



# KIRKBY LA THORPE

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## CLASSES

**Robins:** Wow Robins – we have had such a busy two weeks.

This week, we have started a new book in Literacy called 'All are Welcome'. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and joining in with the repeated phrases. We have been working hard on name recognition and writing. Some children have even started writing captions! In maths, Pre-School have been exploring patterns within rhymes and have enjoyed singing their favourite repetitive rhymes. Reception have been using the language 'more than' and 'fewer than' to describe amounts. We have all been practicing our subitising skills and being able to recognise a number (to 5) without counting. Our role play area this week has been a doctors surgery. We will be in great hands with some future doctors here! We have been very musical this week – practicing 'performing' nursery rhymes and using our bodies to make sounds. We have talked about what makes a good friend and how we can help each other in the classroom. We are all excited to begin our Harvest preparations next week!

**Goldfinches-** This week we started our new writing unit based on The Bear and the Piano where the children drew, labelled, and described the bear from the story. In maths, the Year 2s counted in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. And the Year 1s ordered and compared numbers. In Science we are looking at our senses and tasted and felt some contrasting foods. In RE we looked at what Harvest means and how we can be grateful for all the seasons and what they provide. PE is always fun where we focused on enhancing our skills.

**Kingfishers-** What an amazing few weeks we have had in Kingfishers! We have been very curious historians, learning all about Tudor children and the jobs they had to do – if they came from poorer families. We then compared that to Victorian children and the difference in jobs they were expected to do, mostly for cheap and easy labour. We are sure if you ask them all about it, then can tell you even more! In Maths, we have been very resilient with numbers to 1,000 and 10,000, looking at comparing and ordering them as well as starting to round in year 4. In English we completed Leon and the place between, writing some amazing setting descriptions using a range of amazing language. We have now started our new book – The Matchbox Diary, which we loved reading and are getting ready to write a diary entry as if we were the granddaughter from the book. In Science, we have been observant and careful scientists putting together circuits and testing different ones to see which lit the bulb, or turned the motor, and noticed what it needed to be a complete scientist. Every week in science, we have a VIP scientist who wears our VIP Dr lab coat, who was the child who worked hard from the previous lesson.

**Golden Eagles:** A good week for golden eagles class. We have completed our draft, edit and published piece for our unit on The Arrival with the outcome being a descriptive narrative. In maths, year 5 have been looking at addition and subtraction and year 6 the children have looked at common multiples, factors and the rules for divisibility. This week's homework will be related to our maths units we have covered this week. The year 6 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Lincolnshire showground last week and came back with a clay dragon each! In Science, we have looked at the life cycle of a dog. In RE we have looked at asking theologian type questions about the ten commandments, in Topic we have explored the term 'suffragette' and why some women refused to fill in census forms in the 1900's. We have also been busy creating our part for the Harvest festival which is due to take place next week

# E-SAFETY

Kick-off caution! EA FC 26 brings back all the footballing fun but with potential [#OnlineSafety](#) concerns around voice chat, in-game purchases and scams, our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide gives trusted adults the full picture.

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<https://vist.ly/48tzh>

# CLUBS

Clubs will commence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Monday - Y5/6 Football club (25 max)

Wednesday - Y3/4 Archery (16 max)

Friday - Y1/2 Multi Skills (20 max)

# 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

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26**

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE**  
As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.
- VOICE CHAT**  
Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.
- IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM**  
Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young players could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.
- SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM**  
Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupo players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.
- POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION**  
While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lotters of selecting packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR**  
The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term, if children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer. EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.
- MONITOR VOICE CHAT**  
As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to talk to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.
- LIMIT SPENDING**  
If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Receiving funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening Raffle packs with sick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth ending a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.
- BE VIGILANT**  
As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

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# PE SLOTS

EYFS- Monday and Friday

Y1/2 Monday and Wednesday

Y3/4 Wednesday and Thursday

Y5/6 Wednesday and Friday

Children are to come in to school in their PE Kits.

Please can jewellery stay at home on these days, if possible and hair is to be tied back

# CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The winning class gets to keep an attendance trophy for a week. We are aiming for 97+%



Robins-100 %  
Goldfinches-98.67 %  
Kingfishers-91.72 %  
Golden Eagles- 99.23%

Well Done Robins

# PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

We look forward to seeing you next week. When you arrive for your appointment, please come via the hall where you will be greeted. Our school book fair will also be up and running, so please feel free to take a look.

Robins meetings will take place in the nest area, so please also come via the main school entrance.

# HOMEWORK POLICY

At Kirkby la Thorpe Primary School, we have created a new homework policy to strengthen the partnership between home and school and to support every child's learning and independence. The policy sets out a clear, consistent approach so that homework tasks are purposeful, manageable and appropriate for each year group. Activities are designed to build on classroom teaching, giving pupils meaningful opportunities to practise key skills, consolidate knowledge and develop positive study habits. Clear guidance is included to help parents and carers support their child, encouraging curiosity confidence, and a love of learning beyond the school day.

For more information please visit our school website.

# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thankyou to everyone that came to our coffee morning- it was a great success. Thankyou for all of your kind donations and we successfully raised £171, not including the online donations.

I also want to take this opportunity to say thankyou to Ms Feary for organising another successful coffee morning





## Kirkby La Thorpe Primary School

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If you haven't done so already, take a look at our Facebook page and give us a follow 😊

# NUTRITION POLICY

This policy has been developed in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) nutrition guidance and reflects national recommendations for supporting children's health and wellbeing.

It ensures a consistent approach across our school, promoting safe, healthy, and inclusive food practices that respect children's individual needs, cultural backgrounds, and family preferences.

Please take a look at our policy on our website.

## Attendance

### Supporting you to understand the new rules



A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

#### What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued.

This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.

#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

**£160** per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.

#### Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

**£160** per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

#### Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)



# Y6 CONSTRUCTION DAY





Our Year 6 pupils took part in a special Constructions Day where they explored a wide range of skills and knowledge linked to engineering and the world of work. They learned about fusion energy generation and how this exciting technology could shape the future, as well as the infrastructure of the National Grid and how electricity reaches our homes. Pupils also got hands-on with practical skills, developing their abilities in painting and decorating techniques.

It was a fantastic day that combined science, engineering, and practical learning, giving pupils an inspiring insight into the world of construction and energy.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP CHAMPIONS



We are delighted to welcome three new members to our team of Collective Worship Champions – congratulations to them all