



Parents and Carers,

We have been back a week already and our children have shown real confidence and maturity in their new year groups. We hope everyone had a restful summer and at least the weather was kind to us. Welcome to all our new families.

At the end of the academic year 2026, we said goodbye to our Year 6, but also a treasured Governor who was retiring. It is with great sadness that Mrs Margaret Matthews sadly passed away at the beginning of the summer holidays. Margaret gave many years of dedicated service to Kirk Langley Church of England Primary School, and played an important part in supporting the children, staff and wider community. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret's family at this time. We will remember Margaret with affection and huge gratitude. She will be missed.

Access :

Our school gates open at 8.35am and we continue to encourage our children to be in school as soon as they can. We close the school gate at 8.50am and any messages for Staff can be given, at the gate, to the Parent Liaison Staff member each day. We also welcome messages via the school phone or info@kirklangley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Attendance:

Attendance matters and across 2026 2027 the school will continue to monitor this along with the DFE and Local Authority. We will also be rewarding good attendance of 97% - 100% at the end of each term.

Lateness is recorded and the school will work with families who need support.

Our attendance policies are also on our school website. Research proves that good attendance leads to good attainment and progress for a child.

Morning and After School Clubs are available to children from YR to Y6, please book and pay on Parent Pay. Please read the conditions for the Morning and After School Club regarding timings and expectations. If you need any help with this, speak to Mrs Wood or Mrs Burdette, our School Business Managers.



Home Learning Club:

Again, the Home Learning provision we offer from 3.15pm to 3.45pm has been popular with both children and parents. It is a time where children can get more support with their learning. Our monitoring shows that pupils who stay for Home Learning attain National expectations and Depth in KS1 And KS2 tests. Evidence also shows those who may not attain Phonics Screening in Year 1 and Early Learning Goals, in Reception, close the 'gap' more rapidly towards the end of the Spring Term.

Year 3 -6 provision is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday;

KS1 provision will be Monday and Wednesday.

Reception provision begins later in the academic year.

Reading:

Reading regularly supports children's vocabulary, comprehension, imagination and confidence to access the whole curriculum.

This remains just as important for our older pupils as for those building these skills and attitudes.

We have asked all our children to set aside 5 minutes (or more) each school night to read aloud to an adult.

Reading is also a focus in our transition schools (Year 6 to 7) and we are working closely with them to promote the skills needed in Reading.

Thank you for continuing to support reading at home as this support, plays a vital part in helping to build confident, enthusiastic and lifelong readers as well as to achieve National Expectations ready for their next phase of education.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is always our number one priority. We have given our children the School Child Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy but all our Safeguarding Policies are on the school website.

We are a Nut Free School and are working in line with Benedict's Law (often referred to in relation to school allergy safety) a set of mandatory reforms and statutory guidance in England designed to overhaul allergy management in schools. Please ensure the school has all the relevant information at the start of the academic year if your child has an allergy.



Celebrating Birthdays Safely at School

We love celebrating our pupils' birthdays!

To ensure all children can join in the fun safely—especially those with severe allergies—we ask that you follow these guidelines **if your child wishes** to bring in a birthday treat for their classmates:

- **Pre-packaged items only:** Please do not send in homemade treats. Items must be individually wrapped with the ingredients clearly listed.
- **Strictly nut-free:** We are a nut-aware school. Please check labels carefully to ensure treats contain no nuts.
- **Non-food alternatives:** We encourage non-food treats. These are inclusive, last longer, and are always a huge hit with the children.

Great non-food ideas include:

- Fun erasers or novelty pencils
- Birthday stickers or bookmarks
- Mini bubble bottles
- Small stamps

Forthcoming events:

23rd September 2026 – KS1 Visit the Airport

25th September – Year 5 and 6 go to Haddon Hall for Life as a Tudor

2nd October 2026 – Flu vaccine

9th October 2026 – Whole School Harvest Service in St Michael's 2.15pm (all children need to be picked up from the Church after the service. Donations for the Harvest are very welcome and can be brought in from Monday 5th October)

19th October – Y3/Y4 – Stone Centre

3rd November – school individual photos

16th November – Anti-Bullying Week

27th November – Year 5 and 6 Harry Potter Studios



4th December 2026 – Christingle 2.30pm St Michael’s Church 2.30pm (all children will need to be picked up from the Church)

9th December – Pantomime Derby Arena

18th December – Carols and Crib Service St Michael’s (pick up from school)

4th -5th January INSET

6th January – all pupils return to school

Thank you to all our families for the strength of Home/School partnership.

Mrs J L Stevenson