



# KIRKBY LA THORPE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CLASSES

**Robins** – This week in Robins Class we have started a new story – The Extraordinary Gardener. The children are learning about giving clear instructions to help a friend with planting and caring for flowers. During our topic, we listened to the story “Rosie’s Walk” and then designed a new walk for Rosie, drawing maps of her route. We have continued to learn about Easter traditions and had the opportunity to taste hot cross buns. Finally, we are very lucky to have our own frogspawn in the class. Watch this space to find out when they develop into tadpoles!

**Goldfinches** – This week in Goldfinch Class we learned about the RNLI, how they help us, and made our own map and key. In English, we have mapped out our own fairytale plan and started writing it. In Year 2 Maths, we continued learning the division and multiplication of 2s, 5s, and 10s and Year 1 continued measuring objects using a ruler. In DT we built beach huts and in RE we learned about more Torah rules and made our own Pushka Pots.

**Kingfishers** - This week in Kingfishers, we have had a great time learning all about Pompeii and the natural disaster that took place many years ago that completely buried the city, and how the Volcano erupted unexpectedly due to a lack of geographical understanding of how the Earth works. Being very curious learners, we asked lots of questions about how our understanding and knowledge has changed massively since to make living near volcanoes safe again! In English, we finally finished writing our narratives which the children worked very hard on; we made sure to include lots of the features we spotted in other narratives to make ours just as entertaining for the reader. We have loved learning lots of purposeful life skills in Maths, with mass and capacity, working with Kg and Grams, practising hard to learn to read scales and problem solve with our new skills!

**Woodpeckers** - This week in English, we have read the book ‘The Lost Happy Endings’ and we have been creating noun phrases, using concrete, collective and abstract nouns. Using our noun phrases and similes, we have created some poetry. In maths, year 5 have finished learning about area and perimeter and we are moving on to statistics. Homework is up on the KLT website and this week it is reading comprehension.

**Golden Eagles** - This week in Golden Eagles we have been writing a draft, editing and publishing diary entries. They are full of emotive language, metaphors and exciting vocabulary to grip the audience! We have enjoyed PE this week, especially with the new Spring weather. The children practised their passing and defending skills in a match where even the teachers joined in! In RE we have been learning about why Christians celebrate Jesus as the Messiah. In PSHE we have explored age restrictions for various applications and the importance of staying safe online, particularly when meeting others. We have been practising lots of arithmetic skills this week, in particular fractions, decimals and percentages. This week’s homework is based on line graphs and an English piece on synonyms and antonyms.

# E-SAFETY

Bluesky is now a popular platform, but its public accounts can lead to trolling, cyberbullying, and the spread of misinformation.

Download our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide now!

Download here >> <https://ow.ly/ah9150Voiii>

Listen here >> <https://ow.ly/Czqo50VoikF>

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY**

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS**

**INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS**

**TROLLING AND BULLYING**

**ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE**

**ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS**

**USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER**

**ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING**

**KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**

**LOOK OUT FOR FAKES**

**MEET OUR EXPERT**

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# KEY TIMINGS

- Breakfast Club: 7:50am
- School gate opens: 8:30am
- Registration opens 8:45am
- End of school day: 3:15pm
- After school Club: 4:45pm or 6:00pm

Please be aware that if you are late collecting for 4:45pm session, then you will be charged for a 6pm session

## Pre-School

- 8:30-11:30- Morning session
- 11:30-2:30- Afternoon session
- 2:30-3:15- Optional additional session

Owls phone number to be used 3:15-6:00pm  
07511 855786

# KEY DATES



- Tuesday & Wednesday 1st - 2nd April** - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 2nd April** - Easter Festival- Bring a flower in for Easter and then visit church (just children)
- Wednesday 2nd April**- non school uniform- bring in a donation for the Spring Fair in exchange
- Friday 4th April**- Spring Fair- all welcome- 1:30pm start
- Friday 18th April** - Good Friday
- Sunday 20th April** - Easter
- Monday 21st April** - Easter Monday
- Wednesday 23rd April** - Children back at school



# GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Leader and Mrs. Gibson for everything they have done at Kirkby la Thorpe. Your hard work, dedication, and kindness have made a lasting impact on our school community. We will truly miss you both, but we wish you all the best in your next adventures. Good luck, and thank you for everything!

# SCARLETT FEVER

**NHS**  
North East London

## What is Scarlet Fever?

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness and is easily treated.

Symptoms include:

- A sore throat
- Headache
- Swollen neck glands
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel

The rash may be harder to see on darker skin but you should be able to feel it.

**Contact your GP or NHS 111 if you think your child has scarlet fever**



We have had a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever in school. While there is no cause for alarm, we encourage parents to be aware of the symptoms, such as a sore throat, fever, and a red rash, and to seek medical advice if needed.

If you or your child has scarlet fever, stay away from nursery or school for 24 hours after you take the 1st dose of antibiotics.



Heckington Community Swimming Pool

## SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL

Inclusive swimming lessons for children aged 4-16.

3 weeks of intensive swim school in our heated outdoor pool from 28th July 2025 - 15th August 2025.

Book 1, 2 or all 3 weeks!

**£40** per week



- 5 x 30 minute daily swimming lessons each week. Lessons available for all abilities.
- Lessons led by our experienced swim school teacher with 8 years experience (5 of them here at Heckington).
- Each lesson offers 30 minutes of constant swimming.
- One to one support provided for non-swimmers
- Each child will be allocated a time slot for their lesson between 9am-1pm dependent on ability.
- Weekly assessments & end of season celebration of achievements.

Register your interest at [swimschool@heckingtonpool.co.uk](mailto:swimschool@heckingtonpool.co.uk)

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

All of our children gave a wonderful performance in song—well done to everyone! A special congratulations to Year 3 for their hard work in learning the clarinet and to our talented soloists for showcasing their musical skills. It was fantastic to see our hall packed full of supportive families and friends.

Thank you to everyone who joined us—photos to follow!





## The Bishop of Lincoln

### Easter 2025

There is an Easter hymn, with a beautiful tune, which is one of my favourites during the Spring season. It's called 'Now the green blade riseth.' Let me share the first verse with you:

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Can you picture this in your heads? Imagine a field full of wheat. That field starts with a tiny grain planted in the soil. The sun shines, the rain falls, there's goodness in the soil, and the seed begins to grow. It grows roots and a small green shoot begins to grow up towards the light. Eventually we have our field of wheat, ready for harvesting.

This is a picture of new life growing from the earth. It's a picture of light growing from the darkness under the soil. This tiny grain becoming wheat, ready to feed others. This is a picture of Easter.

We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross, was buried, and then rose again to new life. The death and resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian faith. We believe that Jesus overcame all the evil in our world, and he invites everyone to share the gift of new life. It's a new beginning for all.

This wonderful Easter hymn uses the grain as a way to explain Easter. The grain in the earth is like Jesus in the tomb. The new green shoot is like Jesus rising again from the dead. The wheat is like Jesus' gift of new life which changes our lives for the better.

Sometimes in life, things need to change so that something good can happen. The grain changes so that the new green shoot can make something – wheat – which can feed us. Jesus died and rose again so that he could share his new life with everyone.

My hope and prayer for you this Easter is that whatever change happens in your life, you will see and feel good things from it – just like the 'green blade' rising from the soil, from a single grain of wheat.

I hope that when you see signs of growth all around you – green leaves appearing, colourful flowers, and the smell of Spring in the air – it will remind you that God is with you. May his gift of life and love lead to wonderful things for you.

I wish you a very happy Easter!