

# Kerr Mackie Newsletter

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**Issue Date: Friday 8th May 2026**

Upcoming Diary Dates	
11 <sup>th</sup> May -14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
20 <sup>th</sup> May to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Walk to school week
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception British Library Visit
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Cedar Class Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception Little Feet Visit
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	School reopens
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	New Reception Parents welcome meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> June	Science week
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception & Year 6 height & weight check
17 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Sports Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Transition Days
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nursery Closed
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Scarborough Trip
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Temple Newsam
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Production 2pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 Harlow Carr Trip
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 5pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Art Exhibition
8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Party
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes for Summer Term

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## Is your child having challenges with.....

Worrying about lots of different things?

A specific fear e.g. fear of dogs?

Falling/ staying asleep?

Feeling consistently low/sad?



The MindMate support team are here to help! We work together with school to support all children with their emotional wellbeing. We meet regularly with school staff to ensure we are meeting the needs of the children at the right time (as we don't have waiting lists!) We can support school staff through staff training, resources, signposting and curriculum development, and can work directly with you and your child when indicated.

With children we can deliver...

1-2-1 work

Class workshops

Group work

Assemblies

We can support you to support your children by...

Parent workshops

Coffee mornings

Parent Led CBT sessions

Advice and signposting

If you would like to know more about the MindMate Support Team's involvement with school, please speak to xxxxxxxxxxxx. You can also find out more about the Mindmate support team by going to our website at <https://mindmate.org.uk/whats-in-leeds-for-me/mms/> or scanning the QR code →



We look forward to hearing how we can support you!

If require any further information please feel free to contact the school inclusion team.

**FOOTBALL PLAYERS!  
AGES 4 TO 15 YEARS  
WELCOME!**

**A COMMUNITY ORGANISATION  
BY THE COMMUNITY,  
FOR THE COMMUNITY!**

**INTERESTED IN JOINING?  
CONTACT US TODAY!  
COACH ALI  
07912 984023**

**OFFICE NUMBER  
07548 815974**

Venue-Soldiers Feild Roundhay  
Park (Off Old Park Road, LS8 1JT)  
Every Saturday 11am to 12pm

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## Sports

It's been a great last two weeks especially as the warm weather has made our new PE topics feel even more summery.

Our Year 5 Football League ended with a great mini-tournament against local schools with the team managing three draws in highly competitive matches.

Our Year 6 Netball team then put in some amazing performances at a local development tournament managing to win three of their games and draw the other three, displaying brilliant skills, footwork and tactics – all handily coached over the last few months by Mrs Furlong.



## Planetarium

During Earth week, all children in school got the opportunity to visit the mobile planetarium that we had set up in the hall for 2 days. All classes got a session in there, where they learnt all about different aspects of space. Helen, the guide, was amazed by the questions the children asked and the knowledge they had. When asked the children loved it and said that it had been an exciting learning opportunity. A massive thank you to all those who have been part of tuck shop this year as this has funded this opportunity for the school.



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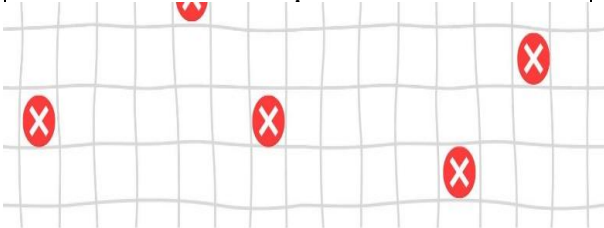
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**Our whole school target is 94% a week.**

*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	94.6%
Best classes	✓ Alder 97.6%
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 +**

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**DAYS ABSENCE**  
100% ATTENDANCE

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

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**DAYS ABSENCE**  
90% ATTENDANCE

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

**EDUCATION +**  
ATTENDANCE + EFFORT =  
**ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!**

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**DAYS ABSENCE**  
80% ATTENDANCE

POOR ATTENDANCE MEANS DRASTICALLY REDUCED LIFE CHANCES!

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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