



School Bulletin



Attendance Update for Parents

We would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support with school attendance.

Our whole-school attendance target is **95%**. Currently, our attendance is sitting just below this at **94.9%**. While this is a positive figure, we would really appreciate your continued support in helping us reach and maintain our target moving forward.

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and social development. Every day in school counts, and even small improvements in attendance can make a significant difference over the course of a school year.

Children are regularly recognised and rewarded for their excellent attendance and punctuality, and we are proud of the efforts many pupils are making to attend school consistently. Each week, we also celebrate the **highest-attending form group**, who are rewarded with an extra break time. This is a much-valued reward that pupils really enjoy and provides an additional incentive to attend school every day.

We would also like to celebrate those pupils who have achieved **100% attendance so far this academic year**. An incredible **337 pupils** are currently members of our **100% Attendance Club**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects a great commitment to learning. A huge well done to every one of these pupils, and thank you to their families for supporting such excellent attendance.

We also recognise that some children can feel disappointed when they lose their 100% attendance due to genuine illness. To recognise the efforts of all pupils, we will soon be recognising and celebrating children who improve their attendance week by week, as well as those who return to school and maintain excellent attendance following a period of illness. We hope this will encourage every child to strive for the best attendance possible, regardless of their starting point. Children are encouraged to work towards both individual and form attendance rewards so that their efforts can be recognised and celebrated. Whilst physical rewards are enjoyed by pupils, we know that positive relationships and encouragement are equally important. Form tutors will regularly share with pupils how proud they are when attendance improves and when children work hard to get their attendance back to where we would like it to be. We believe recognising effort, resilience and improvement is just as important as celebrating those with perfect attendance.

Our attendance figures by year group currently stand at:

Year 6: 95.6%

Year 7: 95.3%

Year 8: 93.8%

A special well done to **Year 6 and Year 7**, who are currently exceeding our school target. We encourage **Year 8** to keep working towards improving attendance so that they too can reach and exceed the 95% target.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed. Together, we can make every day count.

Arbor Parent App

As I'm sure you are aware we have launched the Arbor Parent App last week. If you have still not had chance to set this up please see below the instructions of how to do so:

To sign in as a parent:

Download the Arbor app or go to [Log in to your School | Arbor](#).

Your username is the email address provided to school.

Use 'Forgotten your password?' or 'First Time Logging In?' if needed.

If you have children at multiple schools with the same email, select the school at login.

Note: You cannot switch between students from different schools without logging out and back in, as each school has a separate account.

Parents cannot share an account and will need to register with individual email addresses

This is particularly important if you are a Year 6 parent and wish to book an appointment for the Meet the Tutor evening on Tuesday 6 October. Please see the letter emailed out on Monday 28 September.



Plea from Crochet Club

Our crochet club is in need of more wool and crochet hooks. If anyone has any spares of these items laying around at home, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school.

Thank you.



Celebrating Our Students' Successes

We are proud of the many achievements our students accomplish both in and out of school. If your child has recently received a sports award, completed a fundraising challenge, achieved success in a club or organisation, or has something else worth celebrating, we would love to hear about it.

Please email your child's Head of Year with details so that we can recognise and celebrate their achievements within our school community.



Young Minds – Hello Yellow

On Friday 9th October, We will be taking part in Young Minds “Hello Yellow” campaign which supports young peoples mental health. Therefore, we will be asking pupils to wear a token of yellow on the day. E.g a hat, socks, hair bow, belt etc.

More information about the charity can be found here:

[YoungMinds | Hello Yellow](#)



Meet Our New Eco Mascot!

We're very excited to introduce the newest member of our school community... our brand new eco-mascot, created by our very own school council.

Our mascot has an important mission: to help bring sustainability and environmental education to life across our schools, making it something that everyone can get involved in - from the classroom and playground to clubs, competitions, projects and beyond.

But there's just one problem... our mascot needs a name!

We'd love for our children and families to put their thinking caps on and come up with the perfect name. What should we call our eco-friendly new friend?

This is just the beginning! Our mascot will be popping up across the Trust and helping us launch lots of exciting opportunities for children to get involved, including story-writing competitions, creative challenges, eco projects, campaigns, and much more.

What will you name our mascot? Submit your entries to:

[Eco Mascot Name](#)



Free School Meals

As you may be aware, the government have increased eligibility for Free School Meals. This is the updated information related to eligibility:

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Children and young people can apply for free school meals if they:

- Attend a Kirklees school
- Attend school full time
- Are of statutory school age

and their parents or carers receive one or more of the following:

Universal Credit

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Meet criteria for families with no recourse to public funds

If you feel that you may be newly eligible for Free School Meals, please follow this link to apply directly to Kirklees: [Free school meals | Kirklees Council](#).

Full details about the recent changes can also be found [here](#).

Sewing Bee Club

Sewing Bee Extra-Curricular Club is off to a fantastic start!

We've had a brilliant response to our Sewing Bee Club, with pupils from Year 6 right through to Year 8 getting involved and enjoying the opportunity to be creative, learn new skills and make something they can be proud of.

The club runs every Tuesday lunchtime for the full hour, giving pupils plenty of time to get stuck into their projects. Pupils can bring a packed lunch or collect a grab bag at break time before heading to our Food and Fabric Room for a lunchtime of sewing and creativity.

Our first project is getting everyone autumn-ready! Pupils are learning and developing their hand and machine sewing skills while creating their own tie-dyed fabric pumpkins. It has been fantastic to see pupils supporting each other, sharing ideas and building confidence with the sewing machines and hand-stitching techniques.

Sustainability is at the heart of our club. A huge thank you to our wonderful local charity shops and businesses who have donated fabric, wool and other materials to help us resource our sustainable Sewing Bee Club. We love giving unwanted textiles a new lease of life rather than seeing them go to landfill.

If families have spare fabric, wool, buttons, ribbons or other sewing/craft materials that they no longer need, we are always very grateful for donations. Every little bit helps us keep the club creative and sustainable.

And there's lots more to come! Keep an eye out for our Christmas products and decorations, as well as our plans for a fashion show and exhibition celebrating the fantastic work our pupils create.

It's wonderful to see so many of our young people discovering the joy of making, creating and sewing together.



Macmillan Coffee Morning



We would like to say a huge thank you to those who contributed to and attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week.

We are very please to say that we raised a fantastic **£252.64** on the day.

Administering Medicine in School

If a child feels unwell during the school day, including complaints such as headaches, feeling sick, or general illness, we will normally encourage them to try a range of supportive strategies before considering any medication. This may include having a drink, a short period of rest, fresh air, something to eat where appropriate, or time to settle and see if symptoms improve.

Our aim is to support pupils in remaining in school for the full day wherever possible, as children can often feel better after trying these strategies. Where non-prescribed medication, such as paracetamol, has been provided from home, we will only administer it if alternative approaches have been tried and the child continues to feel unwell. We aim to use medication only when it is genuinely needed and, wherever possible, it is preferable for medication to be administered at home before or after the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote appropriate attendance and the responsible use of medication in school.

Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 6th October - Year 6 Meet the Tutor evening

Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day (Hello Yellow)

Tuesday 13th October - Open Evening, 5pm-7pm

Friday 23rd October - Last day of this half-term

