



Kilham C of E Primary School

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

STARTING THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

AUTUMN 2026

We are delighted to welcome our children and families back to Kilham C of E Primary School for another exciting year.

The summer holidays have been a particularly busy time at school, with a significant programme of building and improvement work taking place. We are pleased to share some of the changes with the wider Kilham community.



Our new Rainbow Room

One of the biggest developments has been the completion of our new SEN Rainbow Room.

This fantastic new space provides additional capacity for small-group interventions and gives children who need additional support a dedicated area where they can access sensory circuit breaks and other support during the school day.

We have also addressed the historic water-ingress problem in Class 2, while the EYFS toilets have been re-roofed and repainted. These improvements will help to make our school environment brighter, fresher and even more welcoming for our children.

Our new OPAL Welly & Waterproof Shelter

We are particularly excited about another new addition to school – our fantastic OPAL welly and waterproof shelter.

Over the summer, the shelter was built at the back of school, ready for the wet autumn and winter weather. It will make a real difference to our OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning – provision, allowing children to access the field, mud kitchen and den-building areas throughout the year and in most weather conditions. Children can now change into their wellies and waterproof clothing before heading outside, meaning they can enjoy adventurous, creative and active outdoor play without worrying about getting their school uniform wet or muddy.



A huge thank you goes to Mr Kirk, one of our wonderful parents, who built the shelter, and to our PTFA, who funded this fantastic addition through their fundraising efforts.

The school has also purchased a supply of wellies and waterproof clothing for children to use. We hope the new shelter will encourage our children to make even greater use of our outdoor spaces throughout the year.

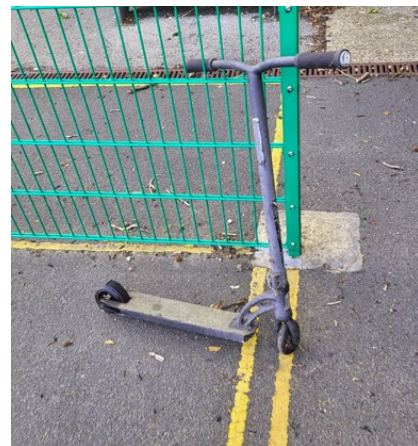
Continuing to develop OPAL

The new shelter is part of our wider commitment to developing OPAL at Kilham.

Our aim is to provide children with opportunities to play, explore, create, take appropriate risks and develop their independence outdoors. The field, mud kitchen and den-building areas are becoming increasingly important parts of school life, whatever the weather.

We are looking forward to seeing the children making the most of these spaces over the coming months.

We will also be inviting parents and carers into school to experience OPAL alongside their children, giving families an opportunity to see the different ways our outdoor areas are being used at lunchtime.



Looking ahead

Alongside our building and outdoor developments, the school continues to focus on providing the very best education for our children.

One of our key priorities this year is to improve outcomes in writing, with a particular focus on developing the planning stage of writing and embedding our “Think Aloud, Write Proud” approach. We will also provide targeted interventions to support children and help them make strong progress.

We will continue to develop our reading provision, our Christian ethos and our preparation for our next SIAMS inspection, while helping our children develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to play an active and positive role in modern Britain.

Growing together

Our work on developing a growth mindset will continue this year.

Through assemblies, activities, recognition and encouragement, we want all of our children to understand that perseverance, resilience and having a go are important parts of learning.

We want our children to be proud of their achievements and to celebrate the achievements of others.

Part of the Kilham community

Kilham C of E Primary School is proud to be part of our village community.

We are grateful for the continued support that we receive from local residents, families, our PTFA, the church and other community organisations. The improvements taking place at school are helping us to create an even better environment for the children of Kilham.

We hope that our new OPAL shelter, together with the other improvements around school, will be a source of pride for the whole village.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our school and our children.

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