



Kirkburton Middle School

Christmas Bulletin

Dear Parents/Carers

As we get closer to the Christmas holidays, we'd like to take the time to thank you for all of your support over this first term. It's been an incredibly busy term, and we know the pupils are really ready for a rest!

They have worked very hard this term in lessons, and we had some fantastic Reward Assemblies this week celebrating their fabulous achievements both in and out of school.

We've also had some wonderful events over the last few weeks which the pupils have all enjoyed and which you will read about in the newsletter.

We'd like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in January but for now, it's over to you!

Warm Regards

Sam Kerr and Chris Taylor

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at
KMS.*

Diary Dates for 2026

- 5th January – School reopens for all pupils
- 14th January - Y6 SATs Parents information evening
- 20th January – Year 6 Parents Evening (face to face)
- 27th January – Year 6 Parents Evening (Online)
- 28th January – Year 6 Diversity Role Models workshop

Remembrance Service & Poppy Making Competition

Many thanks to Isla M, Dylan L, Isabelle W & William M who went down to the Cenotaph, Memorial Gardens which is at the side of Kirkburton Church, to join in the act of Remembrance and lay a wreath on behalf of the school on Tuesday 11th November.

On their visit they were able to see the many poppies that were put up by Burton Environment Group and made by KMS pupils to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the end of WW1.



Competition Winners

Poppies

Lots of pupils created beautiful poppies using different materials for Burton Enviroment Group poppy appeal. It was very hard to pick just 3 winners but each of the entries had their poppies displayed at the memorial in Kirkburton.

3rd place – Roxy B 6ET



2nd place – 7SEC form group



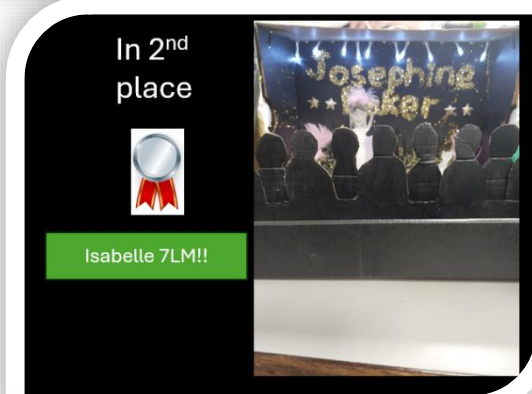
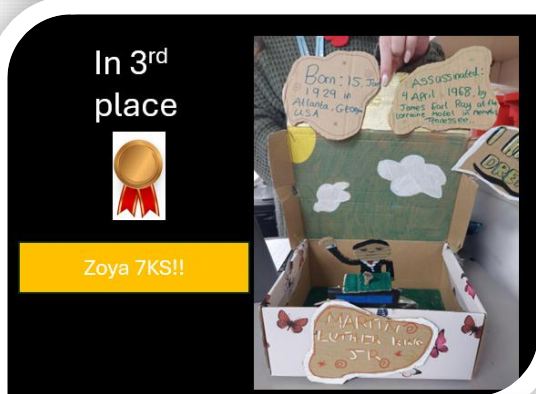
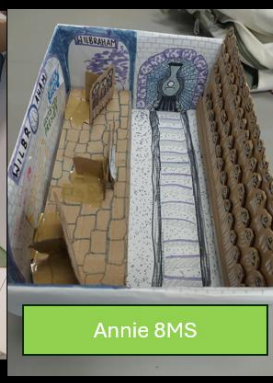
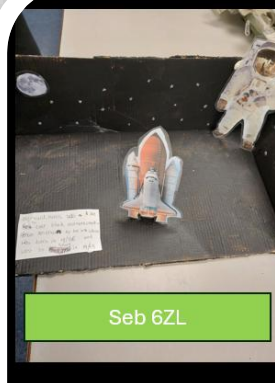
1st place Sebastian T 6ZL



Black History Month

Pupils were invited to submit dioramas of with a Black History theme e.g. Rosa Parks sitting down on the bus or Martin Luther King giving his 'I have a dream' speech.

Well done to all who entered dioramas, they were amazing!



Periodic Table Song

As part of our Chemistry week activities in November, pupils were challenged to learn the periodic table song and try to remember the most elements. We had 4 excellent renditions and house points were awarded for each of the participants. Well done to the following pupils:

4th place - Matilda (6LB) - 29 elements

3rd place - Keeley (8AO) - 31 elements

2nd place - Evie S (8AO) - 44 elements

1st place - Isla M (8MS) - 55 elements

Biology week

Following Chemistry week, we had various activities for Biology week. The houses took part in 3 different challenges and earned points for participating.

Spelling bee; 1st place – Booth, 2nd place – Moxon, 3rd place - Carter

Big quiz; 1st place – Booth, 2nd place – Moxon, 3rd place - Carter

Form quiz; 1st place - Moxon, 2nd place - Carter, 3rd place - Booth

Special Events

Cinema and Pantomime

This half term is always extremely busy with festive events to get everyone in the mood for Christmas.

We started December off with trips for Year 7 and Year 8 to Penistone Paramount to watch Home Alone and Home Alone 2.

The following week, Year 6 took a trip to Lawrence Batley Theatre for a tale as old as...pantomime! They enjoyed watching Beauty and the Beast and came back full of festive cheer (and lots of sweets!).



Carol Concert

On Wednesday 10th December, we held our annual Christmas Carol Concert at All Hallows Church in Kirkburton. Over 50 pupils participated with instrumental performances and singing.

A note from our Music teacher, Mrs Simons:

Our KMS Christmas concert was absolutely beautiful. We performed to a full church.

The African drummers, guitar group, wind band and KMS Singers were all superb. Their hard work in rehearsals definitely paid off. The audience joined us in singing carols and we enjoyed a festive joke or two!!

We are now feeling very Christmassy.



Grandparents' Coffee Morning

The morning after the carol concert and while people were still full of joy, we invited the KMS drama academy and band members Granparents to join us for the morning., There were some wonderful performances and the feedback we had from friends and relatives that attended was very positive. You all did a fantastic job and should be very proud.



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 17th December was our Christmas dinner day. The kitchen team put together a fantastic dinner and staff and pupils sat and enjoyed together. There were christmas songs to sing along to and a very special rendition of Happy Birthday to our lunchtime supervisor Mrs Leatherbarrow who was celebrating her 80th birthday!



Y8 Musica Rock/Pop Band & Year 6 Orchestra

A KMS Christmas favourite is having Musica Kirklees come in and perform for us.

Year 8 were up on their feet this week singing along to some pop & rock classics and some very lively Christmas songs.

A few days later, Year 6 were entertained with live orchestra performances of well known classics and festive favorites.

Both year groups behaved exceptionally well and a good time was had by all.



Sports News

On 20th November our U11 boys' football team competed in the prestigious EFL Kids' Cup down at Leeds Road, where they played against schools from all over Kirklees. In the group stage, we drew 0-0 to Rowley Lane, beat Beaumont 2-0, lost 1-0 to Lindley, beat Reinwood 1-0 and lost 3-0 to Honley, meaning that unfortunately we didn't progress to the knock-out stages. Despite this, it was a great experience for the boys, who represented KMS excellently and played some brilliant football at times. Well done lads!



This half-term saw KMS take part in the sports-hall athletics competition at Netherhall Learning Campus on 3rd December. We took both a boys' and a girls' team and finished 3rd overall, in what was a strong competition over two nights. The children did themselves and the school proud; there are some talented track and field athletes in year 6 and we are looking forward to watching them develop further in their time at KMS. Well done to all pupils involved.

On 8th December the year 6 boys' football team were once again in action, this time in the flood-lit cup competition. We drew 3-3 with Dalton and lost 2-1 to St. Joseph's. Despite not picking up a win and making it through to the next round, it could easily have been a different story as both games were extremely close. KMS dominated both matches but unfortunately couldn't convert the chances they created, which is sometimes how it goes! Once again, congratulations to the team and thank you for representing the school so well.

Girls Football:

The U11 team played in the Floodlit Cup on Wednesday 10th December at KMS. They drew to Scissett and St Joseph's 0-0 and went on to win the match against Dalton Junior School 2-0. This made them winners of the competition with 5 points! Well done to all players, there will be more league matches to come in the new year. The U13 team have played many matches in the Huddersfield League.

Results:

KMS 0-0 Colne Valley

KMS 1 - 4 NLC

KMS 1-1 Holmfirth

KMS 2-0 King James

There next game will be on Wednesday 7th January 2026 away at Brinsworth Academy in the ESFA Cup. Good luck in the next match!

Year 8 Football

We started out the year with the county cup coming up against a very good side in Cardinal Heenan in some very tough conditions. Battling the wind and the rain the boys representing the school did brilliantly but unfortunately we were knocked out of the cup.

We bounced back really strong with two back to back victories. Our first being at home against Honley High in a league match in which we won 4 -2 with the pick of the goals going to Alfie who ran the full length of the pitch before slotting the ball in the back of the net.

We then played Salendine Nook in a very competitive round 2 cup fixture after being given a bye for the 1st round. This closely fought out fixture went to penalties after nothing separating the two teams at full time. We managed to get over the line with some very confident penalties and some brilliance in the net from our goalkeeper Harry.

We have lots of fixtures still to play and look forward to in 2026 and a Semi-final showdown with All Saints.

Fantastic work boys!



KS2 Cross Country: The Girls and Boys teams both qualified for the Kirklees final which took place on Thursday 27th November at Leeds Rd Playing Fields. All runners did a great job and the girls team came 3rd overall which has earned them a place in the West Yorkshire final at Temple Newsome next year. Well done to all who represented their school and good luck to those who qualified for the next round.



English Schools Cross Country:

On Saturday 8th November 2025, our junior boys elite team took part in the East Midlands Regional Finals for the Cross Country Cup. They performed exceptionally well, with a special mention to William T who came 2nd and Henry M who came in 3rd place overall. As a team they finished 5th, which is an outstanding achievement at this very high level! Well done to all of the runners and to their families for supporting their endeavours at the weekend competition! The school is very proud of their achievements.

Kirklees Cross Country: We had a very successful afternoon at the Kirklees Cross Country event at Honley High School this half term. Our Year 7 girls team won the event and had three runners qualify to represent their district at the West Yorkshire finals next year. Our Year 7 boys came third and had two runners qualify. Our Year 8 boys competed in the Junior boys event, which in cross country terms is year 8 and 9 boys combined. As a middle school, we don't have any Year 9 runners so we are at a slight disadvantage. However, our Year 8 boys team did exceptionally well. We had William T win the race with an outstanding performance, Henry M came in third and our other team members ran superbly, resulting in a second-place team result overall! Three of these runners qualified to represent Kirklees in the West Yorkshire final. Well done to all of our runners, including our Year 8 girls who had a tough competition alongside Year 9 girls. Good luck to those winning in the Wes Yorkshire Final in the new year!

Dance

The KMS Dance Crew have been practicing every Tuesday after school to prepare for their performance at Shelley College Dance Festival. They are performing to the song 'Giant' by Calvin Harris and Rag 'n' Bone man. The performance at Shelley College was a huge success and the dance crew have also performed their routine in all celebration assemblies in school for the final week of the term. They will now turn their attention to performing at the Lawrence Batley Theatre in the new year.



Netball

Year 7 Results:

KMS 11 - 0 Royds Hall

KMS 19 - 1 All Saints

KMS 7 - 5 King James (Friendly)

KMS 6 - 8 Scissett (Friendly)



Year 8 Results:

KMS 4 - 7 Royds Hall

KMS 3 - 8 All Saints

KMS 10 - 5 King James (Friendly)

There will be many more netball matches between now and March as we compete in the Kirklees Schools league.



Celebration Assemblies

Each of our 3 houses had their Christmas celebration assemblies this week. Over 400 certificates were given to pupils for achievements in each subject, for attendance, receiving zero negative behaviour points and some special awards from form tutors and head of house.

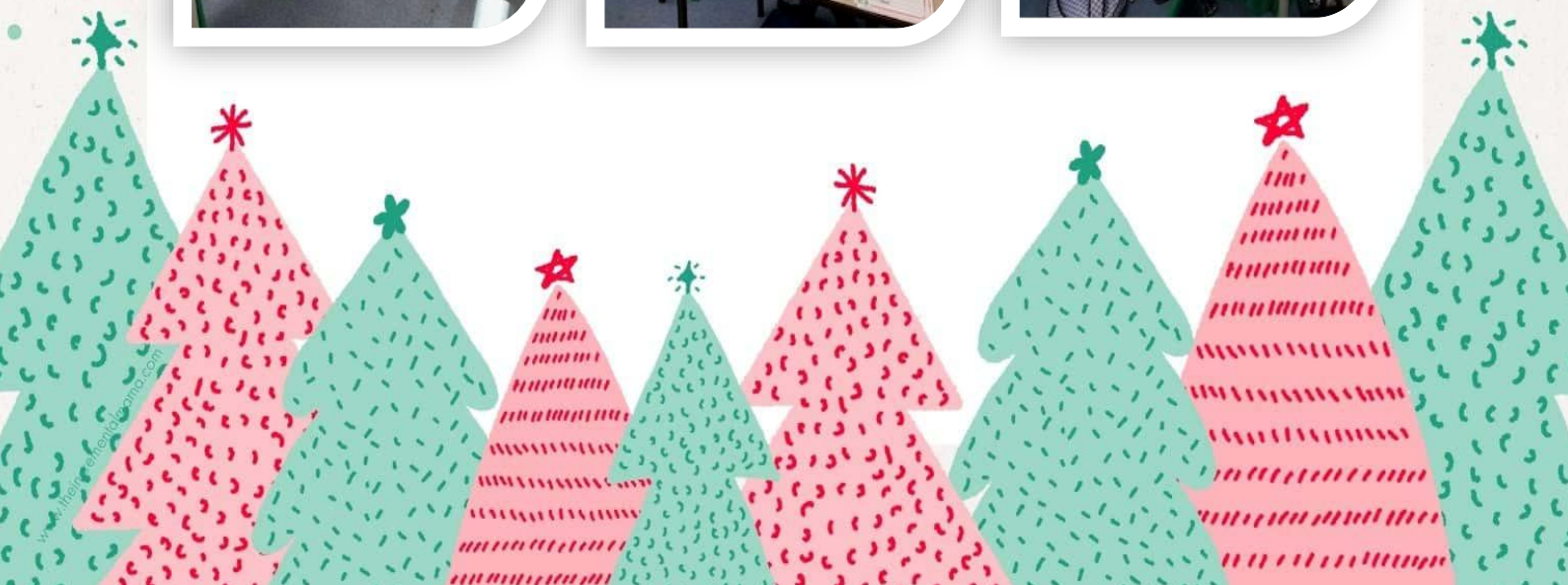
There were performances from pupils in the drama academy and musical numbers from Dan AP and Rudy B. Thank you to those pupils for sharing this with us and well done to each of the pupils that received an award.



Moxon Charity Day

Moxon house chose to raise money for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice on the last day of term. We saw some very festive jumpers from both pupils and teachers. There were a wide array of activities to raise money for the charity including guess the Christmas song, penalty shootout, just dance guess the staff baby competition. The most popular activity was sponge the teacher and our music teacher Mrs Simons was very gracious and volunteered.

Thank you for everyone who donated. We will let you know how much we raised in the new year.



School uniform expectations

A polite reminder of our school uniform expectations on the return to school in the new year [School Uniform @ Kirkburton Middle School](#). These standards help maintain a positive, and safe, learning environment and ensure consistency across the school - which is fair to all pupils.

Please note the following expectations

- False nails are not permitted in school at any time.
- False eyelashes are not permitted in school at any time.
- Jewellery is limited to a simple wristwatch only and one pair of stud earrings—no rings, bracelets, necklaces or fashion accessories.
- No additional piercings beyond a single stud in each ear. Hoops or dangly earrings are not allowed, more than one piercing per ear and nose piercings are also not permitted.

Thank you for your support in helping ensure a smooth return to school in January.

K82 Temporary timetable - Mon 5th Jan 2026 to Friday 27th Feb 2026

Thunder Bridge Lane is closed for roadworks for two months from Monday 5th January. This means the K82 will have to make a lengthy diversion via Storthes Hall when it has finished picking up in Stockmoor. As a result, it will be starting 20 minutes earlier so it can get to school on time.

Team Pennine is unable to run the morning journey due to the bus doing another school run first. Stott's Coaches will be running the morning journey for the duration of the closure. Their contact number is 01484 460463 and Carl Stott is the contact there.

The temporary timetable can be viewed at the link here:-

<https://wymetro.com/media/ibul0gqa/k82-kirkburton-middle-temporary-timetable-jan-5th-to-february-27th-2026.pdf>

Stocking filler ideas

Short of ideas for stocking fillers? Look no further than the KMS school equipment list [Equipment @ Kirkburton Middle School](#). Give the gift of stationary this Christmas. Your children will be delighted. 🌲 🎁

Games and activities

Out with the old and in with the new...

If your child has any old board games or activities that they are no longer interested in and they are suitable for pupils to use during wet break times, would you please consider donating them to school. Any donations can be brought to the school office.

Support over the festive period

Kooth

Free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling for young people
[Home - Kooth](#)

Chathealth Kirklees

Text message services for young people – direct link to School Nurse
07520618866

Kirklees Children's Services

Safeguarding Services and Duty and Advice
www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk
01484 456848

Childline

<http://www.childline.org.uk>
0800 1111

NSPCC

Support for Parents and Children
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000
Children – Via Childline 0800 11 11