



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and wishing you all the best for 2026!

I think I can almost hear your sigh of relief that the children are back at school! I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable family time filled with lots of fun and laughter.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at our many December events from Nativities to Carol Concerts. It really is rather wonderful when our whole school community can come together. As always, we were able to share our Kirktonholme joy with others. Our choir were outstanding visiting Bosfield House, Loaves and Fishes and Hairmyres and some of our local care homes received our children's hearts for home. Sometimes I wonder how we fit it all in?

As it is January, it is a good time to remind ourselves of all of the routines which help your child settle back into school. School begins at 8.55am and breakfast club is open from 8.05am. If the weather is severe or the playground too icy, we will open our doors at 8.45am. P1-P3 should enter the dining room and P4-P7 should enter the gym hall. When it is icy, Mr Danks will salt the main path to and from our main entrance and families should keep to this safe path. Please remind your children to stay by your side. Reestablishing routines can be hard and if your child is showing any reluctance to come to school, please get in touch as we may be able to help.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or suggestions do not hesitate to get in touch with the team. We are very approachable and only too happy to help. **Best wishes, Linda Wright**

PS Please download our school app as all communication is issued through this. Ask office for details. App is PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username kirktonholme and password is 2025.



Links to Happiness, Excellence, Achievement, Respect and Teamwork

Attendance and Lateness

We are continuing to focus on attendance and lateness in our school. I know it is not an easy effort to get to school on time and thank you as we appreciate the efforts you make. If this is a challenge for you in the morning, please do not be shy in getting in touch with us as we may be able to help. We will be issuing letters to some families to make them aware of their child's attendance rate and, again, we are here to help you improve their attendance. Like you, we want the best for your children.

Links to Teamwork

Online registration for children who are due to start P1 in August 2026 starts today. Parents can then expect a call from Mrs Clow to discuss their enrolment.

Links to Respect and Teamwork

Positivity Posters

Well done to the winners of our positivity poster. The winning designs will be displayed around the school. Thank you to our Captains for choosing the winning designs!

R1	Freya	R3	Elion
R4	Aliona	R5	Rory M
R6	Jude	R8	Jax
R9	Erin	R10	Jordyn
R11	Mila	R12	Lauren
R13	Millie	R14	Mina



Links to Achievement

We have achieved an amazing 5th Attachment Accreditation Award for All Behaviour is Communication. Thank you to Miss Little and Mrs Souter for driving this forward.



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Captains Corner

Written by Murray, Darius, Ellena, Millie and Eilidh
The Captains were invited to a special celebration of the new East Kilbride electric train service. We took a selfie with the leader of South Lanarkshire Council and spoke with Fiona Hyslop MSP, the Transport Secretary. We met our friends, the Captains of St Kenneth's as they were there too. STV News were there and they filmed us waving our flags. Sadly we didn't make it onto the news 😞

One of the best parts of the morning was having a buffet table all to ourselves and getting Haribos and Pringles to eat. Both sets of Captains hope to use the new station in a community project.

Links to Happiness and Teamwork

Kilbryde Hospice

Our Christmas Jumper Day raised £220 for Kilbryde Hospice - thank you! We are awaiting the amount raised at our Carol Concerts. Thank you for your generosity.

Links to Achievement and Teamwork

Parents Corner

Parentzone Scotland is a unique website for parents and carers in Scotland, from early years to beyond school. The website provides up-to-date information about learning in Scotland and practical advice and ideas to support children's learning at home in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and science.

It also has information on ASN and performance data. <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone>

Skills Development Scotland have invited to take part in a short survey

https://sds.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77GPKPZJYmfcoIw

All children in P2 and P3 received a Book Bug bag during Book Week. Please see the link below for activities you can do with your child.

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading-and-stories/read-write-count>

Links to Happiness, Achievement and Teamwork

After School Clubs



We are delighted that Active Schools are supporting us by providing some after school clubs. We will be offering a 4 week after school club for Football to P6s on Thursdays. The club will start this Thursday 8th January and letters will be issued today. P1 and P2s are invited to join a 4 week dance club on Tuesdays beginning 13th January. Spaces are limited in both clubs so please return your slips asap. In the event that the clubs are oversubscribed we will hold a ballot and notify you if your child secures a space.

Links to Teamwork

Diary Dates

A full list of dates has already been issued but here is a reminder, along with some new events. Health warning - these dates can be prone to change!

Parent events are highlighted

Wk begin 5 th Jan	Applications for P1 begins
Wk begin 2 nd Feb 26	Stay & Play for nursery
Wk begin 9 th Feb 26	Wellbeing Week
Mon 16 th Feb 26	Holiday
Tue 17 th Feb 26	Holiday
Wed 18 th Feb 26	Inservice Day
Fri 20 th Feb 26	Nurture Showcase
Fri 27 th Mar 26	P5 swimming begins (12wks)
Thu 5 th Mar 26	World Book Day
Thu 12 th Mar 26	Parents' Night
Wed 25 th Mar 26	School Show
Thu 26 th March 26	School Show
Mon 30 th - Wed 1 st Apr	P7 Millport Trip
Thu 2 nd April	School closes 2.30pm
Mon 20 th April	School returns
Thur 28 th May	New P1 transition visit
Tue 16 th June	Nursery Prizegiving pm
Thu 18 th June	P7 Leavers Assembly am

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The next ones are 30th Jan, 27th Feb and Thurs 2nd April.

Links to Achievement

P7 Millport Trip

All Millport payments should now be completed.