

Kerr Mackie Newsletter

Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

Issue Date: Friday 12th June 2026

Upcoming Diary Dates	
17 th June	EYFS Sports Day at 1.30pm
18 th June	Book Swap
19 th June	Take over day
22 nd June	Year 4 -No Swimming Lesson
22 nd & 23 rd June	Transition Days
22 nd & 23 rd June	Nursery Closed
23 rd June	World Cup Menu
24 th June	Reception Scarborough Trip
26 th June	Dance Spectacular
30 th June	Year 2 Temple Newsam
1 st July	Rocksteady Concert
1 st & 2 nd July	EYFS Story Bus
2 nd July	Year 6 Production 2pm
3 rd July	School Close at 12.45pm
W/C 6 th July	Health Week
7 th July	Years 4-6 Fencing work shop
7 th July	Year 6 Production 5pm to 6pm
8 th July	Art Exhibition (after school)
8 th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
9 th July	Reading Picnic
9 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party 6pm to 8pm
10 th July	Summer Fair
14 th July	Year 1 Carnival
15 th July	School Reports
15 th July	Nursery Concert
16 th July	Kerr Mackie's Got Talent (afternoon)
16 th July	Leaver Assembly
17 th July	School Closes for Summer Term

Kerr Mackie Newsletter

Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

Wraparound Contact Number

If your child is booked onto after school club and you are going to be late collecting or need to send another responsible adult, please call the after-hours number **0113 3368499 option 1** to notify the staff team.

This number is for after school club emergencies only and will only be monitored by staff between 4pm to 6pm each day.

Free School Meals

Free school meals provide vital nutrition for children during the school day and play an important role in supporting health, wellbeing, and learning.

Who will benefit from the expanded Free School Meals?

From September 2026, eligibility will be expanded so that all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for Free School Meals. This change removes the current £7,400 income cap and is expected to benefit over half a million additional pupils nationwide.

When will these changes take effect?

The new eligibility criteria will apply from September 2026, meaning families receiving Universal Credit will be able to access Free School Meals from the 2026/27 school year.

How will this help families financially?

This expansion will offer significant financial support. Eligible families could save up to £495 per year per child on school lunches. For families with multiple children, this could make a considerable difference to household budgets.

How will children benefit?

In addition to the financial benefits, Free School Meals help ensure children receive nutritious meals during the school day, supporting concentration and learning in the classroom, physical health and development, and overall wellbeing. The government is also reviewing and updating the School Food Standards to ensure schools are supported with the latest nutrition guidance.

A ParentMail was sent out earlier to parents whose children attend our school, and wish to claim free school meals from September. Please ensure you fill out the enquiry form before the dead line.

Kerr Mackie Newsletter

Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

Forest School date for Summer 2

<u>Week 1</u>		<u>Week 2</u>	
<u>Tuesday</u> Year 4 02.06.26 16.06.26 30.06.26 14.07.26		<u>Monday</u> Year 2 08.06.26 22.06.26 06.07.26	
<u>Wednesday am</u> Nursery (AM children) 03.06.26 17.06.206 01.07.26 15.07.26	<u>Wednesday pm</u> Reception 03.06.26 17.06.206 01.07.26 15.07.26	<u>Wednesday</u> Year 3 10.06.26 24.06.26 08.07.26	
<u>Thursday</u> Year 5 04.06.26 18.06.26 02.07.26 16.07.26		<u>Thursday</u> Year 6 11.06.26 25.06.26 09.07.26	
<u>Friday</u> Nursery (PM children) 05.06.26 19.06.26 03.07.26 17.07.26		<u>Friday</u> Year 1 12.06.26 26.06.26 10.07.26	

Kerr Mackie Newsletter

Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

PE and Sports News

We had an exciting start to our most sporty half-term of the year with Reception and Year 1 being visited by Jodi from Skipping School for a workshop and introduction to skipping based around the book 'The Skipping Snake' as part of our skipping project.

Our first practices and sessions for the Dance Spectacular and Samba Club have been brilliant and the children have thrown themselves into it with lots of enthusiasm.

Parents and carers should have received information about our upcoming Health and Sports Week and Sports Days – we are really looking forward to all the sport and workshops coming up!



Kerr Mackie Newsletter

Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

Take Over Day

Takeover Day will take place on **Friday 19th June** and presents a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to experience what it is like to work as a member of our staff.

All children who wished to step into a role typically held by a staff member filled out an application form in class. The successful applicants will be chosen by our school council representatives.

Further information will be sent out to any successful applicant. Please be aware that due to the limited number of roles available, not every pupil will have the opportunity to participate

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Swanston, who will be happy to assist you.



THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS
Our next camps are: 20th July - 2nd Sept
Scan below to learn more or contact: 0113 3359915
leeds@thelittlegym.co.uk



The Little gym
Serious Fun.



Kerr Mackie Newsletter

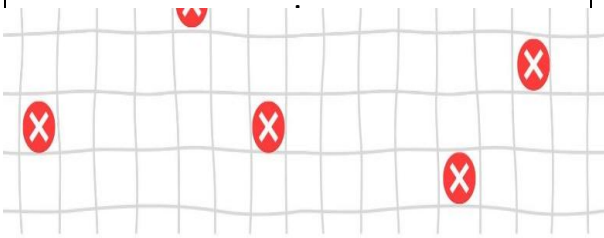
Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

Our whole school target is 94% a week.

Every class that manages to achieve 94% attendance or above wins the weekly Classopoly prize!

Overall, school attendance this week has been

Whole school attendance	95.4%
Best classes	✓ Alder 98.1% & Larch 98.1%
Classes receiving the Classopoly	✓



ABSENCES ADD+UP!

MISSING JUST 2 DAYS

A MONTH MEANS YOU MISS

10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!



GOOD ATTENDANCE

MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 94% OF THE TIME... OR HAVING NO MORE THAN 8 DAYS OFF!

- ATTENDANCE +

0 8

DAYS ABSENCE
100% ATTENDANCE

MORE TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS MORE TIME TO LEARN, DEVELOP & GROW!

19 29

DAYS ABSENCE
90% ATTENDANCE

LESS TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS LESS TIME TO BECOME THE VERY BEST YOU!

EDUCATION +
ATTENDANCE + EFFORT =
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

DON'T BOOK APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME

38 47

DAYS ABSENCE
80% ATTENDANCE

POOR ATTENDANCE MEANS DRASTICALLY REDUCED LIFE CHANCES!

Kerr Mackie Newsletter

Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

Attendance reminders and expectations

Parent expectations

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence. Call the absence line on 0113 3368499 and Chose opt 1 to leave a message stating your child's full name, class and reason for absence. **Please do not email to inform school for absences.**
- Inform the school office in advance, of any medical appointments and let the office know if your child requires a school dinner for that day as this will need to be ordered in the kitchen before 10am. If the office is not informed beforehand we cannot guarantee a dinner after this time and you would need to provide a packed lunch. Please also bring in appointments cards, letters so the absence can be authorised.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Please ensure your child attends school on time every day this is very important as it encourages habits of good time keeping and lessens any possible disruption in the classroom. A regular routine supports the child to feel settled and secure especially at the beginning of a school day. A pupil who arrives late after registers closed will be marked as late. If they arrive after 9.30am they will be marked as (U) which counts as an unauthorised absence.
- If you or your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

School expectations

- Check your child's attendance every day including punctuality.
- Phone home or send letters.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for your child's absence, we will carry out an unannounced welfare home visit. This also applies to a child that has been off school for more than 4-5 days regardless of any medical evidence that has been shown.

Kerr Mackie Newsletter

Built on our 5 values: Community, challenge, confidence, curiosity and care

Other News and Information

Office Messages

Office opening times:

Monday to Thursday 8am – 4pm

Friday 8am – 3:30pm

Late Arrivals: Please make sure your child arrives at school **on time, every day**, as it lessens any possible classroom disruption. If your child is late, **please make sure you bring them into the building and sign them in.**

Mobile Phones: To protect our children during school hours please can parents refrain from using mobile phones when inside the school building.

Appointments: All medical appointments should be made out of school hours (after 3:25pm). This is so our pupils can utilise all of their learning time, to enable them to progress. If for whatever reason this isn't possible, you will need to provide the school office with evidence of your appointment, which could be a text, letter or appointment card. Unless it is emergency appointment please inform the school office a week in advance by sending an email to office@kmps.org.uk

Key contacts – a reminder

At Kerr Mackie Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all our students. The welfare of the children is our paramount concern and we aim to ensure that they are protected from harm. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to contact the following members of the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team:-

Mrs Furlong Mrs Davies Mr Swanston Ms Mahmood Ms Fraser