

Kilby St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter



November, 2024

Christian Value Focus: Honesty **British Value Focus: Rule of Law**

I hope everyone had a restful half term – welcome back!

What a fabulous half term we had! Not only have the children demonstrated growing skills and knowledge but we have had the start of the Cross-Country races, a wonderful Dance Festival, and Playground Leaders working brilliantly with the younger children.

There are many more events coming up this half term with the next being the Remembrance Service on Friday 8th November.

This newsletter shows not only what the children have been doing but captures many wider aspects of school life too.

I look forward to seeing you all and working together throughout the half term.

Mrs Maher



Attendance

Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life.

- ▶ Oak 92%
- ▶ Willow 94%
- ▶ Maple 95%
- ▶ Rowan 96%

Thank you to everyone for your support in upholding our attendance expectations.



Communication

- ▶ **Telephone:** 0116 240 2434
- ▶ **Email:** office@kilby.leics.sch.uk
- ▶ **Absence:** absence@kilby.leics.sch.uk
- ▶ Please use this email if your child will be absent
- ▶ **Emails** to specific staff will be attended to in office hours which are:
08:00 - 17:30
- ▶ Please note that response time will be dictated by the days on which staff work. Thank you

Diary Dates

- ▶ Fri 8th November - Remembrance Service - 9:15am
- ▶ Fri 15th Nov - Children in Need - *details to follow*
- ▶ Wed 20th November - Flu vaccinations
- ▶ Fri 29th November - Christmas Decorations Morning
- ▶ 3rd-5th December - Scholastic book Fair
- ▶ 4th December - Christingle - 2:00pm - St Mary's Church
- ▶ Wed 11th December Nativity - Afternoon
- ▶ Thu 12th December Nativity - Morning
- ▶ Wed 18th December - Christmas Lunch
- ▶ Fri 20th December - Carols around the Tree - 9:00
- ▶ Fri 20th December - End Of Term



- ▶ If your child is turning 3 years of age between January 2025 and August 2025 or is already 3 we have spaces in Seedlings.
- ▶ Your child can attend all week or part of a week. For children starting school in August September 2025 joining Seedlings is a great way to introduce them to the school environment and for them to meet the staff, other children and get to know the routines.
- ▶ If you would like to find out more, please contact Sam or Hanna in the office. Alternatively email office@kilby.leics.sch.uk

**Will your child
be 3 between
January and
August 2025?**

Seedlings

Seedlings have enjoyed learning all about the season of Autumn. With our wellies and binoculars we went on a lovely walk to find signs of Autumn. We did some beautiful autumn leaf art work and loved helping to make some delicious autumn vegetable soup!



This half term we are going to be learning all about the different celebrations that take place at this time of year - Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas!



We are also joining Oak Class every Monday in their Big Moves sessions - a physical development programme specifically designed for young children to develop their core body strength.

Oak Class

Welcome to our new half term! It has been lovely to hear all about the exciting things Oak class have been up to in the holidays.

This half term we are focusing on 'Celebrations' and this week we have been learning about Diwali and why it is important to Hindus. We will also be looking at Bonfire night, Remembrance and of course Christmas!!! In maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and spotting them in the environment. In P.E. we are very excited to have Big Moves which helps to strengthen the core muscles that we use all day every day. It even helps us become better writers!



Oak Class need small boxes!

If you have any that are no bigger or are a similar size to the images below they would be very grateful. Thank you



Willow Class

Welcome back to school for another jam packed half term. What a great week we have had to kick start Autumn 2.

We have learnt the story of Little Red Riding Hood in English and retold it using a story map. We are now writing the story in little parts, with a focus on our phonics for spelling, capital letters and full stops.

In maths, we have been using part-part whole models to help us with addition. We have been counting on and back in our heads and have been learning to estimate on and use a number line.

In history, we've began our learning on Remembrance Day. We are learning about why it is important to remember and what we remember the day for.

In PE, we have started our new topic all about dance, we've been counting in 8 beat bars and created our own secret garden dances.

Dance Festival



Maple Class surpassed our expectations and performed like true professionals. We are very proud of each and every one of them, well done.



Maple Class

Maple Class are looking forward to the busy weeks ahead.

We are starting our new topic in science, eating and digestion, in geography we are answering the question, 'Why would you want to visit Campania Italy and how is it like the East Midlands?' In maths we are adding and subtracting and learning about shape. In PE we are learning the skills needed to play hockey, and the breathing and balances for our wellbeing in yoga.

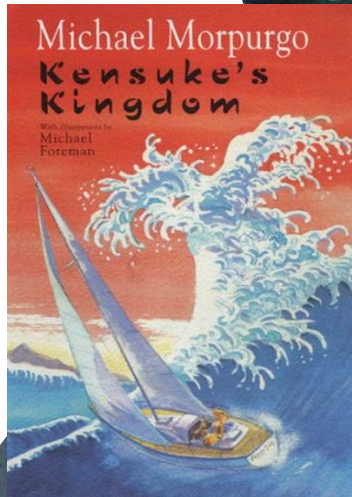
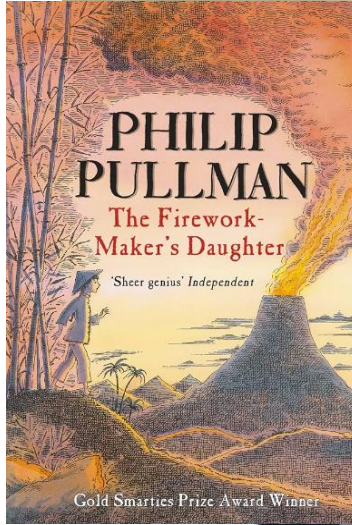
The children are all enjoying their learning on Times Table Rock Stars. Most children have learnt their twos, fives and tens which now includes the three and four times tables too. Well done everyone!

Rowan Class

► Last half-term, we enjoyed learning all about World War II, and we studied some fiction books and videos linked to our topic as part of our English work. At the end of the half-term, we enjoyed watching a film adaptation of *Friend or Foe*, by Michael Morpurgo. We had home-made popcorn, too!

► This half-term, our main topics are 'Extreme Earth' in Geography and 'Light' in Science. We will be studying two books with a theme around extreme natural phenomena, namely:

- *Kensuke's Kingdom*, by Michael Morpurgo
- *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*, by Philip Pullman



E Safety



- ▶ This month's E Safety Guide from National Online Safety is all about: Parenting vs Policing computer gaming and getting the balance right.
- ▶ See the attached guide for more details.

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Remembrance

Friends and family are invited to our Remembrance Service on Friday 8th November at 9:15am. This will be led by Rowan class





Christingle Service Invitation

- ▶ 4th December
 - ▶ 2:00pm
- ▶ St Mary's Church, Kilby

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ASDA's CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS'

We have signed Kilby St Mary's Primary School up for the 'Asda's Cashpot for Schools' event!

Please sign up to support our school.

Friends of Kilby

A massive thank you to Friends of Kilby who have funded the purchase of resources to support and develop music provision across the school.

We are awaiting the outcome of a bid to facilitate the purchase of musical resources which will further enable all the children to access music in all its genres and across cultures.





Friends of Kilby School are proud to announce they have funded this wonderful opportunity to support the children's musical education

The Music Scheme is Leicestershire Schools Music Scheme (LSMS) and provides a continuous and progressive approach to learning music for primary aged children. It covers a broad range of music styles, cultures and all features of music from tone, pitch to ostinata and texture using a range of instruments. LSMS also provides training for teachers to ensure consistency.



Shoebox Appeal Collection

Last Friday the shoeboxes were
collected by Derek from Blythwood Care

Thank you to everyone for
your contributions

<https://blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal>