11th September 2026 Newsletter



Kirkby Stephen Primary School
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We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin another school year. We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you over the coming months.
A special welcome goes to the new children and families who have joined our school community this year. We hope you have a happy, successful and enjoyable time at our school.
We have had a calm and positive start to the term, with all children settling in well. They have quickly adapted to new routines and expectations, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning.
A reminder that children may arrive on the playground from **8.50am**. Please do not bring children to school before this time, as supervision is not available.
Many of you will be aware that **Ofsted** inspected our school during the final week of last term. We will share the inspection report with you as soon as it is published and available for wider distribution.
As always, we have a busy and exciting term ahead and look forward to working closely with all our families. If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We wish all our children and families a happy and successful term.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 18th September, Y4 Fell Walk
- Tuesday 29th September, NHS Immunisation Service Team will be in school to deliver the vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 6
- Week commencing Monday 5th October, Y3 Swimming
- Friday 9th October, **'Harvest Festival Celebration'** at Kirkby Stephen Parish Church @ 2.15pm, we hope you will be able to join us *(Please can donations for the harvest be brought to school on Wed.7th October - thank you)*
- Week commencing Monday 12th October, Y4 Swimming
- Monday 12th October, 'Open Evening' for children starting nursery or school in 2027, 3.35 - 5.30pm
- Week commencing Monday 19th October, Y5 Swimming
- **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October, Half Term**
- Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November, Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 11th November, Y2 and Y5 Railway Walk
- Monday 7th December- Friday 11th December Y6 'Outdoor and Adventurous Activity Week' (Waterpark)
- Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December, R,Y1&Y2 Nativity, 2.00pm (Tuesday) and 5.00pm (Tues & Wed)
- Monday 14th December, Y4,5&6 'Cinderella', Dukes, Lancaster
- Tuesday 15th December, Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 16th December, Christmas Fair, 2-3.30pm.
- Thursday 17th December,Y2&3 'Cinderella', Dukes, Lancaster
- Friday 18th December, 'Christmas Carol Service' at Kirkby Stephen Parish Church, The service will start at 1.00pm and we hope you will be able to join us
- Friday 18th December, school finishes at 2.15pm for the holidays



Please remember to order school lunches.
Thank you

SCHOOL HUB

Attendance Matters

We are working hard to improve our attendance figures and need your help.

(Because every day in school really does count!)

Why attendance is so important:
Good attendance = better learning, more confidence, and stronger friendships.
Missing school ads up quickly-even a few days here and there can make a BIG difference.

DID YOU KNOW?
90% attendance may sound ok ...but it means 1 day off every 2 weeks!
That is 19 days a year - nearly a whole month of learning lost.
Over 5 years of school, that's almost half a year missed.

DfE guidance
The Department of Education (DfE) says a good attendance is 96% or above.
Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to make sure children attend school regularly.
Schools have to work closely with families who fall below attendance expectations.

Top tips for families:
Aim for every day, on time - small steps build great habits.
Book appointments outside school hours where possible.
If your child is worried about school, talk to us.







Welcome Back Everyone!







