



Kirkburton Middle School

Parent Bulletin

Autumn Term 2025

It has been an amazing start to the 2025/2026 year so far. Our new Year 6 pupils have settled in fantastically and our Year 7 and 8 pupils have proven to be outstanding role models.

We have already started making our way through the calendar of events and there are many things to look forward to this year. We look forward to sharing all the details with you and celebrating the wide array of achievements from our wonderful pupils.

Important Dates

Here is a look at the notable events coming up over the coming weeks:

- 06/11/25 Flu Vaccine Day
- 14/11/25 Children in Need
- 25/11/25 Year 8 Parents Evening (in person)
- 02/12/25 Year 8 Parents Evening (online)
- 03/12/25 Year 7 Cinema Trip
- 04/12/25 Year 8 Cinema Trip
- 09/12/25 Year 6 Panto Trip



KMS Welcomes Ronnie

3 of our Y7 pupils were recently lucky enough to work with Digno Films and interview a local gentleman called Ronnie.

Ronnie is 96 years old and was 10 years old when war broke out in 1939. He has lived all of his life in Kirkburton and told us lots of interesting things - did you know Kirkburton used to have its own swimming baths?! We loved meeting him, thank you Ronnie!





Sports News

Girls Football:

The U11 team have now played several fixtures and have made a great start to the season. They beat Scissett 3-0, drew with Honley 1-1, beat Brockholes 3-0 and beat Luck Lane 1-0. To say they have only been together a short time they are really showing lots of potential and playing some excellent football.

On 18th September the U12 team played Salendine Nook in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup. They put in a brilliant performance but sadly lost 2-1 in the end. They are now out of the cup but will continue to compete in the Huddersfield league.

On Thursday 16th October the U13 team travelled to Castleford Academy to play in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup. They went 1-0 up early in the game and managed to keep this lead until half time. Unfortunately, the opposition were strong and had many subs who came on and made a big impact. They scored early to make it 1-1 in the second half, the same girl then scored two more making it 3-1. The girls did manage to get a goal back and continued to push forward for a third goal right up until the final whistle. The game finished 3-2 to Castleford Academy.

KS2 Cross Country:

KS2 Cross Country: On Monday 6th October we had several KMS students representing school in the School Games Cross Country Event at Netherall Learning Campus. Both our boys and girls teams came second overall and have been invited to compete in the Kirklees Final which will take place on Tuesday 18th November at Leeds Rd playing fields. The successful runners will have to have finished in our top 5 at KMS or in the top 12 overall to go to the final.

English Schools Cross Country: On Tuesday 7th October, our Junior boys elite team took part in the English Schools event at Woodhouse Grove School. They ran exceptionally well in a very high standard race and came 3rd as a team. We also had some outstanding individual performances with a 3rd and 5th place finisher which is incredible. They have now qualified for the Yorkshire Final which will take place on Saturday 8th November at Leeds Grammar School.

Rugby:

On Tuesday 7th October our KMS U13 rugby team took part in the North Kirklees Tournament at Dewsbury Celtic. They beat Holmfirth and then lost to Scissett in a very close match. Overall, they finished 3rd and will continue to compete in the Yorkshire Plate competition.



U12 Boys Football:

Our U12 KMS boys have made a fantastic start to both the Huddersfield League and Cup campaign.

We travelled to a talented Honley side for our first league game, which saw us come away with a hard fought 2 - 0 victory. The score line could have been more if it wasn't for an excellent performance by the opposition keeper.

Our second game of the season was at home against local rivals Scissett Middle School. Again the squad put in a fantastic performance and converted the majority of their chances to come out with an impressive 8-0 victory.

Our attention then turned to the league cup against All Saints High School in what was one of the most exciting games I have had the privilege to referee. The boys took a deserving 2-0 lead going into half time however All Saints always looked a threat, with many talented players, particularly in midfield. All Saints showed a spirited second half come back, scoring twice to level the game at 2-2. Kirkburton did have an opportunity to win the game in the final minutes, however it was not to be, so on the game went to penalties. The shoot out went back and forth, with both teams having penalties to win the game, which were either saved or missed. The shoot out finished with a successfully converted Kirkburton penalty, which resulted in the final shoot out score 9-8 to Kirkburton.

We now travel to Royds Hall for the second round of the cup. The only loss of the campaign so far is against an extremely talented Rastrick team in the County Cup. The boys battled hard and at half time the scores were level at 1-1, much to the frustration of the Rastrick team who were not used going into half time on a level playing field. Unfortunately, a superb strike from the Rastrick centre half saw them take the lead and whilst pushing for an equaliser, Rastrick countered to make the game 3-1. The scoreline remained this way however the boys did have chances to get back into the game.

A great performance from the team and a massive shout out to our goalkeeper Kylan, who made a number of fantastic saves throughout the game. All to play for going into the second half of the season - up the Kirkburton!

Netball

The girls played their first match of the season against Salendine Nook on Wednesday 15th October. The Year 8 team lost 8-2 and the Year 7's won 17-0! They even scored 7 goals in the last 5 minutes which is incredible. There will now be many more netball matches between now and March as we compete in the Kirklees Schools league.



Diabetes awareness assembly

Earlier this month our year 8s enjoyed an assembly from a specialist diabetes nurse who talked to them about Type 1 Diabetes.

The nurse explained how our children with diabetes may feel when blood sugars are low or high.

Some game volunteers replicated the difficulty in managing blood sugars by trying to keep a balloon in the air!

This assembly was arranged and encouraged by one of our pupils who has Type 1 Diabetes to be able to share and raise awareness around how the impact of the condition impacts people.





Olio Partnership

We're excited to announce that we've partnered with Olio to fight food waste!

The Mast Academy Trust has started working with Olio to make sure no food goes to waste at our school canteens.

How does it work?

It's simple: Olio volunteers collect whatever food doesn't get eaten from our canteens. They then share any spare food with members of the local community - quickly and safely - via Olio's app.

Our spare food ends up feeding people in the local community, rather than going to waste. Plus, sharing food through Olio means we're helping care for the climate, too.

How can you get involved?

As well as offering schools like ours a way to redistribute delicious food, Olio is also a sharing app for local communities, on a mission to fight waste.

It makes it easy to pass on the things you no longer need — from food to furniture, and clothes to books — to people who live nearby. You can also use Olio to see what free food or household items you could collect in the local area.

Want to take it a step further, why not volunteer with Olio?

Volunteering isn't just a way to fight food waste. It's a way to support people nearby who in many cases are struggling to put food on the table (and get that feel-good factor knowing you're doing your bit to help your community).

Plus, Olio volunteers get to keep 10%* of the food they collect, so it's a great way to access a bit of extra free food for anyone who might be struggling.

Download Olio on [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#)





Shout Out Assemblies

Each of our houses recently had their 'Shout Out' assemblies. This was an opportunity to recognise those pupils who have gone above and beyond by participating in clubs, sports and other activities in school.

Booth House

We had lots of pupils who volunteered and helped at Open evening - well done and a huge thank you to them.

Also, well done to our star card award winners and pupils who had been nominated for a special award by the form tutor.

A final shout out to Austin and Dylan who have been chosen to represent KMS at the Mast Schools Pupil Parliament.





Moxon House

Moxon House were treated to two performances by members of the KMS Drama Academy of Jack and the Beanstalk and Cinderella. Our performers were all year 6 pupils who showed great confidence in front of Moxon House.

As well as other Shout Outs, Linus talked to us about his performance in a recent Lawrence Battley production of School of Rock which sounded fantastic. Well done to everyone involved!





Carter House

Thank you again to the KMS Drama Academy for performing at the Carter House Assembly. We had some great star card winners with one pupil who achieved 5 star cards in one day getting an extra prize!

There are still lots of house competitions running if your child would like to get involved and maybe get a shout out at the next assembly.



House competitions

- Interhouse football
- Suggestion box
- Biology week
- Poppy competition
- Black history week diorama





Black History Month

October is Black History Month in the UK. This is a month in which the history and achievements of Black people are recognised and celebrated and KMS History Club have presented their own assembly to Booth, Moxon and Carter House this week.

During the assembly they launched the KMS Black History Month House Competition.

This year's task is to **create a diorama in a shoebox!**

It needs to have a Black History theme e.g. Rosa Parks sitting down on the bus or Martin Luther King giving his 'I have a dream' speech.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 7th** November and entries need to go to either Mrs Abbott or Mrs Bloomfield.

Look out for the winners to be announced in the next bulletin.

