



# Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

December 2025

Another busy term over. It has been a long one and the children are definitely ready for a rest. (and the staff too!!!) I wanted to say a particular well done to our children who run the local Park Run. We are blessed with so many lovely, talented children in school who always represent us so well in the community.

Our lost property is out of control. Please can I make a plea for you to write children's names on jumpers and hoodies before they come back in January.

Thank you so much for all of our very generous gifts. We are always very grateful.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you back on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Murray

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

## Events:

Film nights: Thanks to the PTA for their support with these events for the children.

Christmas Performances: We put on a mammoth 5 performances this year. I am very proud of our children; they are a credit to our school. It is lovely to see so many children who thrive being on the stage. Others demonstrated lots of courage to perform in front of such large audiences. We were all thoroughly entertained with lots of laughs and some children cast in very appropriate roles! A big thank you to our beautiful choir who sounded so angelic.

(Thanks for your patience with tickets from Parent Pay- this caused lots of frustration for us and yourselves!!)

The money did cover the cost of the licences for us and enabled us to buy some much needed costumes!

Christmas Parties: Lots of fun was had at the parties, sweets for the children were paid for by the PTA.

(Y5 + 6 are still to have theirs)

**Fair:** We are having a Summer Fair this year as we have decided to alternate Summer and Christmas so there is less financial pressure on families.

## Online Safety

Keeping our children safe online is of the utmost importance for all of us. It can be really difficult to monitor what our children 'go on' on their devices, even when we've added parental controls. We educate the children about how to be safe online and they know exactly the right thing to say but they don't always follow this guidance as they don't think anything will happen to them. We are becoming increasingly concerned that children are accessing social media or playing computer games that are not age appropriate. Some children are doing this either early in the morning or very late at night. Age ratings and restrictions are there for a reason and it is important that we keep our children safe and away from harmful content.

Please check their phones so you know they are safe!



## Nutmeg and Sprout:

Our Wrap around care provider have places for after school.

Sessions are from 3:10pm - 6:00pm Monday to Friday.

Children enjoy a wide range of play and learning opportunities with their friends, including themed activities. Light snacks and drinks are provided.

Sessions need to be booked in advance for staffing purposes with ratios.

For more information on charges or to book a place, please contact

nutmeg.sprout@outlook.com or call/text/WhatsApp the team on 07711 862283.



**Safeguarding:**

Should you have a concern about a child outside of school you can report this yourself anonymously on 03000 267979.

**Birthday cakes:** We promote healthy eating in school but as you may guess, the children like to keep bringing cakes in on their birthday. Please be aware of allergies of other children in the class and the number.

If you choose to send a full cake then this **must be cut into the correct number of pieces** as staff cannot cut it.

We appreciate this has a cost attached so please do not feel any pressure to bring anything in.

Keeping children safe is our number one priority and we always respond immediately to any concerns.

**Parking:**

**Please do not use the car park for collecting children from after school clubs.**

Please do not use the school car park unless you are using Nutmeg and Sprout or you have a blue badge.

This is for safety reasons but equally it has to be fair for everyone!

Our school risk assessments do not cover families being in the staff car park.

**Please be on time!**  
**8:55am**



It is vital we have the correct contact details for you. Please let the school office know if you have any changes in phone numbers or names of emergency contacts who can pick up your child from school if needed.

**Attendance:**

These children have 100% attendance and have been at school every day this term since September.

What an amazing achievement, well done to:

Rec- Olivia, Edie, Gabriella, Winnie, Elizabeth and Raphael

Y1- Archie, Jake, Charlie, Logan, Nicholas, Mila and Argyll

Y2- Ella, Evelyn, Poppy, Ollie, Logan, Madison, Roman, Renee and Anneka

Y3- Lewis, Phoebe, Harper, Reuben, Archie, Connie and Maggie

Y4- Willow, Nate L, Lucy, Benjamin and Skye

Y5- Austin, Mia, Elizabeth and Harry

Y6- Leo, Isaac, Willow, Nancy and Ben

The children have all received a Headteacher Dojo.

**Dates for the diary: (More information to follow nearer the time)**

5.1.26 Back to School

10.2.26 Safer Internet Day

5.3.26 World Book Day

16.3.26 + 17.3.26 Parent's Evening

20.3.26 Red Nose Day- wear red for a donation to the charity

18.5.26-20.5.26 Robin Wood Residential for Y6

**Assessment Dates for your diary:**

(Please do not book holidays at this time)

**Year 6 Sats** wc: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Year 4 multiplication check** any time in the 2 weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**Year 1 Phonic Screening Check**-wc: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Year 2 Phonics** for children who need to re-sit wc: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Training Days for 2026:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

We use the **STOP** sign to help children understand the word bullying.

**Several Times On Purpose**



**Key calendar dates were emailed out in September. Please let us know if you need another copy.**