

Kilham C of E Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

THIS WEEK OUR FOCUS IS : WATER SAFETY

Water Safety Awareness

This week in our worships, we have been learning about the importance of staying safe in and around water.

With the recent spell of beautiful warm weather, many families will be enjoying time at the beach, rivers, lakes, canals, swimming pools and paddling pools. Being around water can be great fun and an important part of family life, but it is also important to remember that water can present serious dangers, particularly for young children. Drowning remains one of the leading causes of accidental death in children in the UK, and many incidents happen during everyday activities when risks are underestimated.

The children have been learning the **Water Safety Code**, which provides four simple messages to help keep everyone safe:

Stop and Think – Take time to look for hazards, read warning signs and consider any hidden dangers such as deep water, strong currents, slippery banks or cold water.

Stay Together – Children should always stay close to a trusted adult near water and never go near water alone.

Float – If you unexpectedly fall into water, try to stay calm and float on your back. Tilt your head back, spread your arms and legs, and focus on controlling your breathing until you can call for help or swim to safety.

Call 999 – If someone is in trouble in the water, call 999 immediately. At the coast, ask for the Coastguard. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue themselves; instead, they should seek adult help and, if possible, throw something that floats to the person in difficulty.

We encourage all families to discuss water safety at home and to reinforce these important messages throughout the summer months. By following the Water Safety Code, we can all enjoy time around water safely and responsibly.

This information is suitable for a primary school children and links directly to the national Water Safety Code promoted by the RNLI and Royal Life Saving Society UK.

Reflection



Water can be a wonderful place to play, explore, exercise and relax. However, even places that look calm and safe can contain hidden risks, which is why understanding how to stay safe is so important.

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What Is the Water Safety Code?

The Water Safety Code provides information about how to stay safe in and around water.

Stop and Think



It has four parts. Click on each part to find out more.

Stay Together



Float



Call 999 or 112



What Else Can You Do to Stay Safe?

Key Stage 2 Visit to York Mosque and Islamic Centre

Children from Key Stage 2 enjoyed a wonderful morning visiting the York Mosque and Islamic Centre as part of our work to develop a deeper understanding of different religious beliefs, cultures and communities.

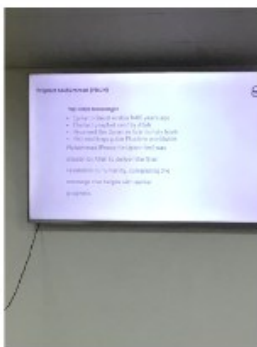
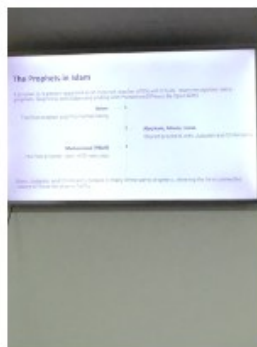
During the visit, the children spent time exploring the mosque and its prayer spaces, met the Imam, looked at books written in Arabic and learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam. They asked thoughtful questions and gained a valuable insight into the beliefs and practices of Muslims, helping to bring their Religious Education learning to life.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity for the children to learn first-hand about a faith community and to reflect on the similarities and differences between religions, encouraging respect, understanding and curiosity about the world around them.

A special thank you goes to Miss Brown, who entered and won a local Religious Education competition. As a result, the visit was provided free of charge for all of the children, making this fantastic learning opportunity possible.

We are very proud of the children, who represented the school exceptionally well throughout the visit.





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.





On Wednesday 3rd June, Classes 1 and 2 went on a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Living Seas Centre in Flamborough. We spent the day taking part in two exciting workshops: Changing Coastlines and Seashore Safari.

During the morning, we learned about the different types of rocks found on the beach and tested their strength using copper and silver coins. We also carried out a fun experiment to demonstrate coastal erosion. We built three sandcastles to represent cliffs: one was covered in seaweed, one had holes in it to represent a softer rock, and one was left untouched. We then poured water over them to see how erosion affected each one. We discovered that the sandcastle protected by seaweed lasted the longest.

We discussed what might happen if homes or businesses were built on cliffs affected by erosion and considered the impact this could have on their future. We also looked at an erosion map of the East Yorkshire coast and learned that parts of the coastline near Flamborough are eroding at a rate of around 1 metre per year, with some such as Skipsea eroding at 5 meters a year! Using a trundle wheel, we walked to the lifeboat station and calculated that, at this rate, it could be in the sea in around 30 years. We talked about what this could mean for local residents and visitors, as there would no longer be a lifeboat station to help people in emergencies. There is also a shop attached to the station which provides jobs and helps raise money for the upkeep of the lifeboats, which would also disappear. We learnt that it is important to consider these things now so that there is time to put alternative plans into place.

After lunch, we went rock pooling and found all sorts of fascinating creatures, including crabs, small fish and sea snails. We all got very soggy, but we had the best time and learned so much about our coastline and the wildlife that lives there. It was wonderful to allow the children the freedom to explore the pools and see them work as a team to find different creatures. It was a fantastic day that we will all remember for a long time!





Toilet Twinning



Thank you to all of the children and families who supported our work with the charity Toilet Twinning. Toilet Twinning is a charity that helps communities around the world gain access to safe toilets, clean water and hygiene education. The charity works with local communities to improve sanitation facilities, helping to prevent disease and allowing children to stay healthy and attend school regularly.

We are delighted to share that the £123.00 we raised during our bring a teddy to school day has now been donated and is supporting two toilet blocks — one in Choma Province, Zambia, and another in Chatumbura Village, Malawi. These facilities will make a real difference to the health, safety and well-being of the communities they serve. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Together, we are helping to change lives.



This week's VIP Award winners

Well done to our VIP award winners for this week. Children were chosen for their kindness, improvements in writing and having super behaviour and knowledge on some school trips.. 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. Our reading rocket scoring starts next week.

class	Week 1	Week2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Most improved	Rolling total
CI 1									
CI 2									
CI 3									
CI 4									

Have a wonderful weekend

Mr R M Palmer
Head teacher

R. M. Palmer

Dates for the diary

June

10.06.2026	C3 Family Worship
12.06.2026	Gym Sessions at Wolds Gymnastic Club (C4 am & C3 pm) 2/4
13.06.2026	KS1 Cross Country at Driffield Junior School 9am
15.06.2026	Sports Day 1.15 start on school field
17.06.2026	Year 6 Driffield School Induction Day for Kilham School due to Carlton Lodge
19.06.2026	Gym Sessions at Wolds Gymnastic Club (C4 am & C3 pm) 3/4
24.06.2026 - 26.06.2026	CL 4 Residential Trip - Carlton Lodge
26.06.2026	Y6 Driffield 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

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Transition Days & Parents' Transition Meeting

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss an important initiative we are implementing to support our pupils in their transition between classes but especially from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2.

We understand that the transition between these key stages can be a significant period in a child's educational journey. To facilitate a smoother transition and to ease any anxieties that may arise, we have decided to increase the number of transition days. This extended programme will offer valuable opportunities for the children to become familiar with their new learning environment, routines, and expectations, while also providing time for them to build relationships with their future teachers.

Key changes from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2

Increased curriculum demands: KS2 introduces more formal and structured learning, with higher expectations in subjects like English, Maths, and Science.

Greater independence in learning: Pupils are expected to work more independently, which can be a difficult shift from the more guided learning style in KS1.

Increased pressure and anxiety: Pupils may feel anxious about being in a 'higher' key stage, because of new routines or teachers.

Friendship dynamics: In small schools, class sizes may shift, due to mixed-age classes, which can impact peer relationships.

In order to help parents and carers understand the changes and expectations associated with this transition, we are organising a parents' meeting for the children moving from Year 2 to Year 3. During this meeting, we will discuss the transition process in detail and provide parents with strategies to support their children during this important time. We believe that your involvement in this process is crucial, and we encourage you to participate.

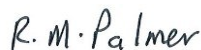
The parents' meeting will take place on **Tuesday 16th June**, in the school hall at **3.45pm**. We hope that this meeting will not only address any queries you may have, but also foster a sense of collaboration between home and school as we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children. If you would like to attend, please complete the reply slip below and return to the office by Tuesday 9th June to confirm your attendance.

For Year 2 children the two transition days will be taking place **Wednesday 17th June**, 9.45-11.50am and **Thursday 2nd July** 11.-12 noon.

For all other children (Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5) will have one transition day which will be taking place **Wednesday 17th June**, 9.15-11.50am.

The Year 6's are having their transition day on Wednesday 17th June. Parents should have received an email from Driffield School with details about this. There is also an open evening for parents on Thursday 25th June.

Your faithfully



Mr Robert Palmer

15 May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Book Fair

I am delighted to share with you that once again we will be holding a book fair. This will run from Tuesday 2nd June until Monday 8th June from 3.30 - 4pm every day. As well as being able to purchase books for your child/ren, the book fair also enables the school to be given free books as well. The more books you purchase, the more money the school gets to purchase new titles. This year we want to use the rewards money to update our graphic novel reading stock.

Payment

Like last year, cash payments cannot be taken. At the book fair, there will be QR codes displayed so you are able to buy your selected titles through your mobile phone. This year, you **MUST** scan the bar code of the books you wish to purchase.

3 for 2 offer

The books on sale are all on a 3 for 2 offer, so the cheapest title you choose is free! When scanning your books to buy, **DO NOT** scan the cheapest title.

School staff will be on hand to help you with scanning books and payment.

An alternative method of payment is to buy book vouchers:

Book Fair Gift Vouchers are the simple, secure way to ensure your child gets the books they want when the Book Fair arrives and are perfect if you can't make it to the Book Fair.

The school will earn Rewards for free books **on the full value of the voucher**.

- Once a purchase has been made, **you will receive the voucher in an email** which can be printed and given to your child.

Vouchers can be purchased up **until midnight on the day before the collection of the Book Fair**.

Please use the link below to purchase the book gift vouchers:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

Reading Rockets - £5 voucher

Your child could be in with a chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. At the end of the half term, each class has a prize draw for children who have read five times or more at home each week. This half terms prize will be a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. Make sure your child is reading plenty at home to be in with a chance of winning this prize!

Thank-you for your support.

Yours faithfully

L Dowkes

Mrs Dowkes
(English Lead)

15 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Sports Day

This year our annual Sports Day will be held on Monday 15 June. This will be held all afternoon from 1.15pm with all children on the field together.

Parents will be able to access the field from 1pm. Entry is via the KS2 gate (leading directly on to the field).

All children are in colour teams. We use these colours for interhouse sporting competitions and they will also be used to determine the overall winning team of the day! Children are asked to come to school dressed in the colour of their team with shoes appropriate for running. A text message will be sent within the next couple of weeks letting you know the colour your child/ren will be in.

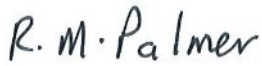
Please also ensure children have a drink with them in school and ideally have a sunhat and sun cream in case of hot weather.

If your child is in our school nursery and does not attend school on a Monday afternoon, they are welcome to attend for the afternoon and compete.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. M. Palmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small loop at the end of the last name.

Mr Robert Palmer

Headteacher

**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			8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27			
Wednesday	5	12	19	26			9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28			
Thursday	6	13	20	27			10	17	24			8	15	22	29			
Friday	7	14	21	28			11	18	25			9	16	23	30			
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29		12	19	26			10	17	24	31			
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30		13	20	27			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

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

Primary School
April/October
Term 2026

CATERING
SERVICES

MENUS

	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
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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



COMMON WORSHIP

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HYMNS

LIVE STREAMED SERVICE

MUSIC

ORGAN

PRAYERS

SINGING

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