



Kirkburton Middle School

Parent Bulletin

May 2026

Important Dates

Here is a look at the notable events coming up when we return after the half term. We have a busy few weeks as we make the most of our last term of the academic year.

- 01/06/2026 – Inset day
- 02/06/2026 – School reopens
- 03/06/2026 - Y7 Quarry Bank Mill History Trip (teaching groups 7A,7B and 7C)
- 04/06/2026 - Y7 Quarry Bank Mill History Trip (teaching groups 7D,7E and 7F)
- 05/06/2026 – Wind Band Tour
- 08/06/2026 – Olympic Athlete visitor in school
- 17 & 18/06/2026 – Y6 Roman Workshop
- 23/06/2026 – Y8 Charity cricket match
- Y8 Theatre in Education visits to first schools (pm)
- 24/06/2026 - Y8 Theatre in Education visits to first schools (pm)
- 29/06/2026-01/07/2026 – Y7 Kingswood Residential
- 02/07/2026 – Y8 Leavers assembly & celebration
- 03/07/2026 – Y8 Leavers trip to Flamingo Land



SATs Success

Well done to our year 6 pupils who completed their SATS exams this term. They all did extremely well and should be very proud of themselves. As a wind down at the end of the long week, the pupils enjoyed a day out to Castle Howard for a Bushcraft day.

It was a truly memorable trip. During the visit, pupils enjoyed an outdoor activity day designed to promote confidence, resilience, and teamwork in a beautiful woodland setting. Highlights included playing games around the campfire, eating s'mores, and learning how to build and light fires. The Bushcraft Team was incredibly impressed by our pupils, who were a fantastic credit to themselves and KMS.





Sports news

Year 7 Girls Cricket - 3rd in West Yorkshire! The girls team played in a softball cricket tournament at Hunslet Nelson Cricket Club on Monday 18th May 2026. They won the group stage of the competition and progressed to the semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost this match and so went into the 3rd and 4th place play off. The girls played extremely well and beat Prince Henry's 73-45 to take 3rd place overall in West Yorkshire!



Year 7 Netball Kirklees Champions! A massive well done to the Year 7 netball team who played in the tournament on Thursday 7th May at King James High School. The team won all of their group stage matches against Colne Valley, All Saints and Scissett. They then progressed into the semi-final against King James who they beat comfortably. This put them into the final against Holmfirth. The players put on a great performance and won this game 6-1 to make them Kirklees Champions 2026! They have won the league and the tournament and had a very successful year – Well done to all involved!





Battle of the Bands

A huge well done to all of the bands that took part in the final of Battle of the Bands at Scissett Middle School. Each of our 6 bands played extremely well with Sanity's Fall with Ben McB, Ellie G, Evan B, Arthur T and Rudy B placing 3rd and the winning band being Never Ordinary with Dan and Rudy. They won a 3-hour recording session at a local studio.

Please follow the link to the highlight reel from the night [Battle of the Bands 2026 Highlights](#)

The winning band went to Vibrations Studios with Mrs Simons on Monday 18th May where they got to perform and record their tracks. The studio staff we impressed with how well the boys behaved and the tracks came out brilliantly.





Come Alive!

A huge thank you to everyone that came out and supported our school performance of Come Alive!

The production, written by our very own Mrs Austin-Bransby was a success once again! Performers, tech team, backstage crew, set designers, singers and front of house team all came together to give us a week of musical extravaganza.

The students demonstrated their maturity and resilience through what is a busy rehearsal schedule and creative working environment. The culture of teamwork always shines through as they work to their strengths to put on a wonderful show.

Well done everyone!





Junior UKMT Maths Challenge

70 pupils from year 7 and 8 took part in this years Junior UKMT maths challenge. The maths challenge is designed to test pupils on their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

18 pupils received bronze, 18 pupils received silver and 6 pupils received gold.

Xander (Y7), Louis (Y7) and Isaac (Y8) have made it through to the Junior Kangaroo challenge for pupils in the top 3% (10,000 pupils) for the country.

Well done to all pupils who took part.

Pick up and Drop off

We'd like to ask for your support in helping to improve safety for all members of our school community during drop-off and pick-up times.

We have recently experienced a significant increase in congestion on Turnshaws Avenue at the start and end of the school day. This is making it increasingly difficult for vehicles – particularly buses – to access the turning circle safely.

More importantly, there have been a couple of recent near misses, including an incident where a pupil was almost struck by a car. Clearly, this is a serious concern.

To help reduce congestion and improve safety, could we ask that parents and carers **park a short distance away from the school and walk the remainder of the journey** wherever possible. This small change would make a significant difference in keeping traffic flowing and ensuring pupils can arrive and leave school safely.

Please also continue to:

- Avoid parking on bends or near junctions
- Keep driveways clear
- Be mindful of pedestrians crossing the road

The safety of our children is always our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation and support with this matter.





Fidget Toys

Fidget toys are currently a huge craze across the country however they are causing some real issues in school, particularly the ones filled with a jelly-like substance.

Pupils are regularly getting them out in class, distracting themselves and others from learning and bursting them all over classrooms, corridors and toilets. We would ask that you support us in school by ensuring that your child does not bring them to school. Only pupils on a permitted list (they know who they are) can bring a fidget toy to school and this must be small and fit in the palm of the hand. All other fidget toys will be confiscated and any disruption to lesson or defiance will be sanctioned.

The Children's Commissioner's National Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza is asking for children for their views on the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. She is asking for feedback from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country.

For more information, please visit [Homepage | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Please click the following link to complete the survey
<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>





Holiday activities

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Tuesday 26th May
Denby Dale Library - 10.30 -12
Kirkburton library
2.30-4

Wednesday 27th
• Birstall Library 10.30-12
Mirfield Library 2-3.30

Thursday 28th
Marsden Library 10.30-12

all sessions 7yrs+

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Useful Contacts

Kirklees Children's Services

Safeguarding Services and Duty and Advice

www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk

01484 456848

Thriving Kirklees – Chathealth

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

07520618866

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Children – Via Childline 0800 11 11

