including snack
For families where there is more than one child attending, the first place will be charged at full price but every sibling after that will have a 20% decrease in charge.

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Remembering Christine Millett

It is with great sadness that I begin this new school year by sharing the news that Christine Millett, a former and long-serving governor of Kirby Hill, died during the summer following a short illness.

I know only some of you knew Christine well, but I can say with confidence that everyone in the Kirby Hill community has benefited from her contribution and dedication over the many years she served our school.

Christine cared deeply about children and the people who teach and care for them. She dedicated her career to education, first as a teacher and then as a school inspector. Her wealth of experience, coupled with her passion, made her a tremendous asset to our school; we were lucky to have her serve on our board of governors. Above all, Christine had a very clear moral compass. Whatever the issue, Christine would always bring us back to what was genuinely in the best interests of our pupils and staff.

Christine was laser-focussed on safeguarding and child welfare. She demanded the highest standards from us, and her leadership helped shape the strong safeguarding practice we cherish at Kirby Hill today. It feels particularly poignant, therefore, as we begin another year with the safety and wellbeing of our children at the heart of everything we do, that Christine is so much in our thoughts. Her wisdom, her tenacity and her determination to do the right thing have become part of the culture of Kirby Hill, and that is a remarkable legacy.

David Orr - Chair of Governors

Reception 2027 open Days

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TO BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR

PLEASE EMAIL: ADMIN@KIRBYHILL.N-YORKS.SCH.UK

OR CALL: 01423 322713

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"**Pupils thrive** because of the **high-quality support** they receive."

Ofsted 2026

"**Strong personal development** and **wellbeing** which "consistently **develops pupils' character** and a **secure sense of belonging** within the school and the local community."

Ofsted 2026

"Pupils feel valued from the moment they arrive."

Ofsted 2026

Parents value the "**culture of care and compassion",** and say that **pupils are "known and loved as the unique person they are."**

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Read our report

Find us on Facebook:
Kirby Hill C of E Primary School

at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

Sunday 11th January

10.30am – 11.45am

We welcome all children, young people and parents, and look forward to seeing you!

For further information please email:
allsaintskh@gmail.com

SEND COFFEE CATCH-UPS

WE'RE HOLDING A SERIES OF INFORMAL COFFEE CATCH-UPS ACROSS THE SCHOOL YEAR, WITH A FOCUS ON SUPPORTING FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SEND (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES). THESE SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS – WHETHER YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS IDENTIFIED NEEDS, YOU HAVE CONCERNS, OR YOU'D JUST LIKE TO LEARN MORE AND JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

THESE SESSIONS ARE A CHANCE TO:

- MEET AND CHAT WITH OTHER PARENTS WHO ARE ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY
- SHARE EXPERIENCES - THE CHALLENGES AS WELL AS THE CELEBRATIONS
- SPEAK WITH OUR SENDCO AND ASK QUESTIONS
- OFFER FEEDBACK, FIND OUT ABOUT SUPPORT AVAILABLE, AND DISCOVER SIGNPOSTING TO OTHER SERVICES

EACH COFFEE MORNING WILL START WITH A SHORT UPDATE ON SCHOOL PROCESSES AND SEND DEVELOPMENTS.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND EVEN IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE AN IDENTIFIED ADDITIONAL NEED, BUT YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR DEVELOPMENT OR LEARNING NEED.

Dates:

Wednesday 7th October (2pm-3pm):
Friday 27th November (9.30am-10.30am)
Tuesday 19th January (8.45am-9.45am)
Tuesday 16th February (8.45am-9.45am)
Friday 21st May (9.30am-10.30am)
Wednesday 6th July (2pm-3pm)

A Microsoft Forms sign up link will be shared prior to each Coffee Catch up.

We hope to see you there!
Miss Welburn (Headteacher) & Mrs Adkin (SENDCO)

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HATCHLINGS MINIS RUGBY
NEW SEASON!
FIRST THREE SESSIONS FREE!
#THEHATCHLINGSWAY
NEW SEASON!
JOIN THE HATCHLINGS!
WHEN:
Every Monday in September
TIME:
6pm – 7pm
WHERE:
The Jim Saynor Ground
Station View, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG2 7JA
AGE:
RECEPTION TO Y3
EVERYONE WELCOME!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
LEARN. PLAY. GROW. TOGETHER.
BASIC SKILLS
DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND FUNDAMENTALS
FUN & GAMES
ENGAGING ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
INCLUSIVITY
EVERYONE WELCOME, EVERYONE VALUED
CONFIDENCE & ENJOYMENT
AND MEMORIES
START THE NEW TERM THE PYTHONS WAY
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