
15th September 2025



Kirkstall Valley Primary School

Argie Road, Leeds LS4 2QZ

www.kirkstallvalley.org.uk T: 0113 887 8982

Dear Kirkstall Valley Primary School Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well!

It's been wonderful to see all our children continuing to settle so well into their new classes. Their hard work and positive attitudes have been a joy to witness as they embrace new routines and friendships. It's truly inspiring to see how quickly they've dived into their learning.

The cheerfulness and energy around the school have been fantastic. Last week, I had the pleasure of meeting some new faces at our weekly chess club, and it was brilliant to see the children's focus and determination. It was also a real treat to lead this morning's Language of the Month assembly, celebrating our diverse school community. I look forward to another wonderful week of learning, laughter, and progress together.

Best wishes,

Phil Robertson - Headteacher

Arbor App

Another huge thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Arbor app. Over 80% of families are now on the app which makes communication that bit easier. If you haven't signed up yet or you have any difficulties doing so, please do pop and we'll be happy to help.



Diary Dates

Thursday 18th September
Individual photos (note date change from Newsletter 1)

Friday 26th September
Flu immunisations (if opted in)

Attendance to date:

YR – 98.5% 🏆

Year 1 – 95.6%

Year 2 – 97.1%

Year 3 – 96.9 %

Year 4 – 93.1%

Year 5 – 96.9%

Year 6 – 98%

School = **96.3%** (Target = 96%)

Language of the Month Assemblies

Every month we choose a language which is represented in some way among our school community. This time it is Korean! In our assembly this morning we learned to say 'hello', 'yes', 'no', 'welcome', 'thank you' and 'goodbye' as well as learning the numbers 1 – 10.

Language of the Month assemblies are a wonderful way to celebrate the rich linguistic diversity within our school community. These assemblies help to develop our children's cultural understanding and foster a sense of pride and belonging, reinforcing our school's commitment to being an inclusive and representational community.

Basic Korean Vocabulary Words		
Hello	안녕하세요.	annyeonghaseyo.
Goodbye	안녕히가세요	annyeonghi gaseyo
Yes	예	ye
No	아니	ani
Please	하십시오바랍니다	hasigi balabnida
Thank You	감사합니다	gamsahabnida
Welcome	환영	hwan-yeong

1	하나 (hana or hah - nah)	6	여섯 (yeosut or yuh suht)
2	둘 (dul or dool)	7	일곱 (ilgup or eel gob)
3	셋 (set or seht)	8	여덟 (yeodul or yuh duhl)
4	넷 (net or neht)	9	아홉 (ah-hope or ah hob)
5	다섯 (daut or dah suht)	10	열 (yuhl)

Why not see if your child remembers anything from today's assembly? 감사합니다!

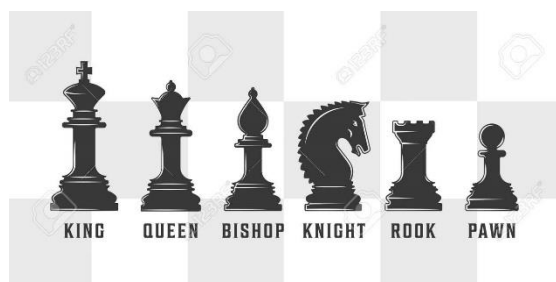
Spotlight on Learning

Year 2



The Year 2 children have made a great start to the new school year and are quickly adjusting to the expectations and routines of their new class. They have shown maturity, focus and a positive attitude towards their learning, which has been very pleasing to see. In maths, pupils have demonstrated a secure understanding of numbers to 100, applying their knowledge with confidence and accuracy. In science, they have been engaged and inquisitive as we began our work on Animals Including Humans, showing great interest in the world around them. Our history topic, Kirkstall Through Time, has already captured their curiosity, with children eager to explore how the local area has developed and changed over the years. This strong start reflects the children's enthusiasm and readiness for the challenges of Year 2. We look forward to welcoming parents on **Wednesday 1st October** for our Read and Numbot parental engagement session (please see the separate letter for further details).

Chess Club



We held our first Chess Club of the school year on Wednesday for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. It was great to welcome back some familiar faces but also to see some new faces too. We have some real strong players within the club and definitely one or two future grandmasters! Chess Club is bookable on the Arbor app for Years 4, 5 and 6 children.

Attendance

Although early days, attendance this term has been fantastic, and we are so impressed with the effort everyone has made to be in school every day. Being in class is incredibly important as it allows our children to fully engage with our fast-paced curriculum and ensures they don't miss out on any of their learning. We've seen how well-settled the children are in their new classes, and this has created a brilliant atmosphere for learning and growth. We appreciate all the hard work and commitment from our families in getting the children to school on time and ready to learn.

Did you know...?

Sustainability



Kirkstall Valley Primary School produces its own electricity which covers some of the power usage? So far we have produced 39.25MWh of electricity which equates to a CO2 reduction of 39.14t. Our energy efficient LED lighting also ensures we require as little energy as possible to operate.

School Uniform

We've just had an attempt to reunite some of our lost property with its owners but not very successfully. We get so much lost property – mainly uniform but also other personal items.

Please would you take some time this week to ensure that **everything** which comes to school with children has a name on it? That way we can help to look after children's belongings.

Focus on

School Council



School council have been working really hard on improving and developing our outdoor quiet area. They have come up creative and innovative solutions to improve both the functionality and aesthetic of this somewhat tired space. They successfully raised £260 pounds and have been budgeting and prioritising realistic improvements. The School Council members have been a true driving force for change and have tackled the challenge with enthusiasm and positivity. Over the course of the next few weeks, they will organise this space focusing on the outdoor library as well as preparing and delivering a whole school assembly focused on the expectations of this new and improved area. Miss P would like to say a big thank you for their hard work and dedication. Once the quiet area project is complete, we will then transition to a new School Council cohort. Stay tuned!

Meet Your Governors

Colleen Jackson – Chair



I am now retired but have worked in education for the past forty years. My most recent role was to support a number of Head Teachers in school improvement.

As the Chair of Governors at Kirkstall Valley Primary School, I work with all the governors to ensure the best outcomes for our children in every area of their lives.

I am very proud to be a member of the largest group of volunteers in the country and even more proud to be working on behalf of all pupils, staff and parents in this wonderful school community.



Safe



Ready



Respectful



Courage



Compassion



Commitment

School calendar academic year 2025-2026

Holiday	Schools close			Schools open		
Summer break				Tuesday	2 September	2025
Autumn mid-term	Friday	24 October	2025	Tuesday	4 November	2025
Christmas break	Friday	19 December	2025	Tuesday	6 January	2026
Spring mid-term	Friday	13 February	2026	Monday	23 February	2026
Easter break	Thursday	2 April	2026	Monday	20 April	2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday	4 May	2026	Tuesday	5 May	2026
Summer mid-term	Thursday	21 May	2026	Monday	1 June	2026
Summer break	Tuesday	21 July	2026			

Bank Holidays include

Christmas	25 & 26	December	2025
New Year's Day	1	January	2026
Good Friday	3	April	2026
Easter Monday	6	April	2026
May Day	4	May	2026
Spring Bank	25	May	2026
August	31	August	2026

Teacher Training Days - School Closed

Monday	<u>1 September</u>	2025	
Monday	<u>3 November</u>	2025	
Monday	<u>5 January</u>	2026	
Friday	<u>22 May</u>	2026	
Wed	<u>22 July</u>	2026	



School uniform:



You can buy a new school jumper or a school cardigan at the office.



Or you can buy pre-used uniform that other families have given to school.



Pre-used uniform



A small book bag: £5.00



A large book bag: £7.00



Children change into sports clothes for their P.E. lesson