



# Kirkby La Thorpe

Church of England Primary Academy

**Kindness - Learning - Trust**

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## Collective Worship

**Exiting news! During todays collective worship our **candidates** for new collective worship champions read their prepared answers to the whole school. We were very impressed. Voting has commenced! On Monday we will be listening to vice and house captain candidates, so please ensure application forms are ready!**

## Class Updates

**Robins** – What a busy two weeks we have had in the Robins Class! The children are fabulous at following our school rule 'be ready'. We have really enjoyed our Literacy book this week 'Super Milly and the Super School Day.' This encouraged us to become 'super writers'. We have completed some mark making missions and practiced writing 'th' sounds in our names. In Maths, we have started subitising (recognising an amount without counting) with numbers to 3. The children then wanted to make their own Numberblocks – 1, 2 and 3. The children have loved exploring outside, particularly in the construction area where we are developing a building site role play area! Have a fabulous weekend everyone 😊

**Goldfinches** –The goldfinches have brought their first set of homework to complete for Thursday 24th. We have had an excellent week learning through our class book, 'House Held Up By Trees'. Be sure to ask them about it! Additionally, the children have blown my socks off by representing tens and ones, with Dienes! Why not ask them to show you 56 in sticks and ones?

**Kingfishers** – We are well on the way to finishing our first big write of the year in Literacy! Ask your child what they can tell you about Cave drawings! We have also been immersing ourselves in prehistoric, stone age life and investigating Skara Brae. In Science we are learning about light and reflection and great fun was had with mirrors!

**Golden Eagles** – We have had a great week and spent an afternoon creating monochrome print houses for our architecture unit. We are looking an Anne Askew in RE and looked at Viking artefacts in history. In English, we have showcased some wonderful vocabulary to describe a setting. We finished our amazing week off with some calming yoga, focusing on balance and strength.

## Reminders

**Reading Diaries:** Please can all children bring reading diaries and their books in everyday, as we record each time a child reads. Reading is such an important activity and helps with all aspects of their learning.

**Hot Meals and School Trips:** If your child is going on a trip, you must order a pack lunch as the system will not automatically do this. The first trip is year 6 on the 24<sup>th</sup> September (Construction day). If you know you have ordered a meal, you will need to change it to a pack up for this trip. Thank you.

# 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

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# Key Dates



## Autumn 1

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September-** Y6 Construction day

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September-** School open week everyday

9:30, 11:30 and 1:30 (new parents)

**6<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Festival (Time TBC)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October-** Book Fair

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** -

Parent's Evening

**Half term-** 26<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November

## Autumn 2

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Term Starts

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November-** School open week everyday

(except Thursday) 9:30, 11:30 and 1:30 (new parents)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November-** Flu immunisation

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November-** Flu immunisation mop up

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December-** Lincs cathedral carol service TBC

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December-** KS2 Carols service

Ewerby Church- all parents welcome

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas dinner and jumper day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Blackfriars Panto

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

- EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Time TBC)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Father Christmas Visit

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** End of term

# e-safety

**Character.AI** enables users to create and interact with AI-powered characters that can behave like friends, mentors, fictional characters or romantic partners.

While these tools can feel engaging and emotionally supportive, they also introduce important safeguarding, wellbeing and privacy considerations for children and young people. Our latest **#WakeUpWednesday** guide supports parents, carers and educators in understanding the risks and opening constructive conversations around AI companionship.

The guide explores:

- Inappropriate content and unreliable advice
- Emotional dependency and blurred boundaries
- Privacy concerns linked to personal information
- Warning signs such as secretive or excessive use
- Withdrawal from real-world activities and relationships
- Practical steps around age settings, limits and reporting concerns

With clear, accessible guidance, this resource helps adults support safer, more balanced and informed use of AI character platforms.

Access the guide here: <https://vist.ly/5hs5g>

**#Safeguarding #OnlineSafety #ArtificialIntelligence**



## CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Attendance is critical to a child's learning and we celebrate this each week. The winning class gets to keep an attendance trophy for a week. We are aiming for 97% or more!

This weeks winners with 100% were **Robins** and **Goldfinches**! All classes were above 98%!!



**We would also like to take a moment to say a very special thank you to Mr Annall.**

**What many of you may not be aware of is that, over the summer, our school underwent a significant programme of improvement work, including the installation of a completely new fire alarm system, with new internal fire doors also due to be fitted shortly.**

**This has only been possible because of the considerable amount of work Mr Annall has put in behind the scenes, particularly in preparing and submitting CIF funding bids on behalf of the school. We were delighted that these bids were successful, securing around £210,000 of funding to enable this vital work to take place.**

**There is an enormous amount of work involved in securing funding of this scale and then supporting a project through to completion, much of which people simply don't see. So, on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Annall for his hard work, commitment and determination in helping us continue to improve our school and ensure it remains a safe and welcoming place for our children.**

**Please take a moment to read and visit the site in the link below.**

# Stopping AI Child Sexual Abuse Imagery: Advice for Parents and Carers

**<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/?scrlybrkr=af97e6d8>**

## Official Guidance from the NCA and IWF

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a part of everyday life. Whilst it has many benefits, it can also be misused – including by those who use it to make, manipulate and share nude, semi-nude or sexual images and videos of children. This is child sexual abuse material (or 'CSAM') and, under UK law, is illegal.**

**Hearing about this as a parent or carer can feel alarming, but you are not alone. It's important to know that there are steps you can take, many of which you may already be doing, to help better protect your child.**

**This guide from the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) is here to support you. It will help you to understand more about how AI can be misused, why it matters and what steps you can take to feel confident and help keep your child safer online.**

**These are the 3 charities that we, as a school, are going to support this year through various activities and events.**



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