



Kilburn Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Apologies for the delay in sending this newsletter out, as I was away at The White Hall Centre with our amazing Year 6 pupils last week. Autumn is well and truly upon us, and it was great to see the children dressed up at the recent PTFA Halloween Disco and hear of the excitement of Halloween and more recently of Bonfire Night. This half term promises the same level of excitement in the lead up to Christmas and lots of things have been planned for the children to enjoy both in and out of school.

Miss Brown's Bundle of Joy

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Brown and her partner Jack on the birth of Autumn Lila. Both baby and mum are well and we look forward to seeing them in school soon.



Kilburn Carol Service

The Parish Council will be holding its annual Carol Service on Friday 12th December at 6.30pm in the Baptist Church, Highfield Rd. Everybody is welcome to attend the event, and refreshments will be served afterwards.



Kilburn
Parish Council

Parents' Evening

I hope you found the recent parents' consultation evening useful in sharing information about your child's progress.

It was lovely to meet many of the new parents of Year 3 pupils and discuss how the children have settled into life here.

As always, I welcome feedback from parents about school issues and would like to invite the handful of parents who were unable to attend the meetings to contact their child's class teacher to make an appointment this half term.

Macmillan

Our recent Macmillan fundraiser proved to be another great success, and I would like to thank you for providing items to sell and for attending the event. Thanks also to our Year 6 Pupils and TAs who helped run the stalls on the day.

Mr and Mrs Edwards, who work tirelessly to coordinate the event, are always grateful for your support and generosity too. The total raised by the event was a staggering **£1038.11**.



The 'C' word

I know it's early to start talking about Christmas, but I wanted to let you know about some of the treats and surprises lined up for the boys and girls, beginning on Friday 5th December with our PTFA Christmas Market from 5.30-7.30 (please see the PTFA Facebook page for more details).

We have also arranged for the children to see the pantomime, Dick Whittington, in Derby at the end of the term (more details to follow) and I know the staff have a few more surprises for the children too. Additionally, we will be having our Christmas Post Box in school again this year from 1st December, for the children to send Christmas cards. Please encourage your child to use their best handwriting if they decide to send cards to their friends.



Online Safety

As our children spend more time in the digital world, using the internet to complete online tasks and socialising with peers, as parents, it can be difficult to stay one step ahead in order to protect and safeguard them. Internet Matters is a free website created just for this! The site is full of helpful tips and advice and on it you can design a personalised online safety toolkit to use at home. By answering a few simple questions, you can find age-specific advice, learn about popular apps, information on how to deal with any concerns and also



tools to support your child's interests and wellbeing. Take a look by visiting: www.internetmatters.org

Year 4 Residential

It's not long now until our Year 4 residential to Willersley Castle in Cromford.

The centre is part of the Manor Adventure Group and during their stay the children will partake in exciting outdoor adventurous activities. During their stay, we are hoping the children will also develop many of our YOU22 Attributes too, including Collaboration, Independence and Resilience.

We will be holding a meeting for parents, on Thursday 20th Nov at 6pm to discuss the final details for the residential, including the kit your child will need. We will also try to answer any questions you may have. If you would like more information about the centre in the meantime, please click [here](#).

Health and Well-being

Over the half-term, pupils in Y3 and 4 will be taking part in a six-week "Amber Valley Health & Wellbeing Education Programme", designed to help children learn about the importance of being active for 60 minutes every day and making healthy food choices to support their wellbeing.

The Chief Medical Officer recommends that children and young people are active for at least 60 minutes every day, which can include walking, dancing, playground games, cycling, or anything that gets the body moving.

Over the six weeks, pupils will take part in a series of fun, engaging sessions that encourage:

- Daily movement through games, challenges, and active breaks
- Learning about the different food groups and how to build a balanced plate
- Learning more about how our bodies work and how to look after ourselves
- Understanding how physical activity supports concentration, mood, and energy
- Setting simple goals to stay active at school and at home

The sessions will take place during the school day, led by Amber Valley School Sport Partnership staff.

At the end of the six weeks, pupils will celebrate their achievements and receive an "Amber Valley Health & Wellbeing Education Programme Champion" certificate.

To support the programme at home, please try to:

- Encourage your child to talk about what they've learned.
- Try some of the simple home challenges they bring back each week.

- Be active together — small changes (like walking to school or dancing to music) all count

Upcoming Event:

Here are some of the events planned for this term so far:

Date	Event:
3 rd Nov	Year 6 to ~White Hall
3 rd /5 th Nov	Year 5 to RAF Cosford
7 th Nov	INSET DAY- School Closed to Children
11 th Nov	Year 3 and 4 Handball Comp @ Heanor LC
18 th Nov	Thomas Taylor Children's Author in School
20 th Nov	Y4 Willersley Castle Parent Meeting 6pm
1 st Dec	AVSSP American Football Fest @Belper LC
2 nd Dec	AVSSP Multi-Sports Plus Festival @ Ripley LC
3 rd - 7 th Dec	Year 4 Residential to Willersley Castle
5 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Market @ School
9 th Dec	Year 3 to Derby Pantomime
10 th Dec	Year 4 to Derby Pantomime
11 th Dec	Year 5 to Derby Pantomime
16 th Dec	Year 6 to Derby Pantomime
17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
18 th Dec	KJS Theatre Club- Mystery at Magpie Manor
17-19 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Days
19 th Dec	Achievement Assembly 2.30pm
19 th Dec	Break up for Christmas

Term Dates 2025/26

Here are the term dates for this academic year:

- **3rd Nov- 19th Dec 2025**
- **5th Jan- 13th Feb 2026**
- **23rd Feb- 27th March**
- **13th April- 22nd May 2026**
- **1st June- 23rd July**

INSET Day -2025/26

Our INSET days for this year are as follows:

- **7th Nov 2025**
- **26th June 2026**
- **29th June 2026**



and finally.....

If you wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter, or indeed any other business, please get in touch.

Rob Hull

**CRAFT STALLS GIFTS BBQ RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
BOTTLE PULL AND A SPECIAL GUEST!**



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING



**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 5.30PM-7.30PM
AT KILBURN JUNIOR SCHOOL, DE56 0LA**



KJS Medium TERM Curriculum plan: Autumn 2

	Lower School	Upper School
	POWER AND GOVERNANCE	PEACE AND CONFLICT
	Escape from Pompeii- Christina Balit The Romans- Non-fiction	Friend or Foe- Michael Morpurgo Journeys- Stories of the Holocaust- Stephen Smith
	Instruction writing- Imperative verbs, simple, past, present verbs, time conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, adjectives. Setting description	Year 5- Writing to Entertain: Characterisation/Weaving dialogue and Non-Fiction – Writing to recount (recount of RAF Cosford trip). Year 6- Writing to Entertain: Characterisation in dialogue and Non-Fiction- Writing to recount (Recount of White Hall trip)
	Year 4- Area, multiplication and division Year 3- Multiplication and division, Time	Year 6- Fractions (Simplifying, equivalents, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions, etc...) Year 5 – Multiplication and division, fractions
	Exploring Forces- Pushes and Pulls. Friction and Gravity. Magnetism	Pushes and Pulls- Categorising the effects of forces on objects (stresses), flight investigation, forces diagrams, buoyancy- displacement in water, magnetism.
	Roman Mosaic collages Evaluate existing designs	Year 5 Blitz layered art. Year 6 Blitz 3D models Experimenting with blending of adjacent colours, silhouettes. Use washes and silhouettes to create a Christmas Card
	Exploring features of multimedia presentations. Know where to find information. Know how to insert hyperlinks and sound	Adding and moving objects to Tinkercad Modifying 3D Objects, manipulating and combining 3D models. Design a Christmas character to sell as a toy
	Antibullying, respectful relationships	Anti-bullying Emotion scale How we can tackle conflict in the world
	The Romans in Britain. Invasion, Boudicca The Roman way of Life. The Romans in Kilburn	Hitler's rise to power and WWII Kristallnacht/Jewish treatment, ghettos and discrimination. Lives after war Comparison of lives and lessons learnt.
	Songs of the Romans. Singing Games and Rhymes Combining notes B, A and G.	WWII songs Singing Games and Rhymes jFlute (Year 5) – Combining notes B,A and G, New note C jSax (Year 6) – New note F sharp and Duet focus
	Health Related Fitness Football Swimming (Year 4)	Health Related Fitness Football
	Divali Christmas	Jewish festivals Passover, synagogues Prayer (and symbol of Judaism), Mezuzah, Hanukkah, Dreidel + song, Israel/Wailing Wall
	5 common instrument names Christmas	Review of learning from previous unit- Numbers to 31, months and days of the week. Chez Moi "j'habite". Nouns and determiners for rooms of the house
	Roman Cooking- Garum, using ancient ingredients e.g rue. Roman Boardgames- ludus latrunculorum. Roman Weapons- mace. Roman Empire Maps	Star of David (maths challenge) Angles Aspects of circle. Tziummes stew (DT link), Jewish lantern, Latkes (potato pancakes)
	Roman Day	School Visit to Cosford