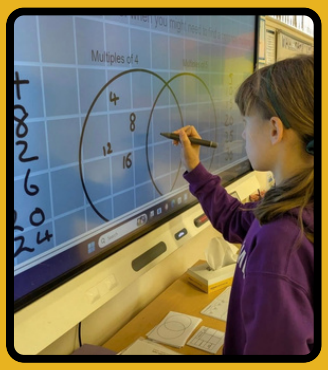
Autumn Term Week 8

Headlines

From little sparkles to shining stars....

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As we reach the end of another busy half-term, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for a fantastic few weeks! We have enjoyed so many wonderful experiences together, and the children have worked hard, learned lots and made us very proud.

If you're celebrating Halloween, have fun and stay safe! Please also remember the important firework safety lessons our firefighters shared with us – keep yourselves and your grown-ups safe!

We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another exciting half-term. A big thank you from Mrs Turner, myself and all the staff. Have a wonderful break!

Parking Reminder

I know it can be frustrating at drop-off and pick up, but please try to arrive in good time: please don't park over neighbours drives or across the zebra crossing by the pre-school. Keep yourselves and the children safe. Thank you.

After 8 weeks of hard work, the children are most certainly ready for a rest, but before we break up I wanted to note their wonderful attitude, behaviour and confidence, not just over the two days of our inspection this week, but the half-term.

This week I could not have been prouder of them. Thank you also for taking the time to share your thoughts on the school on the Parent View platform - the response was incredibly heart-warming. It's been an intense few days and the school's report will be available to share just before Christmas.

Important message for parents of Year 6 children

As of this week, there are still more than 15 of our Year 6 children who have not submitted their Year 7 applications for high school placements. The closing date is 31st October 2026. Kirklees parents/carers can apply via the Parent Portal - Kirklees Council. Applying after the deadline reduces the chance of being allocated a place a preferred secondary school.

STANDOUT SHOUTOUT BREAKOUT

Eco-Schools Distinction | 2025 - 2026









Parents Evening

Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th November.

Parents Evening spots are now live to book on School Spider. As you will know, it's a busy few evenings and each child will have a ten minute slot. If you usually book two appointments as a result of your own family circumstances, please be aware that each parent will have a shorter five minute slot. Many thanks

Disco

Thank you for your attendance at the Disco last night, especially if you volunteered to help. Without those of you who volunteer and those who send their children, we wouldn't raise as much money as we do towards school improvements. Last night we raised almost £1000.

Book Fair

We have finished counting up the pennies after the book fair earlier in the term, and we made over £1000 at the book fair this year so a big thank you! This will go a long way to keeping the book stock fresh and engaging.

Safeguarding Arrangements

Please ensure that if your child is in Reception or years 1 to 4 that you inform school by telephone or email, if someone other than the expected adult is collecting them. Please inform school in good time. If it is a late change, please ring us on 01484 850671. Thank you.

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We still have spaces left in the following clubs:

Afterschool Club Autumn Term 2 2026

Monday	Kirk Jacobs	Footy Tots	Y1&Y2	20 pupils	5 weeks	2nd November - 14th December 2026. Excluding 9th November (Parents evening) & 30th November (School closed).	£18.75
Monday	Lorna Butters	Arty Explorers	Y1 - Y6	20 pupils	5 weeks	2nd November - 14th December 2026. Excluding 9th November (Parents evening) & 30th November (School closed).	FULL
Wednesday	Mrs Henderson	Netball	Y5-Y6	20 pupils	6 weeks	4th November - 16th December 2026. Excluding 11th November (Parents evening)	£6.00
Wednesday	Rick Fox	Football academy & Sports Club	Y3 - Y6	20 pupils	6 weeks	4th November - 16th December 2026. Excluding 11th November (Parents evening)	£22.50
Thursday	Rick Fox	Go Girls! Football	KS2 Girls	20 pupils	7 weeks	5th November - 17th November 2026	£26.25
Friday	Kirk Jacobs	Multi Sports	Y2 - Y6	20 pupils	5 weeks	5th November - 17th November 2026. Excluding 27th November (School closed) & 4th December (School fair).	£18.75

UNIFORM EXCHANGE



We now have our very own rack of new and nearly new school uniform, kindly provided by **Uniform Exchange**. The rack will make its debut at our Book Fair, starting this afternoon in the hall after school. You are welcome to help yourself to any items you need — completely FREE of charge. Please take only what you need right now, so that we can make sure there is enough for everyone who may benefit. A huge thank you to Uniform Exchange for helping us to provide this fantastic resource for our families!



Dates for your Diary

Please note that changes may be made to the advertised dates.

- **Mon 2nd Nov** - school reopens for the new half-term
- **Mon 9th Nov** - Anti Bullying Week in school
- **Mon 9th Nov**- Parents Evening
- **Wed 11th Nov** - Parents Evening
- **Mon 16th Nov** - Y6 trip to Robin Wood
- **Thurs 19th Nov**- Sing up! assembly
- **Fri 27th Nov** - School Closed for teacher training
- **Mon 30th Nov** - School closed for teacher training
- **Fri 4th Dec** - FOM School Christmas Fair (TBC and details to follow)
- **Wed 9th Dec** - KS1 Christmas performances to parents (TBC)
- **Thurs 10th Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- **Mon 14th Dec** - EYFS Nativity to parents (TBC and details to follow)
- **Wed 16th Dec** - Y3&4 Carols in St. Bart's Church (TBC and details to follow)
- **Fri 18th Dec** - Singing in the playground (9:15am) TBC
- **Fri 18th Dec** - School closes for Christmas
  Mon 4th Jan 2027 - School reopens for Spring Term

Attendance

Our whole school target is 96%

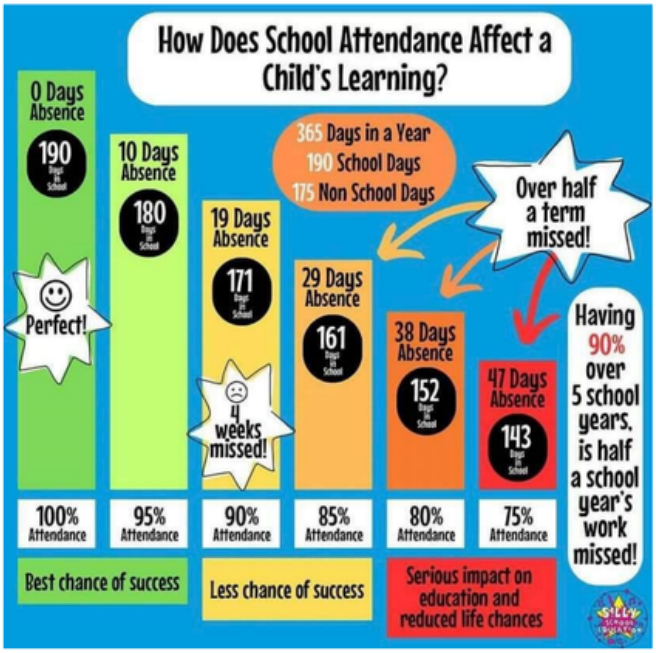
This week our whole school attendance was %

Congratulations to for attendance winners for the week: Class

Absence Requests

All requests for term-time absence should be submitted in writing on an absence request form in advance of any travel arrangements being made, and should be at least two weeks prior to the absence. This can be found on our website under the Parent Information, Attendance or requested from the school office.
Please be aware that there are very few exceptional circumstances for absence that Mr. Gibbins or Mrs. Turner can authorise.

Punctuality and attendance



This speaks for itself...

Please make sure you are on time and in school. Make sure you follow school procedures for illness which can be found on the attendance link under Parent Information on the website.

Remember that missed school also impacts on childrens' friendships and self-esteem and even arriving just 10 minutes late means crucial learning is missed and can leave children feeling singled out on entering class.

Jewellery in PE, Dance and Games

Please ensure your children do not come to school wearing earrings on PE days.

Please remove them before school to avoid time missed removing them, especially if your child is in Key Stage 1 or not yet able to do so themselves.

Many of the children wear retainers which are small plastic tubes which sit within the piercing to ensure holes do not close up and these are a great idea if this is a concern for you.

Please be aware that children may be asked to sit out of lessons if they are unable or reluctant to remove piercings.

PE is a very importanty art of our curriculum and we would appreciate your support in making sure the correct jewellery is worn at the correct times. Further guidance on uniform policy can be found, as ever, at the foot of this newsletter.





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We are on Instagram

Kirklees Families Together have asked schools to share the link below. Parenting can, I know very well, be hard at the best of times. At more difficult times, the challenges can sometimes feel insurmountable and on occasion, we all need help. The families together link shares a free online parenting class open to all: Free online parenting classes | Family Lives

Kirklees Families Together

Our School Uniform

At Meltham CE Primary we wear our uniform with pride. It gives us a sense of belonging to our school and creates an identity for our school in the community. We are very lucky because we are given the choice of 3 colours for our sweatshirts - red, blue and black. We can also wear shorts, trousers, a skirt or a dress - whatever we feel most comfortable in.

A uniform prevents children from having to worry about what clothing they should be wearing. When everyone wears the same clothes this acts as social leveller with children wearing the same uniform no matter what their family background or income.

If you need support with school uniform or other items, please ask at the office and/or come and have a look at our Uniform Exchange Rack in the hall.

Uniform

A sweatshirt or cardigan, in black, red or royal blue. It can be plain or embroidered with the school logo
A plain white polo shirt
Plain grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt
Practical plain black shoes
Black, white or grey socks or tights
In the warmer weather children may choose to wear school-style summer dresses in either blue or red
A warm and preferably waterproof coat in a plain dark colour for cold and wet weather playtimes.

PE Kit

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on the day they have their PE lesson

A plain white t-shirt (no logo)
Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms
A plain dark hoody
Black trainers/pumps
No sports kits, branded clothing or crop-tops are to be worn

Forest School

Plain dark coloured clothing suitable for outdoor work depending on the weather that day
No sports kits, branded clothing or crop-tops are to be worn
A change of footwear: a clean pair of shoes for indoors, and wellies/old trainers for muddy outdoor work with a plastic/kit bag in which to take dirty footwear home

General Information

- Foundation Stage and KS1 pupils require a book bag which can be plain or with the school logo.
- KS2 children may bring a small plain rucksack style bag □ Long hair must be tied back at all times and hair accessories must be kept to a minimum.
- No jewellery other than watches and earrings for pierced ears are allowed □ If children have pierced ears, no more than one pair of earrings may be worn and these must be small, plain and flat. Bright colours are not permitted and the earrings must be removed by the child before PE although plastic retainers may be worn.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish. Children doing so will be asked to remove it □
- No crop-tops or strap-style tops to be worn in school (including on non-uniform days, at Forest School and clubs).
- No open-toed sandals or high-heeled shoes to be worn in school (including on nonuniform days, at Forest School and clubs).
- Coats and footwear should have fastenings that are simple for children to manage with minimal assistance
- A sunhat or cap should be provided for hot and sunny weather.
- Parents/ carers must ensure that all belongings are clearly named or labelled and school cannot be held responsible for lost clothing or possessions.