



Kildwick Chronicle

Spring Term 2025 Friday 28th February

Learning to Live

Living to Love

Loving to Learn

Welcome back to another exciting half term. We hope the children had a wonderful break and that families were able to enjoy some quality time together.

The calendar is already starting to fill up. We're particularly excited about our upcoming World Book Day celebration, which will have a 'Wizard of Oz' theme. Children are invited to come to school in their cosiest pyjamas for a comfortable viewing of this literary classic. For those feeling extra creative, we'd love to see Oz-inspired twists on sleepwear!

Year 4 children are already starting to prepare for their first overnight residential trip to High Adventure. For many it's their first experience staying away from home, marking a significant milestone in their personal development, with a chance to build independence and create lasting memories.

We're looking forward to seeing parents and carers at the upcoming parent consultation evenings. These sessions provide valuable opportunities to discuss your child's progress and share in their educational journey. Later in the term, we'll be hosting a more informal gathering with our Easter Games Night – a perfect chance for families to come together and enjoy some friendly competition. Don't forget to get your tickets through ParentPay!

We've already hit the ground running this half term with a visit from the Yorkshire Rotters. They play a crucial role in climate change, promoting important initiatives like LoveFoodHateWaste, home composting, and recycling. Their work aligns perfectly with the aims of our Eco Warriors. By engaging with our school community, the Rotters are helping to educate and inspire our children to become responsible for looking after the environment.

Together, let's make this half term one to remember!

Key Stage Two Write For You!

We decided to interview Mr Whitehead and ask some questions about his role as a headteacher - here are his answers!

Why did you think of having Eco Warriors, Vision Leaders and Collective Worship Leaders ?

I think it is important to give children a voice in school and it gives them an opportunity to learn new skills and present things to different audiences.

What is the worst thing about working at Kildwick?

There isn't one bad thing about teaching at Kildwick.

What is the best thing about teaching at Kildwick?

The best thing about teaching at Kildwick is that, as the head teacher, I get to teach all of you from time to time.

How did you become headteacher at Kildwick?

I have been headteacher at Kildwick for nearly nine years. I used to run past the school regularly and always thought it looked like a great place to work. I was pleased when the headteacher vacancy was advertised.

The rest is history and I was not disappointed!



Thank you for reading

Written by Evelyn, Oliver and Gabrielle in Class 4

Yr 6 Message

Message from Niki Broster re
Year 6 Leavers Celebration.

Billy Bobs is booked for year 6
leavers on Fri 11th July
4.30-6pm.

Both food and play included.



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.

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.

Y6 Netball

Year Six took part in a netball competition with our local cluster of schools at South Craven School. The children played well as a team, encouraged each other and managed to score some magnificent goals. We progressed to the semi-final against Sutton CE but despite some fantastic passing and shooting, we lost 2:0. A fantastic achievement, well done team Kildwick!



We are excited to see the return of M&M Theatrical productions to school on **Wednesday 5th March**, helping us celebrate World Book Day in style! This year they will be performing The Wizard of Oz. Last year's performance was a great success, with every child fully engaged throughout. It truly brought World Book Day to life for the children and we know they will enjoy this performance just as much!

This year we are inviting children to join in the fun by coming dressed in their pyjamas on Wednesday 5th March to enjoy the show in comfort!

To support these curriculum enhancements, we ask for voluntary contributions via ParentPay. Your support enables us to continue offering these enriching experiences to the children.

We are looking forward to another magical performance that will hopefully spark imagination and a love for literature.

Comic Relief - 21st March 2025

The children to join the celebration as Comic Relief celebrates its 40th birthday! Children can come to school wearing a party hat of their choice. Whether it's a creative design they've made themselves or a favourite hat from home, we can't wait to see their comic relief headwear!

Children can also wear Comic Relief merchandise, including the iconic red nose. Just remember to label everything, as we're expecting quite a few red noses to make an appearance!

Donations to this fabulous cause can be made here.



Come and Help in School!

We are still on the lookout for volunteers to come into school and support with learning. If any of you are able to spare any time we would love to

hear from you. This could involve supporting in a PE / Art / Science lesson, helping out with the walking bus, supporting on a school trip, extra curricular activity or listening to readers.

We would also be very grateful of any help in maintaining and developing our school environment.

Please email the school office if you would like to be added to our volunteers list.



School Led Vision Check

Please find a letter with the results of the school-led vision checking project that took place in school last year.



Project Summary Sheet for Parents

Testing Children's Eyesight in School

We are pleased to share the results of the recent school-led vision-checking project conducted in your child's school. Our project aimed to identify if specially trained members of school staff could feasibly and accurately check the eyesight of children in the school, with the aim of detecting vision problems among the children, which may impact upon their education.

During this project a total of 12 primary and secondary schools in the north of England participated, with 851 children completing both the school-led and the follow-up vision check which were run by optometrists. By comparing, for each child, the result of the vision check taken by the teacher with the result from the optometrist, we were able to see how accurate the teachers were in conducting these vision checks. A total of 707 children were found to have vision that was at a normal level for their age, while a further 144 children received a letter from the research team recommending an eye test at a local optician. The school-led vision checks had an accuracy of ~80% compared to the checks on vision conducted by the optometrists.

It is important to note that due to scheduling constraints, access to schools, and instances of student absence, we were unable to test every child in the identified year groups. Unfortunately, we could not facilitate repeated visits to schools for untested children and we, therefore, strongly recommend that:

- any child who received a letter recommending a full eye examination from the research team...
- any child who missed their vision check or was absent during the screening...
- and any child experiencing symptoms or issues with their eyes or vision....

should book a full eye test at a local optician without delay. Early detection is essential to addressing any potential vision problems effectively. If you received a letter recommending that your child should have an eye examination because of the vision checks that were conducted as part of this project, but you haven't yet done so, please ensure you take your child to your local optician soon as possible.

For more information about children's eye tests and the importance of vision care, please visit the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/>. Please be aware that children under the age of 16 do not have to pay for an eye test because this is covered by the NHS.

We would like to thank all families, schools, and school personnel for their support and cooperation throughout this project. Your involvement was integral to its success. If you have any questions about the project or its results, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Shelly Saunders (c.saunders@bradford.ac.uk).

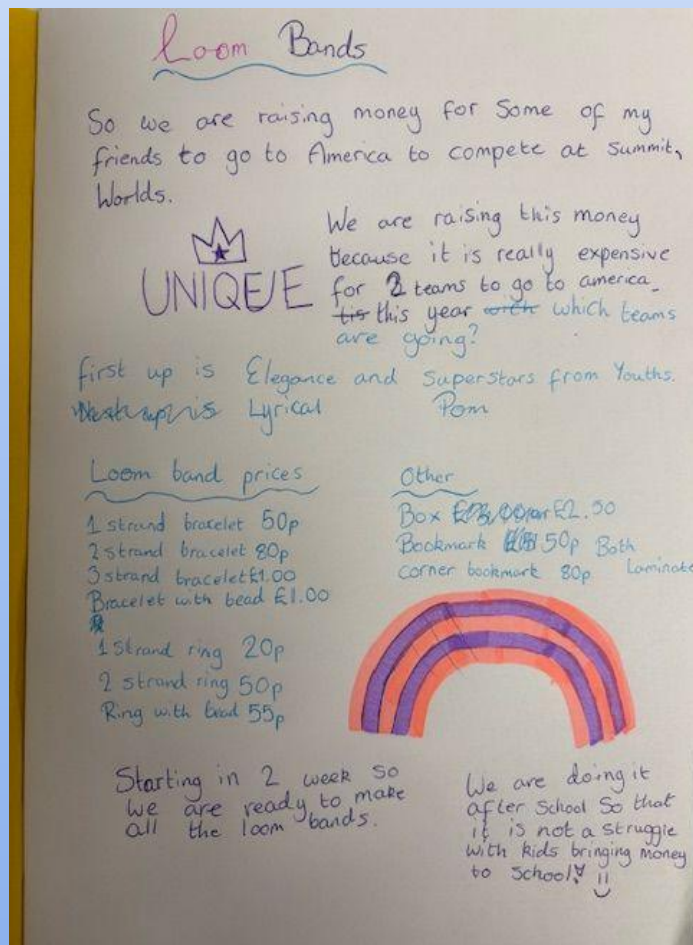
Kind regards,

Professor Brendan T. Barrett

Principal Investigator
School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of Bradford.

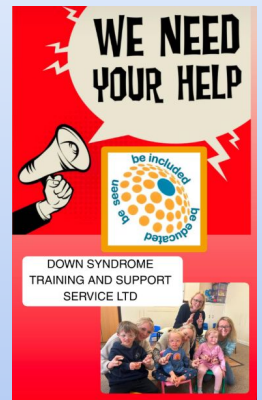
Unique Cheer & Dance

Some of our Year Four and Year Five girls are hoping to raise some funding to support the Unique Cheer and Dance Company in attending the 'World's Youth Pom' competition in America. Details of their fundraising is below.



Easter Games Night

On Thursday, 3rd April, we will be hosting a games night from 6pm to 7pm. This is to raise money for the school PTA and the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service. We are hoping to help this service work towards their £100 000 fundraising target for 2025 following a reduction in funding.



We would love for you to join us for Pie and Peas and to play some family-friendly games. This is a chance to spend time with our wonderful school community and help raise lots of money for an amazing charity. Tickets are now available for purchase through ParentPay.

We're really looking forward to this event and hope you can join us. It's a great chance to connect with other families and have some quality time together as a family.

If you are able to donate prizes for the games then please drop these into the school office. We will also be asking for donations of chocolate and bottles nearer the time. Staff will be taking a lead in organising the event on the night so that parents can enjoy time with their children but any help in organising, setting up and packing away is always appreciated! Please email the school office if you are able to help in anyway.



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... Mrs Stoney - EYFS and Key Stage One Teaching Assistant

Hi everyone! My name is Mrs Stoney and you can usually find me in our Robins class where I work as a Teaching Assistant.

I have been lucky to have worked in primary education for nearly 25 years. I joined the fantastic, and super supportive, Kildwick team about eight years ago.

I have two grown up children, Katie and Peter, and a gorgeous Grandson called Finley, who was four last week.

I love spending time with my family, making lots of memories.

I also have two beautiful cats called Coco and Nero.

They are 15 years old now and you may see me popping home at lunchtime to give them an extra cuddle!

When I get any spare time, I love to go swimming. I also like sewing cross stitch patterns because they help me to relax and unwind.



SEND @ Kildwick

*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**. Message from Miss Akirgg.....*

Many of you already know that I take on the role of SENCo at our school. We use this section of the newsletter to keep our families informed about SEN-related matters and to educate all parents, regardless of whether their child has SEN, about various SEN issues. This approach is crucial in fostering an inclusive and supportive school environment that gives every child the best possible life chances. Here is just a short overview of what SEN looks like at Kildwick CE Primary School.

Despite being a small school, we're incredibly fortunate to have an exceptionally strong SEN and inclusion team. Working alongside me is Mrs Kingham, our intervention leader. She plans and delivers interventions for many children across the school, not just those with SEN. Her wealth of experience in all things SEN, particularly around Cognition and Learning really helps in the early identification of SEN needs. Mrs Kingham is brilliantly supported by Mrs Matthews, one of our longest-serving staff members, whose extensive educational experience and curriculum knowledge is invaluable.

Hopefully, in addition to all of this, you will recall from previous newsletters that Mrs Swales is highly qualified in leading our staff team in Social, Emotional, and Mental Health development, support, and education. She dedicates a day each week to work one-to-one with children and gives up two lunchtimes weekly to run nurture groups. Additionally, Mrs Swales trains children to become peer mentors, enabling them to support each other as they grow and develop. Her knowledge, passion, and dedication to children's emotional health and wellbeing inspires us all, and she supports staff professional development in this crucial area.

We're delighted to announce that Mrs Carpenter has begun the SENCo qualification course, working towards becoming a qualified SENCo. This is a mandatory qualification and is required for all school SENCos. We also employ Mrs Claire Ashton from ADys as an SEN consultant. She provides ongoing support and expert guidance, ensuring we offer our SEN learners the best possible start in life.

We take immense pride in our SEN provision and approach. Inclusion of all children is a priority for every staff member, and we're committed to creating an environment where every child can thrive. As we continue to develop and strengthen our SEN support, we welcome your feedback and involvement. Together, we can ensure that every child at Kildwick CE Primary School receives the support they need to reach their full potential.

Miss Akirgg can be contacted at d.akirgg@kildwickce.uk

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.

k.swales@kildwickce.uk



THINK IT

Embrace Mistakes

When something doesn't go as planned, remember that it's okay to make mistakes. Tell yourself, "making mistakes is part of learning new things." Remind yourself this isn't something you've mastered...yet.

Why to try?

Embracing mistakes as learning opportunities helps to build persistence and a growth mindset.

How do you feel?

What Zone would this help in? ■ ■ ■ ■





This week certificates have been awarded to:

Robins	Learning to Live — Arthur Cr & Lewis Living to Love — Daphne & Mary Loving to Learn — George & Arthur Co
Swallows	Learning to Live — Henry Living to Love — Florence Loving to Learn — Emilia
Kingfishers	Learning to Live — Ibrahim Living to Love — Eddie Loving to Learn — Isla B
Owls	Learning to Live — Emmi Living to Love — Teddy Loving to Learn — Seth
Eagles	Learning to Live — Ralph Living to Love — Isla Loving to Learn — Rian

Governor Meetings and Updates

Governors will be meeting on the following dates:

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

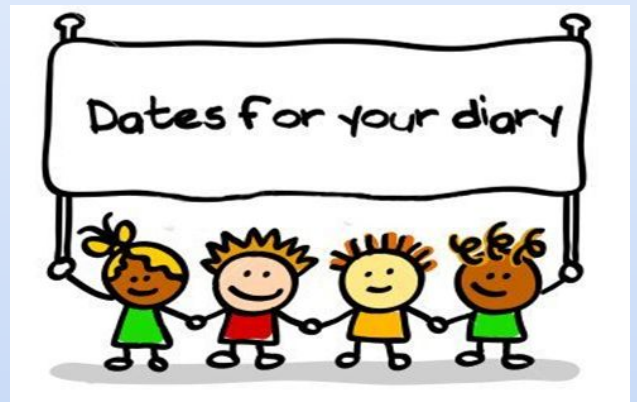
09/07/25 – Full Governing Body

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	EYFS/KS1 - Construction with Miss Taylor KS2 - Music with Mr Schofield
Wednesday	EYFS/KS1 - Art Club with Art Star KS2 - Chinese Basic Language & Traditions with Mrs Coupe (finishes at 4.20pm)
Thursday	EYFS/KS1 Cookery Club with Donna and Miss Howarth
Friday	KS2 & Y2 - Gymnastics with Ambitions (finishes at 4.20pm)

Diary Dates



Monday 24th February - Return to school for Spring 2

Monday 3rd March - National Child Measurement Scheme (Reception & Year 6)

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th March - Year 4 Residential to High Adventure

Wednesday 5th March - World Book Day Performance of Wizard of Oz (Children can come dressed in pyjamas)

Tuesday 11th March - Cross Country Marley Playing Fields (after school)

Friday 14th March - Collective Worship in Church

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 27th March - Parent Consultations

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

Monday 31st March - Owls and Kingfishers Easter production - 5.30pm

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

Thursday 3rd April - Family Games Night 6pm - 7pm - Everyone welcome!

Friday 4th April - Break up for Easter

Friday 25th April - Eagles to Sandylands (Sports Trilogy)

Wednesday 7th May - Robins and Swallows Great Fire of London Workshops

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May - SATS

Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st May - Y6 Bewerley Park Residential

Friday 23rd May - Year 6 cycling and Break up for half term

Community Events & Groups



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FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS Every Sunday morning	FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS Adults can join in with the kids too!
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HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE Share high fives and big smiles!	MAKE FRIENDS Meet lots of new people!
LEARN NEW SKILLS Kids can volunteer in lots of roles	FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD Try your best and celebrate your achievements!

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"

Register at:
www.parkrun.org.uk/riversidegardens-juniors
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!


Venue:
Riverside Gardens, 33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9EU

Time:
Every Sunday 9:00am

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Art-star lessons

Art lessons for children aged 7 - 14 from 4pm-6pm. Tuesday's during term time in the **Studio at Glusburn Institute.**

Email ruth@art-star.co.uk to reserve a place. Payment via BACS or cash. £60 per 6wks paid in advance. Healthy snacks, drinks and biscuits included plus all materials.




Build your skills

Fridays 14 February - 7 March 2025
12.30 - 2.30pm
Skipton Library

This course is delivered through a series of short introductions to the following topics:

- Thinking skills
- Planning and time management
- Self-assessment
- Target setting
- Personal development planning

It also includes interview techniques and an introduction to a basic office skills including MS Word, MS Spreadsheets, Teams meetings and PowerPoint presentations.



For further information and advice on this course, or for assistance in enrolling, please contact Jane Gibbs on 07577148907 or email jane.gibbs@northyorks.gov.uk

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 7 - 13 Years old 6:30pm-7:30pm

Keighley, Marley Stadium (outside on 4G pitch)
 Thursdays (term time only)
 4 - 7 Years old 5pm-6pm
 7 - 13 Years old 6pm-7pm

Skipton, Sandylands Sports Centre (outside on 4G pitch)
 Fridays (term time only)
 4 - 7 Years old 5pm-6pm
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Booking Details - soccer-hub.classforkids.io
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Rock Climbing Clubs 2025

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

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