



Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst summer is now a distant memory, I hope you had a relaxing time with your families and friends. I am sure you are grateful to have these school routines back up and running again! Thank you to everyone who managed to our Meet the Teacher event. This is one of our favourite parent events as it allows you to begin that important and positive relationship with your child's teacher. We hope you enjoyed the event.

Our new Primary 1s have settled in beautifully and are showing a great enthusiasm for learning. Well done and thank you parents for having your children looking so smart in their uniforms. (Please make sure they are all named so we can return any lost items!)

We are already missing the convenience of our school app. The app company has unfortunately gone out of business and I know you valued this quick method of communication as much as we did. I plan to work with the Parent Council to see if we can explore other communication methods. In the meantime, all communication will be through Parent Portal so please make sure you are signed up. There is also a setting on the portal so you can receive notifications. If you have any problems with this, please contact the office who will happily help. I have already issued a parent calendar of events so you can plan ahead, and I have tried to have events on different days and at different times to accommodate everyone's circumstances. We hope to see you at some of these events over the year. Our next parent event is a P1 Stay and Play on Tuesday 8th September at 9am and we hope our P1 parents can attend. Dress Down Days will begin at the end of September and are the last Friday of the month. We are really excited about our fun filled year ahead at Kirktonholme. For those of you who are interested in our school priorities, more information on our School Improvement Plan for 2026/27 is available on our website alongside our Standard and Qualities report for 2025/26.

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*

Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected



Learning is the *HEART* of Kirktonholme

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Award Winning

In June 2026, Kirktonholme Primary and Early Learning Class were awarded their sixth and final pledge recognising our Attachment Informed Practice. The assessors who visited our school shared,

"From the minute we stepped into to the building, we could see and feel how important relationships are for you. We were welcomed into your school with warmth and kindness from staff, pupils and Mascots!!"

We are one of the few SLC schools to have achieved all six pledges.

For health and safety reasons, jewellery must not be worn for PE. If ears are newly pierced, earrings should be taped over before they come to school. **Please do not let your child wear jewellery on their gym days.**

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Classes 2026/27

I am delighted to confirm the following teaching team for this year.

Early Learning Class Mrs Moran, Miss McKendrick, Mrs Young, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Watt, Mrs Lynch, Miss Smith, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Slatford and Mrs Hong

P1	Room 1	Mrs McGhee
P1/2	Room 2	Mrs Ferguson
P2 /3	Room 6	Miss McKee
P3	Room 5	Mrs Henderson
P4	Room 7	Miss McAdie
P4	Room 8	Mrs Prentice & Mrs Scott
P5	Room 9	Mrs McLaughlin & Mrs Melvin
P5	Room 10	Mrs L Miller (Principal Teacher)
P6	Room 11	Mrs Johnston & Mrs Wall
P6	Room 12	Mr Constable
P7	Room 13	Mrs Farrell
P7	Room 14	Miss Little

Mr Bromley, Mrs Wall & Miss Quigley have teaching responsibilities across the school. Mrs McLeod (you may remember her as Miss McMillan) works with R1 & R2. Mrs Clow DHT has responsibility for nursery & P1. Mrs V Miller has responsibility for P2, P3 & P4 R4-R8. Mrs Wright has responsibility for P5, P6 R10-R12. Mrs Souter has responsibility for P7.



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Attendance

The decline in school attendance has become a national issue. If a child averages attendance of **90% or less**, this is the equivalent of a **child losing one whole year of their education** by the time they leave secondary.

We closely monitor attendance at Kirktonholme and you can expect a member of the SMT to phone or letter if attendance drops below 90%. Please get in touch if there are circumstances around your child's attendance so we can help. Kirktonholme is one of the faces of the SLC Attendance campaign because of some of the work we have done to improve attendance. Our children need to know that school is not an option. It is a place they can come to learn, have fun and be well looked after. We hope you value your child's attendance as much as we do.

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Parent Council

A message from our Parent Council:

Kirktonholme Parent Council's AGM will be held in the school on Monday 7th September at 6pm till 7.30pm. If you are interested in coming on board, we would be delighted if you could join us at the meeting. Drop Fiona Lawson a message on 07736 120986 if you are interested in coming along.

*We would also encourage all parents to join our Facebook page - **Kirktonholme Parents Page**. Please remember to answer the 3 quick security questions when joining to allow us to verify you.*

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Health & Wellbeing Quiz

I will be posting our Health and Wellbeing quiz in your child's Google Classroom. If your child is in P1-P3, please help them to complete this. If your child is in P4-P7, please remind them to complete this. We use this information to influence our assemblies and health and wellbeing programme. Thank you. 😊

We are a NUT FREE school NO Nutella or Snickers
Plain water only is allowed to be consumed in classrooms

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Parents in the playground

Our playground is supervised from 8.45am

Parents please remember...

- 🚦 to remain at the back of the playground (this makes our supervision much easier)
- 🚦 do not approach other children
- 🚦 no dogs allowed (even cute ones in arms)
- 🚦 no smoking or vaping
- 🚦 say hello and chat to other parents and staff

School lunches

P1-5 children are entitled to a free school lunch. Please help your child by checking the menu the night before so they know what they will choose. If they do not like the choices then please provide a packed lunch. The new menu started last Monday and menus are available on our school website and SLC website. School lunches are now £2.71 and milk is 33p and should be paid for using Parent Pay.

Links to **Achievement**

Participatory Budget

You may remember that our Pupil Council asked for you to vote on how to spend our Participatory Budget. This money is to be used to help close the poverty related attainment gap. This year the votes were equally spread over a number of areas. One of which was to expand our extra curricular programme. As a result, we have two Active Schools coaches who will be employed to run two after school clubs. These clubs will run on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Each year group will take turns to have a four week block of after school clubs. This starts today for our P7s who have been offered netball and football. We have some other after school clubs planned which will involve using our pitch. This means that families and children can not use this after school.

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Staff News

We will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs White, one of our beloved support staff who is retiring. Thank you for all of the years you have cared and supported Kirktonholme pupils and we wish you well.

We are still awaiting to hear of news of Mrs Everett's new arrival. Hopefully it won't be much longer!