

# Kildwick Chronicle

### **Spring Term 2025 Friday 17th January**

**Learning to Live** 

**Living to Love** 

**Loving to Learn** 

It has been a busy week in school, returning to normality following the snow and ice last week. Class 3 Kingfishers had a visit from Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre on Monday. They spent time in the playground and in the school hall working in teams on problem solving and challenges. Bewerley Park are looking to form a closer partnership with us and I am very keen to pursue this and develop our outdoor learning provision.

We have also had a visit from two former local headteachers (one who used to teach Mr. Whitehead at school) to lead a Collective Worship on the work of ShelterBox. ShelterBox is a charity that works with disaster affected communities to provide emergency shelter. I would like to set up a fundraising event to support this charity and will give you further details about this later in the term. You can learn more about their work here.

Thanks to those parents that attended the Parent Forum this week and also to those parents that could not attend but contributed via the Google Form. We discussed Internet safety and ideas to raise awareness and the profile of this amongst our school community. We also discussed the road outside school and the relatively new method of arriving at school along the church path. Finally, we discussed a pupil safeguarding snapshot survey that we conducted before Christmas. I have added it to the school website and it can be accessed here.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead.

## Key Stage Two Write For You!

We survived the freezing temperatures of last week! Some of us struggled to get to school; those of us who did spent some time making the church paths safe (with grit) for others. It wasn't all hard work though – we found time to also build an igloo on the Rec. If the snow comes again, we will be ready! From Year 6









### SEND @ Kildwick

Our school SENCo is Miss Akrigg. You can find information regarding SEND at Kildwick on the website here.

It is important that everyone in our school community understands about SEND. Even if your child does not have Special Educational Needs they are in class with children who do. We are an inclusive school and it is important that all members of our school community understand and value all children in our school.











#### Keighley and Craven Cross Country Series 2024-25

Kildwick will be taking part in the Keighley and Craven Schools Cross Country events this year. The events are taking place on the following dates and at the following locations.

Weds 5th February—Cliffe Castle 3.15pm Tues 11th March-Marley Playing Fields 3.15pm

There will be 4 separate races:

Yr 5/6 Girls

Yr 5/6 Boys

Yr 3/4 Girls

Yr 3/4 Boys

Mr Whitehead will be giving each child that participates in any of these events a running T-shirt to commemorate the event (different to last year). If your child would like to take part then please see previously sent correspondence and consent via ParentPay.

### Zones of Regulation Top Tips for Home!

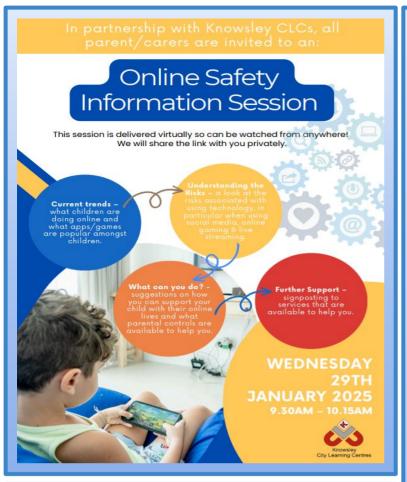
Each week we share a 'tool' from the Zones of Regulation 'toolkit' in this section of the newsletter.

These are strategies for adults and children to use to help recognise and manage emotions. See the first newsletter of this academic year for further information on the zones. You could try this at home—have a look at this week's tool. If you would like any further information you can contact Mrs Swales.





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### **Lending Library**

We have purchased three copies of the book When the Adults Change by Paul Dix for parents and carers to borrow. This book aligns with our whole school staff training by Paul Dix and offers valuable insights into supporting positive behavior.

If you would like to borrow a copy, please call into the school office, where you can sign out a copy. We encourage you to take advantage of this offer and work in partnership with school on behaviour.



### **Senior Education Advisor Visits**



This week, our Senior Education Advisor, Heather Russell, visited the school, looking at our approach to Inclusion and curriculum adaptations. The visit was a great success, and Heather praised the high level of engagement from children and the calm, focused learning environments. Based on this visit, we have identified key next steps to continue advancing our school development.

Heather will return next week for our annual safeguarding visit. We would like to extend our thanks to those parents and carers who attended today's parent forum. The valuable insights gathered will contribute to Heather's upcoming visit.

Heather will be available to hear feedback from parents and carers on Thursday, 23rd January, between 9.30 and 10.15am. If you would like to be part of this discussion, please email the school office, and we will send you a link to join the meeting via Google Meet.

### **Nessy**



At Kildwick, we use an internet based computer programme called Nessy to support reading and spelling skills for children who might need a little extra support.

Children who use Nessy in Robins or Swallows access the programme in a group with our intervention teaching assistant Mrs Matthews. Key Stage 2 children logon in class independently.

Any children who have access to Nessy can logon at home to continue the games and improve their reading and spelling skills. Little and often really works and we see good progress from children who logon at home. 15 minutes up to 3 times a week is a good amount of time to spend in Nessy.

Worksheets and games can also be printed out from Nessy to support learning. We can do this at school or you can from home too.

If you have any questions or you would like any help with logging in, please contact Mrs Kingham.

c.kingham@kildwickce.uk

### Art Club



We are excited to announce a brand new extra curricular club starting next Wednesday 22nd January from 3.30 -4.30pm.

Ruth from Art Star will be running the club on a Wednesday for the next 4 weeks for KS2 children. The cost is £6.50 a session.

The form to sign up went out earlier this week and places have now been allocated.

We are keen to continue to develop out partnerships with community provision. We feel that this helps children get to know provision outside of school and engage with their local community and other children. If you know of any clubs or groups who would like to discuss running clubs from school please let us know or pass on the office email.

Further information on Art Star can be found here and we will offer this club to all ages as the year progresses.

https://www.art-star.co.uk/

### Relationships and Sex Education Meeting—Friday 28th February 9am

At Kildwick, we believe that our children deserve and need a comprehensive programme that prepares them for future transitions, including moving on to secondary school. Therefore, we are working with the well-respected charity Coram Life Education (CLE) who produce the SCARF programme. SCARF lessons are the vehicle that we use to teach PSHE lessons which includes the Relationships and Sex Education element of the curriculum.

We have arranged for a member of the SCARF team to visit school to deliver a session for parents and carers. We would strongly encourage you to attend this session. A letter with further information about this session will be sent out in due course.



### **Meet the Team**

There are a lot of adults working with and supporting your children in school. Some of them you will have less contact with than others. We will use this section of the Newsletter to help parents and carers get to know everyone. This should be particularly useful for parents who are new to the school! Meet...

Hello, my name is Donna and I am the school cook. I love cooking at home as well as in school. I am passionate about what I do. I believe in making sure that the children have a freshly prepared, nutritionally balanced and yummy lunch to eat every day.

I run an after school cookery club throughout the school year and enjoy teaching the children the skills of preparing and cooking and baking food. It's a great way to talk to them about healthy food too.

I also enjoy working at after school club and getting to know the children more, it's great to spend time with them. I enjoy playing games and crafting with the children who come to club. I also prepare healthy snacks for club too!



### Mrs Swales meets Sir Julian Smith MP

Last Friday, Mrs. Swales had the opportunity to meet with Sir Julian Smith, the MP for Skipton and Ripon, to discuss the government's commitment to introducing a Children's Well-being and Schools Bill. The MP was particularly interested in learning about the initiatives schools in our area are implementing, and Mrs. Swales shared the exemplary work being done at Kildwick School. She highlighted our Zones of Regulation and Emotion Coaching programmes, which are delivering positive outcomes in supporting SEMH (Social, Emotional, and Mental Health) and Social Emotional Learning. She also emphasised the importance of reviewing other areas of the curriculum to help alleviate some of the pressures that schools and children across the country are facing.

Following the meeting, further correspondence has been sent to Sir Julian Smith, and he has agreed to discuss the matter with the Head of Education in our area.

# Author Visit On Thursday 23rd January we will have a local author visiting school to read her book to Robins and Swallows.



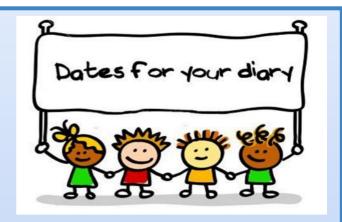
Penny will be reading Nana's Big Knickers to the children! If you would like to buy a copy for your child to bring in on the day of Penny's visit the book can be purchased via amazon here.

### Eco Friendly Initiatives in School

As part of our commitment to being more eco-friendly, we've been reviewing the resources we use at school. We've now switched to whiteboard pencils, which also eliminates the issue of missing pen lids! Additionally, we've introduced small glue pots for the children to use instead of glue sticks, which often contain a lot of plastic.



# Spring Diary Dates



Thursday 23rd January - Year 6 to Bradford Industrial Museum Thursday 23rd January - Robins and Swallows Author Visit Wednesday 29th January - Chinese New Year Friday 31st January - Judo taster sessions in school. Wednesday 5th February - Cross Country at Cliffe Castle (after school) Wednesday 12th February - Kingfishers and Owls - Stump Cross Caverns Friday 14th February - Collective Worship in Church - 2.45pm

### Friday 14th February - Break up for half term break

Friday 28th February - Relationships & Sex Education meeting for parents - 9am Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th March - Year 4 Residential to High Adventure Wednesday 5th March - World Book Day Performance of Wizard of Oz Tuesday 11th March - Cross Country Marley Playing Fields (after school) Friday 14th March - Collective Worship in Church - 2.45pm Tuesday 18th March - Year 6 Crucial Crew trip

Wednesday 19th March - Canals & Rivers Trust - class visits.

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

Monday 24th & Thursday 25th March - Parent Consultations

Friday 28th March - Kingfishers and Owls to Sandylands (Sports Trilogy)

Thursday 3rd April - Owls STEM visitor (Dave Rockett from Northern Gas Network)



#### This week certificates have been awarded to:

Robins	Learning to Live — Ruby
	Living to Love — Archie
	Loving to Learn — Isaac
Swallows	Learning to Live — Matilda
	Living to Love — Florrie
	Loving to Learn — Annabelle
Kingfishers	Learning to Live — Tommy
	Living to Love — Fearne
	Loving to Learn — Isla B
Owls	Learning to Live — Lawrence
	Living to Love — Alice
	Loving to Learn — Ryan
Eagles	Learning to Live — Georgia
	Living to Love — Susanna
	Loving to Learn — Annie



## Governor Meetings and Updates

Governors will be meeting on the following dates:

05/02/25 - Curriculum Committee

11/03/25 - Finance Committee

27/03/25 - Full Governing Body

30/04/25 - Curriculum Committee

13/05/25 - Finance Committee

19/06/25 - Full Governing Body

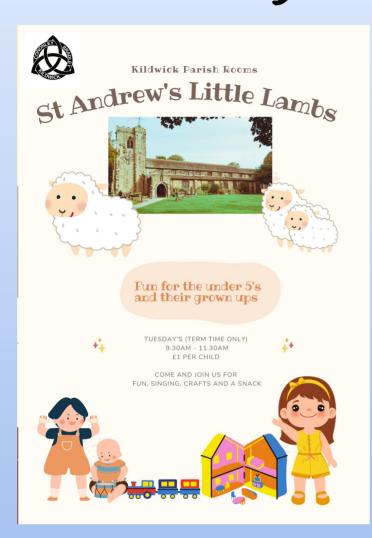
09/07/25 - Full Governing Body

The most recent Governing Board update can be found here.

### Extra Curricular Clubs next week

Monday	EYFS/KS1 & Y3 Dance with Firehouse KS2 Running with Mr Whitehead (finishes at 4.20pm)
Tuesday	KS2 Music with Mr Schofield
Wednesday	EYFS/KS1 Construction Club with Miss Taylor KS2 Art Club with Art Star
Thursday	EYFS/KS1 Cookery Club with Donna and Miss Howarth
Friday	Y2 & KS2 Gymnastics with Ambitions (finishes at 4.20pm)

## Community Events & Groups







### Community Sporting Activities & Clubs







Since 2021, we've been teaching young people how to become independent climbers. From knot tying to belaying, bouldering to lead climbing we progress through the essential skills both Indoor and Out, developing self confidence to fitness in a long-term hobby.

Novices: Wednesday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary

Friday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary

Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Climbing Hub/Ilkley

Saturday - 11:30-13:30 or 13:45-15:45, Ermysted's

Sunday - 9:30-11:30 or 11:45-13:45, Ermysted's

Advanced: Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Ilkley/Climbing

Ages: 11-16 (Silsden) 8-12 (Ermysted's) 8-17 (The Climbing Hub)

"THE CLIMBING SESSIONS NOT ONLY HELP WITH PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ARE BRILLIANT FOR BUILDING CONFIDENCE."



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### Holiday Clubs

### **HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING**



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the

£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)

The Climbing Hub, Bradford: 18th, 19th or 20th February

The Big Depot, Leeds: 17th February, 10:00am-4.00pm Times: 10:00am-4.00pm

Childcare Vouchers accepted for The Climbing Hub



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