



Kilham C of E Primary School

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"Encourage one another and build each other up." (Thessalonians 5.11)

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

THIS WEEK OUR FOCUS IS : OPAL

Dear parents and carers, welcome to this weeks newsletter with updates around forthcoming school trips, our traditional sports day and OPAL feedback from the parental survey.

Traditional Sports Day at Kilham School: A Day of Fun and Competition

Kilham School held its much-anticipated traditional Sports Day on Monday 15th June, and the weather couldn't have been better. Under sunny skies, students, parents, and staff gathered on the school's sports field for an afternoon filled with excitement and camaraderie.

The afternoon kicked off with classic events like the egg-and-spoon race, the sack race, hurdles, and the beanbag race, bringing out the competitive spirit in everyone. The cheers from the side-lines were deafening as students and parents enthusiastically supported their teammates, creating an atmosphere of encouragement and team spirit.

In addition to these traditional races, there were also individual sprints and a thrilling team relay race for children in Key Stage 2. Each event showcased the students' athleticism and determination, with many close finishes and impressive displays of sportsmanship.

One of the highlights of the day was the mums and dads races. These highly competitive events saw parents racing against each other, much to the delight of the cheering children. The spirited competition among the adults added an extra layer of fun to the day.

When all the races were completed and the points tallied, the green team emerged victorious, with the blue team in second place. Their win was met with loud applause and celebrations from team members and supporters alike.

Overall, Kilham School's traditional Sports Day was a resounding success, marked by good weather, enthusiastic participation, and a wonderful community spirit. The event not only highlighted the importance of physical activity but also reinforced the bonds between students, parents, and staff, making it a memorable day for everyone involved.

More pictures and videos are available on the school website under the gallery section.



★ CONGRATULATIONS! ★

GREEN TEAM

SPORTS DAY

CHAMPIONS!

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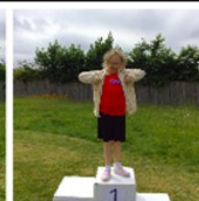


KILHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

★ 2025 - 2026 ★

GREAT
TEAMWORK
AND
DETERMINATION!





PE Curriculum Enrichment: Visit to Harry Sheeder Gym, Driffield

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality physical education, children in Classes 3 and 4 from Kilham C of E Primary School started a series of four morning or afternoon sessions at the Harry Sheeder Sports School gym in Driffield.

The children travelled by bus to the gym, where they participated in structured, age-appropriate physical activities led by qualified coaches in a professional sporting environment. The sessions supported and enhanced our PE curriculum, helping children to develop fundamental movement skills, strength, coordination and confidence in a fun and supportive setting. During the session children were walking backwards on balance beams, completing inverse rotational flips and core strength activities for upper body strength.

Throughout the programme, the children thoroughly enjoyed using the specialist facilities and equipment at the gym. They showed great enthusiasm during each visit and embraced the opportunity to try new activities that are not always available within the school setting.

With the support and encouragement of the experienced Harry Sheeder Sports School coaches, the children learnt and practised a range of basic gymnastic skills, including balance, coordination, movement and body control. The sessions helped to build both confidence and resilience, while encouraging positive attitudes towards physical activity and fitness.

We were delighted to use a portion of the school's Sports Premium funding to provide this enriching opportunity, ensuring that our children could benefit from high-quality coaching and experiences beyond the school site. The visits were highly enjoyable and beneficial for all involved, and it was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm, confidence and engagement grow throughout the programme.





OPAL Parent feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent playtime survey. We greatly appreciate your feedback and, in particular, the many offers of support that were included in your responses. We recognise that family life is incredibly busy, so we feel very fortunate to be part of such a supportive school community that is always willing to help when needed.

The survey responses strongly reinforced our belief that outdoor play is an essential part of childhood. Many parents commented that children today do not always have the same opportunities for outdoor play and exploration that previous generations enjoyed. As a result, we feel it is increasingly important that we provide rich and varied opportunities for outdoor play during the school day.

While outdoor play can sometimes lead to muddy clothes, wet wellies, and the occasional bump or scrape, the overwhelming majority of responses supported the idea that these experiences are an important part of growing up. Outdoor play helps children to develop resilience, confidence, creativity, problem-solving skills and the ability to assess and manage risks appropriately. Please be assured that, as with all activities in school, any new OPAL developments are carefully planned and risk assessed to ensure children can play safely while still experiencing appropriate levels of challenge.

We were delighted by the range of suggestions received from both parents and children through the School Council. These ideas will help shape the future development of our outdoor provision. Current projects under consideration include:

- A dressing-up and role-play area
- A slack line balance challenge
- A performance and stage area
- Long-grass pathways for exploration
- A wet-play and water investigation area
- Wheeled play opportunities, including scooters and prams
- A mud café
- Tyre, pallet and loose-parts construction zones
- A wilding and den-building area
- A gardening and growing space
- A large sandpit
- A hill mound, tunnel or tyre-climbing zone
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In addition, we are exploring ways to provide dedicated storage for wellington boots and waterproof clothing to ensure children can enjoy outdoor play in all weather conditions.



Let's build
better play together!



Statistical information was collect for the following key questions:

1. How important do you think playtime is for our children?

Extremely important (89%)

Very important (11%)

Somewhat important (0%)

Not so important (0%)

Not at all important (0%)

2. Currently, how much does your child, or children, enjoy their school playtimes?

Playtime is brilliant (46%)

Playtime is good (39%)

Playtime is neither good or bad (11%)

Playtime is a bit boring (4%)

Playtime is horrible (0%)



4. Do you think playtime at our school is:

Too short (43%)

Just right (46%)

Too long (0%)

Not sure (11%)

8. Do you feel your own child or children have the same opportunities to play outdoors as you did?

Yes (30%)

No (70%)

12. Thinking about your family, how frequently do your children play outdoors outside your home, in the street, green space or similar?

Every day (29%)

A few times a week (41%)

About once a week (15%)

A few times a month (11%)

Once a month (4%)

Less than once a month (0%)



Exciting Developments in Playtimes at Kilham C of E Primary School

At Kilham C of E Primary School, we are proud to be part of the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme. OPAL is all about transforming playtimes and lunchtimes into exciting, engaging, and enriching experiences for all children. Research shows that high-quality play opportunities support children's physical health, wellbeing, creativity, resilience, and social skills.

As part of our OPAL journey, we are gradually opening up and developing different areas across the school field to provide a wider range of play opportunities. Over the past year, children have enjoyed exploring new spaces and activities, and we are committed to continuing to enhance our outdoor environment.

Our latest addition is a **slack line**. A slack line is a strong, flat piece of webbing that is suspended between two fixed points, such as posts or trees. Unlike a tightrope, the line has some movement and flexibility, making it a fun and challenging activity that requires concentration, balance, coordination, and perseverance.

Children can use the slack line to test and develop their balance skills while building confidence and determination. It provides a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages to challenge themselves, set personal goals, and celebrate their progress. Whether taking their very first steps or seeing how far they can travel across the line, the slack line has already proved to be a popular addition to our play provision.

We are excited to continue developing our OPAL areas and look forward to sharing more updates with families as new opportunities become available. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work to make playtimes and lunchtimes even more enjoyable and beneficial for all of our children.



Thank You for Supporting Our Book Fair!

A huge thank you to all of our families who supported our recent Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised an amazing £189.00 for the school.

Mrs Dowkes, our English Lead, worked with the children to gather their views and recommendations on the types of books they would most like to see in school. Using the funds raised, we have invested in a fantastic collection of new graphic novels and illustrated books for children in Classes 3 and 4. As you can see from the photograph, the new stock includes popular titles from the *Dog Man*, *Captain Underpants*, *Tom Gates*, *Rabbit and Bear*, and *Nut Squad* series.

One of the most requested authors was Dav Pilkey, creator of the hugely successful *Dog Man* and *Captain Underpants* series. The *Dog Man* books combine exciting stories, humour, adventure and comic-style illustrations that appeal to a wide range of readers. These books are particularly effective at encouraging reluctant readers to pick up a book and develop a love of reading. Graphic novels can help children build reading stamina, improve comprehension skills and increase confidence by making reading accessible, enjoyable and engaging.

At Kilham C of E Primary School, we are passionate about helping every child become a confident and enthusiastic reader. As part of our Reading Rockets scheme, we encourage children to read at least five times each week at home. Regular reading helps children develop vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and imagination, whilst also supporting learning across the wider curriculum.

Thank you once again for supporting our Book Fair and helping us to continue developing an exciting and engaging range of reading materials for all of our children. We can't wait to see these new books being enjoyed by our young readers!



Sporting Success for Kilham! Football

Congratulations to JC, who has been selected to represent the East Riding Schools Football Association following a rigorous and highly competitive selection process.

The trials took place at Wolfreton Secondary School and Sixth Form College and involved some of the most talented young footballers from across the East Riding of Yorkshire. The selection process consisted of two rounds of trials, beginning with more than 90 players. Through a series of matches, fitness assessments and skills sessions, the group was gradually narrowed down until just 12 players were selected to form the first team.

JC impressed the selectors throughout the process with his excellent technical ability, determination and outstanding goal-scoring prowess. His performances earned him a well-deserved place in the squad and recognition as one of the area's most promising young footballers.

As a member of the East Riding team, JC will now have the opportunity to compete against county representative sides from across the country, including fixtures against teams from Newcastle and beyond. The team will also compete in a prestigious national cup competition.

Everyone at Kilham C of E Primary School is incredibly proud of JC's achievement. He has represented the school with distinction in numerous football and hockey tournaments over the years, always demonstrating commitment, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. This latest success is a fantastic reward for his hard work and dedication to sport.

We wish JC and his East Riding teammates every success for the season ahead and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

Swimming Success for Kilham!

Congratulations to ZL, who has recently achieved an outstanding swimming success at a local swimming event.

Through a series of impressive performances in the pool, ZL recorded qualifying times that could see him competing against some of the best young swimmers from across Yorkshire at the renowned Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

Ponds Forge is one of the country's premier aquatic venues and boasts an Olympic-sized 50-metre swimming pool with seating for up to 2,500 spectators. The complex is a major centre for competitive swimming and diving and serves as a primary training hub for Aquatics GB's diving squad and many of the nation's elite swimmers.

To have the opportunity to compete at such a prestigious venue is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of ZL's dedication, hard work and commitment to his sport.

Everyone at Kilham C of E Primary School is incredibly proud of ZL. Over the years, he has represented the school with enthusiasm and determination at a wide range of sporting events, including the Biathlon and our annual Swimming Gala. He is a wonderful ambassador for the school and consistently demonstrates the values of perseverance, resilience and striving for excellence. We wish ZL every success as he continues his swimming journey and look forward to hearing about his future achievements in the pool.



This week's VIP Award winners

Well done to our VIP award winners for this week. Children were chosen for their perseverance at the gym, reading and phonics progress and amazing penguin artwork. The children enjoyed receiving their certificates and wrist bands and having their photo in the newsletter.



Thank you to all of the parents who came along to our "secret squirrel assembly's " it was lovely to have parents in the building celebrating their children's achievements.

Reading Rockets - "You have to be in it to win it!"

Please keep listening to your child read at home at least 5 times a week for 10 mins so they develop a love for reading and get involved in our Reading Rocket challenge.

class	Week 1	Week2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Most improved	Rolling total
Cl 1	2.8	3.1							5.9
Cl 2	3.4	3.7							7.1
Cl 3	3.5	4.4							7.9
Cl 4	4.6	4.3							8.9

Well done to all of the children in Class 4 who are our leading class this week and have achieved a reading average total of 8.9, which is a fantastic. This week the children in Class 3 have the most improved score this week.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mr R M Palmer
Head teacher

R. M. Palmer

Dates for the diary

June

24.06.2026 - 26.06.2026	CL 4 Residential Trip - Carlton Lodge
26.06.2026	Y6 Drifffield School Parents Opening Evening
29.06.2026	Class 3 Trip to Egyptian Hands on History, Hull
30.06.2026	Class 2 Trip to Hornsea Museum am only

July

01.07.2026	CL4 Family Worship
02.07.2026	PTFA Leavers Disco 3.45-5pm
03.07.2026	Gym Sessions at Wolds Gymnastic Club (C4 am & C3 pm) 4/4
03.07.2026	KS2 Cross Country at Kilham 4-5pm
07.07.2026	KS2 Coastal Trip to Mappleton & Hornsea
14.07.2026	Year 6 Beach Studies Day, Year 5 in school
15.07.2026	End of year reports to parents.
16.07.2026	Year 6 Leavers Service at All Saints Church, 2pm
17.07.2026	Last Day of Term for children

JUNE

May The Toys Be With You
Beverley Art Gallery

Saturday, 6 June to Saturday, 29 August

Step into a galaxy far, far away with May The Toys Be With You! From X-Wing Fighters and lightsabers to intricately designed action figures and iconic poster artwork, this exhibition celebrates the creativity, craftsmanship, and visual storytelling that made Star Wars legendary. Perfect for fans, art lovers, and anyone who's ever dreamed of a galaxy beyond our own.

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**SCHOOL TERM DATES – STANDARD PATTERN OF DATES
2026 - 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**



AUTUMN TERM 2026																													
	August						September						October						November						December				
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		
Tuesday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		
Wednesday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		
Thursday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		
Friday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25			
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26			
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27			

SPRING TERM 2027																											
	January							February							March							April					
Monday		4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26					
Tuesday		5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27					
Wednesday		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28					
Thursday		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29					
Friday	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30					
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24						
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25						

Autumn	35	70	195
Spring	35	50	
Summer	25	75	
	39		
	36		
School Holiday			
Bank Holiday			

SUMMER TERM 2027																			
	May					June					July								
Monday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26					
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27				
Wednesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28				
Thursday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29				
Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30				
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31			
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25				

These term dates are for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in East Riding of Yorkshire.

Schools can set five non-contact days when the school will be closed to pupils.

① Training days school closed to children.

DAILY LUNCH MENU WEEK ONE



CATERING
SERVICES

MENUS

w/c 13 APR 4 MAY 1 JUN 22 JUN 13 JUL 21 SEP 12 OCT

Primary School
April/October
Term 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	CHICKEN GOUJONS with TOMATO KETCHUP OR [V] QUORN NUGGETS	[V] CHEESE PASTA	MEATBALL SUB OR [VE] VEGAN MEATBALL SUB	ROAST CHICKEN and YORKSHIRE PUDDING OR [VE] QUORN ROAST FILLET and YORKSHIRE PUDDING	Italian Theme Day [VE] HOMEMADE MARGARITA PIZZA with TOMATO KETCHUP
SIDES	[VE] Rice [VE] Peas	[VE] Sweetcorn [VE] Summer Salad	[VE] Sweetcorn [VE] Sliced Potatoes	[VE] Mashed potatoes [VE] Baby carrots [VE] Broccoli [VE] Gravy	[VE] Chips [VE] Baked beans
DESSERT	[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR [V] YOGHURT OR [V] Jam Love Cake and Custard	[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR [V] YOGHURT OR [V] Oaty Biscuit	[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR [V] YOGHURT OR [V] Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR [V] YOGHURT OR [V] Chocolate Summer Cupcake	[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR [V] YOGHURT OR [V] Ice Cream and Fruit

KEY [V] Suitable for Vegetarians
[VE] Suitable for Vegans

DAILY LUNCH MENU

WEEK TWO

CATERING
SERVICES

MENUS

Primary School
April / October
Term 2026

w/c 20 APR 11 MAY 8 JUN 29 JUN 7 SEP 28 SEP 19 OCT

MAIN COURSE

SIDES

DESSERT

MONDAY

ITALIAN STYLE
BOLOGNAISE
OR
[V] ITALIAN STYLE
VEGETABLE BOLOGNAISE

[VE] Garlic Bread
[VE] Pasta
[VE] Country mixed vegetables

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Chocolate Crunch and [V] Custard

TUESDAY

BBQ CHICKEN
OR
[V] BBQ QUORN FILLET

[V] Rice
[VE] Vegetable Sticks
[VE] Sweetcorn

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Lemon Cookie

WEDNESDAY

SAUSAGE ROLL
OR
[VE] VEGAN ROLL

[V] Oven Baked Wedges
[VE] Baked Beans

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Jelly and Fruit

THURSDAY

CHICKEN and YORKSHIRE
PUDDING
OR
[VE] QUORN FILLET and
YORKSHIRE PUDDING

[VE] Mashed potatoes
[VE] Baby carrots
[VE] Cauliflower [VE] Gravy

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Chocolate muffin

FRIDAY

Italian Theme Day
[VE] HOMEMADE
MARGARITA PIZZA
with TOMATO KETCHUP

[VE] Chips
[VE] Baked beans

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Ice Cream & Fruit

KEY [V] Suitable for Vegetarians
[VE] Suitable for Vegans

DAILY LUNCH MENU

WEEK THREE

CATERING
SERVICES

MENUS

Primary School
April / October
Term 2026

w/c 27 APR 16 MAY 15 JUN 6 JUL 14 SEP 5 OCT

MAIN COURSE

SIDES

DESSERT

MONDAY

HAM, CHEESE AND
TOMATO PASTA
OR
[V] CHEESE AND
TOMATO PASTA

[V] Crusty Roll
[VE] Garden Peas

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Raspberry cream shortcake

TUESDAY

SUMMER
BRUNCH BAP
OR
[V] SUMMER
BRUNCH BAP

[VE] Baked beans
[VE] Crispy sliced potato

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Chocolate Malted Moment

WEDNESDAY

ITALIAN CHICKEN
OR
[V] ITALIAN QUORN FILLET

[VE] Steamed Rice
[VE] Vegetable Sticks
[VE] Sweetcorn

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Banana Sponge and Custard

THURSDAY

CHICKEN
and YORKSHIRE PUDDING
OR
[VE] QUORN FILLET and
[VE] YORKSHIRE PUDDING

[V] Mashed potato
[VE] Baby carrots
[VE] Broccoli [VE] Gravy

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[VE] Chocolate Crackle

FRIDAY

Italian Theme Day
[VE] HOMEMADE
MARGARITA PIZZA
with TOMATO KETCHUP

[VE] Chips
[VE] Baked beans

[VE] FRESH FRUIT OR
[V] YOGHURT OR
[V] Ice Cream & Fruit

KEY [V] Suitable for Vegetarians
[VE] Suitable for Vegans

Holy Communion



Monthly. Every First, Third, Fifth Sunday at 11 a.m. for 45 mins



All Saints Kilham

Church Street Kilham, YO25 4RG, United Kingdom



A service of Holy Communion; all welcome



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EUCCHARIST/HOLY COMMUNION

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LIVE STREAMED SERVICE

MUSIC

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PRAYERS

SINGING

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