



KETTLESING FELLISCLIFFE

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2024

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
RIPLEY	97%	97%	96%	97%
BECKWITHSHAW	97%	98%	95%	97%
KETTLESING	97%	95%	97%	97%

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach to the end of term and commence this festive period, we see this as a time of reflection: reflecting on not only the previous term, but the calendar year moving into 2025.

As a federation we continue our journey of success and our aim of transforming the lives of your children to which we remain wholly committed to. Ofsted outcomes for us, are a wonderful affirmation of the hard work of all however we must not lose sight of the most important gifts we can give to our children as educators: joy and passion for learning, memorable experiences, instilling love, mutual respect, care and ensuring that their school lives are filled with happiness.

It is a delight to see your children engaged in outstanding learning, immersed in enrichment events at various locations, interacting with top-level professionals and being courageous advocates for safeguarding, real-world issues and charity work.

Again, as we move towards this Christmas time, the most special gifts we can give to our children are not those with a price tag attached but those which underpin our Federation: Community, Compassion, Courage - Growing Together, Guided by Love.

I very much look forward to seeing you all in the remaining days at various events including at each school Nativity and thank you for your support and positivity in 2024.

Much Love

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
6th Dec	Christmas Fair—Village Hall
7th Dec	Royal Hall Christmas Concert - Federation Choir
12th Dec	Christmas jumper and Christmas enterprise day
13th Dec	Celebration assembly 8:50am
13th Dec	Whole school panto trip
18th Dec	Nativity - 2pm
20th Dec	Christmas lunch and party
20th Dec	Last day of term
23rd Dec - 3rd Jan	Christmas holidays - school closed
6th Jan	Staff Development Day - School Closed
7th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils
7th Jan	Parent/Carer internet Safety Presentation via TEAMS
13th Jan	Forest School Starts - Class 3
15th Jan	Y6 Residential - Parents information Evening
16th Jan	Best of British - Special lunch menu
17th Jan	Celebration assembly 8:50am
4th Feb	KS2 Dance competition
7th Feb	Celebration assembly 8:50am
7th Feb	NSPCC Number Day
11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
14th Feb	Last day of Spring 1 term

OPEN DAYS

GROWING TOGETHER, GUIDED BY LOVE

RBK Federation Open Day

Your chance to visit one, two
or all three of our Federation schools
in one day!



RIPLEY ENDOWED
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



BECKWITHSHAW
PRIMARY SCHOOL



KETTLESING FELLISCLIFE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Wednesday,
8 January 2025**

9.30am-2.30pm

No booking necessary

Find out more at rbk.n-yorks.sch.uk

OPEN DAYS

Growing together,
guided by love.

The RBK Federation

Village schools with smaller class sizes,
big ideas and boundless aspirations.



Ripley Endowed C of E
Primary School
Main St
Ripley
Harrogate HG3 3AY
ripleyce.org.uk
Map: shorturl.at/QbtOI

"Vision underpins a culture that **nurtures all**. The curriculum is carefully planned to **enable all to achieve**. This includes those that are **vulnerable and those with SEND**."

SIAMS, 2023



Beckwithshaw
Primary School
Church Row
Beckwithshaw
Harrogate HG3 1QW
beckwithshawprimary.org.uk
Map: shorturl.at/WnPaB

"A **happy place for children to learn**... pupils [receive] a **better quality of education**... leaders and staff are **ambitious**... they have **high expectations for the future**."

OFSTED, 2023



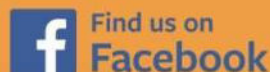
Kettlesing Community
Primary School
Kettlesing
Harrogate HG3 2LB
kettlesing.org.uk
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The school is unwavering in their commitment to providing every pupil with the **best educational experiences possible**. Pupils are **incredibly happy** and thrive at this school.

OFSTED, 2024



Find out more at
rbk.n-yorks.sch.uk



Reminders, Updates, and Information

ROYAL HALL - SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2024

A reminder that those participating in the Royal Hall should be at the venue to start rehearsals at 2pm.

Full school uniform is to be worn and festive head wear can be worn during some of the evenings performance. Children will need a packed dinner, snacks and a water bottle. You will need to sign your child out with a member of staff at the end of the concert before leaving.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND ENTERPRISE DAY - THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2024

For a donation of £1.00, children can wear Christmas jumpers, alongside normal school bottoms, to raise money for Save the Children.

Throughout the day, children will be attending different enterprise workshops. They will then be selling their festive creations at the end of the day in house teams.

NATIVITY - WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2024

The Nativity will take place in the school hall from 2pm on Wednesday 18th December, and we warmly invite all our families to join us to watch this years production of 'The Nativity by Candlelight'. Class 2 and 3 will be supporting this years nativity as a choir.

Children will be dismissed from the school hall following the afternoons performance, unless attending afterschool club. Merlins club will remain open till 4:30pm as normal.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY - FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2024

Children are invited to wear party wear for a day of festivities. The normal lunch menu will be replaced with a 'Christmas Lunch Special' on this day, as previously communicated.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL - BEWERLEY PARK - MARCH 2025

We are delighted to be taking our Y6 pupils across the Federation to Bewerley Park for next years residential. A parent/carer Information evening will be held at Beckwithshaw school on 15th January at 5pm.

UNIFORM

A polite reminder that children should be in full winter uniform, ensuring a coat is provided every day. Children can wear a small pair of stud earrings and a watch (not smart watch) but no other jewellery is permitted.

PE

A reminder that swimming will end at the end of this term. Therefore, all children will require PE kits on Monday unless at forest school.

Details of Forest School will be emailed to all parents next week.

CLUBS FOR SPRING 1

Tuesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Gymnastics Club with Mrs Neate from Sporting Influence

Wednesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Art Club with Mrs Fiveash

Thursday 3.30- 4.30pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC

Gymnastics will replace dodgeball, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activities they participate in across the academic year.

Both Football and Gymnastics have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

All clubs will be charged at £6.00 per session and run for 6 weeks from WC 06.01.25 - WC 10.02.25. The full payment of £36.00 will be required to secure your child's place.

Booking and payment for all clubs will go live next week on Parentmail and will be on a first come first serve basis. Parents will be notified when booking goes live.

BOOKING WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY 2025.

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulation Team **SCARGILL** Who were the winning team last half term. We can't wait to announce the winning team in a few weeks, and the prize they will enjoy!

House Point Tally



What we've been up too

REMEMBERENCE DAY

Our wonderful Kettlesing children showed their respect on Remembrance Day with 2 minutes silence and laid wreaths by the war memorial. Thank you to Mrs Carr and Reg Houseman who joined us for our morning of reflection.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

We celebrated anti-bullying week by taking part in multiple activities. We began the week with a reflective assembly and taking part in scenario work. On Tuesday, we came in our odd socks; this was to remember that each and every one of us is different in our own way. Lots of us designed our own odd socks to remember the special message.



OPERATION TRAFFIC - ROAD SAFETY

Kettlesing pupils have enjoyed working with the North Yorkshire Police to keep everyone safe. Pupils got to work with the police to patrol outside school at both drop of and pick up, and discuss road safety and traffic around the local area. What a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community and be inspired by our local Police force.



CHILDREN IN NEED

We began the day by taking part in the CBBC Live lesson with the Gladiators! We enjoyed getting active and completing the 'mood boosters'. We then learnt about where our money goes and how it impacts adults and children in our local area. We celebrated the day by wearing spot-tacular outfit!

What we've been up too



WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Along with our other 2 federated schools, children across the school took part in the Sporting Influence's Cross country competition at Ashville College.

OTLEY VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

What an utterly amazing day! The Federation Choir came together in spectacular fashion to perform at the Otley Victorian Christmas Fair 2024.



So very proud of all involved. Special thanks to the parents and carers who brought their children - we could not do it without you Thank you also to Mrs Godley (Kettesing) for the superb costume accessories donated to the Fed.

As ever, our children did us proud!



PLAYER VISITS FROM HARROGATE TOWN AFC

Building on the fantastic relationship we have built with Harrogate Town AFC, we have been lucky enough to have visits from the men's first team players—Sam Folarin and Zico Asare.

The children thoroughly enjoyed asking them questions before having a kick around and picking up some great tips!



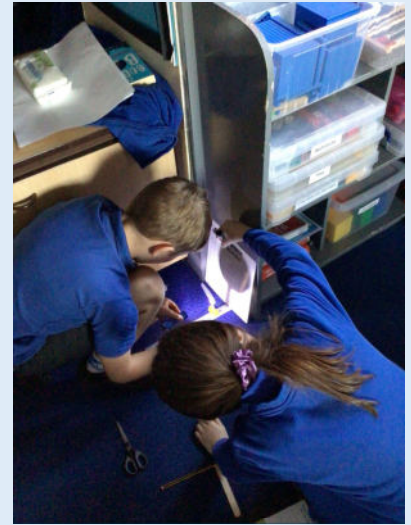
What we've been up too

Class 3

Class 3 have been busy this term learning about fractions in maths, factors which influence population change in geography and learning about life in South Africa through our class novel, "Journey to Jo'burg".

We have also been exploring light and reflection in science and conducting a range of experiments using different light sources. In art this term we have been exploring art installations and have been working towards designing our own. So, another busy term.

We have also had the pleasure of Miss Sadler (a student teacher) in our class this term and she has enjoyed working



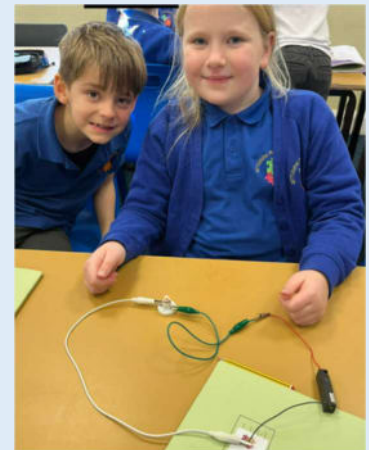
with the children in a range of subject areas.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas festivities as we finish Autumn term and get ready for Christmas. Miss Sadler, Miss Hemming and myself would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents/ carers and children a Merry Christmas.

Class 2

Class 2 have begun their topic of Antarctica this half term. We have watched parts of David Attenborough's, 'Seven worlds, One planet' in our Guided Reading sessions, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We have used the documentary to improve our vocabulary, answer a range of questions, summarise, predict and more! In our writing we have created wonderful setting descriptions full of impressive detail and in Maths we have learned and mastered the column addition method.

In Science, we have been learning about circuits. We have discussed how to stay safe around electricity and the differences between appliances that use batteries and mains electricity. We have built and tested circuits and also learned how to draw the different items in the circuit. In Art, we have been focussing on using black and white to change the tone of our colour to create more detail.



What we've been up too



The children have continued to love PE this year with Sporting Influence and swimming at Nidderdale every Monday. In Geography, we are continuing to extend our knowledge on Antarctica, and have used the lines of latitude and longitude in an atlas as coordinates to find different countries around the world!

In Computing, Class 2 made a fantastic class blog on their favourite Purple Mash apps, where they learned how to change the format and style of their writing and even added interactive links to quizzes they had made so that other children could complete them.



Class 1

Class One have been incredible thinkers this half term.

In Maths, Reception have been learning their numbers 6-10 over the last few weeks, and learning what numbers can make each one. They have really enjoyed finding '6' of something in the classroom and grouping them together. Year One and Two have been looking at Addition within 20. They have been using their number bonds to help them answer number problems – using practical resources to support their answers. They have also really enjoyed finding and making doubles and then using this knowledge to answer mathematical questions on near doubles.



The children in Class One have been invited to a Teddy Bears Picnic!

Reception children have been thinking about what food they would like to bring to the picnic, and designing invitations, whilst Year One and Two have been thinking of what sandwich filling they would like. They have then been learning all about how to use time connectives, imperative verbs and adverbs correctly to create clear instructions which they can then follow to make their own sandwiches. We will then all be bringing in a teddy to have our own picnic.

The Reception children have also enjoyed learning



What we've been up too

their new phonics sounds this half term, and have been applying their segmenting and blending skills in their independent learning whilst in the message centre and in the home corner. They have been writing lots of letters to each other and writing down their food choices in the home corner, whilst also learning with the Year Ones and Twos about old and new toys. As a class we have been thinking about our favourite toys and then looking back into the past to see what other people's favourite toys were. The children have found this very interesting!

During this half-term we have also raised money for Children in Need by dressing up in our spotty outfits, as well as having a super informative visit by the Fire Service who taught us all how to stay safe. We also worked hard to create our very own poppies and we took part in the two minutes silence to remember all the fallen soldiers.



Safeguarding

TOYS SAFETY

In the lead up to Christmas, when your children will be receiving toys, electronics and gifts, we want to highlight the dangers of button batteries and magnets that are found in many of these items, as well as general household objects. Below is some information to help you identify dangers and what to do if your child ingests a battery or magnet.

BREAKING NEWS

Magnets can rip a hole in your child's gut!



- Super strong magnets, like these, can cause serious damage to your child's insides if they swallow them.

- They can join together and make holes in their gut. Removal can be difficult and need complex surgery.



- They can be in toys, jewellery, fridge magnets or cheap products bought from online marketplaces. They can be 10 times stronger than is safe.

⚠️ If your child may have swallowed magnets, don't delay! ⚠️

Call 999 for an ambulance or go straight to A&E. Symptoms can seem like a stomach bug or appendicitis.

 www.capt.org.uk/magnets

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child accident
prevention trust 

BUTTON CELL BATTERIES

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?



When a button cell battery reacts with saliva it creates caustic soda, the chemical used to unblock drains.



Even after the batteries appear to have 'died' they still have enough power to create a reaction.



If swallowed, the batteries can get stuck in a child's throat and burn the flesh, injuring or even killing them.

WHERE WILL I FIND THEM?

TOYS & GADGETS

Novelty toys such as robot bug or fish toys, fidget spinners with LED lights and gaming headsets.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Bathroom and kitchen scales, thermometers, night lights, calculators, tea lights and spare battery drawers.

REMOTES & WATCHES

Remote controls, car key fobs and key finders, fitness trackers, watches, 3D glasses and musical greetings cards.

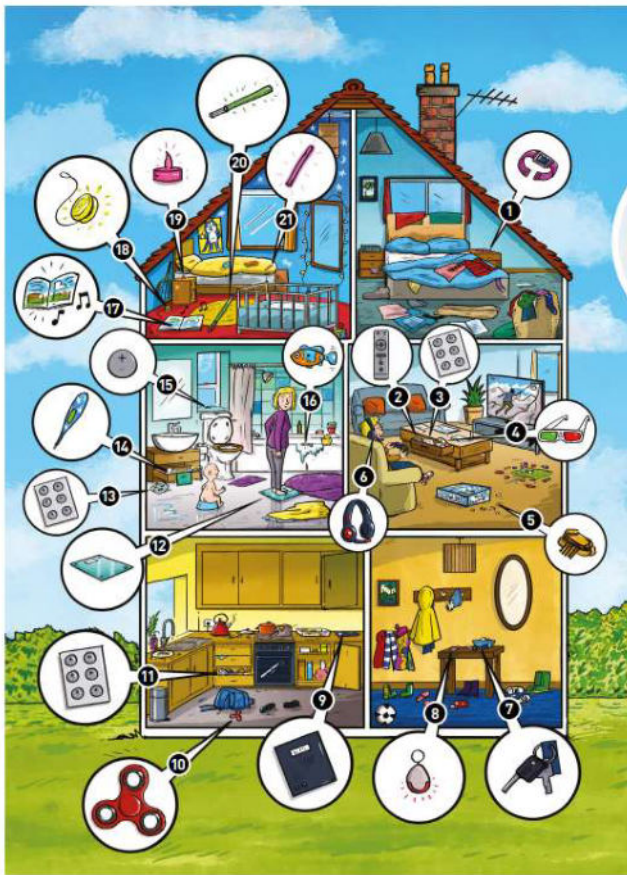


Button cell batteries are dangerous. **Check your home for them.**
Throw dead batteries away straight away and keep live ones somewhere safe.

ALWAYS KEEP THEM AWAY FROM CHILDREN

For more advice on managing the risks go to:
www.buttonbatterysafety.com
www.capt.org.uk/button-batteries
www.rospa.com/button-batteries

Safeguarding



Button batteries - where are yours?



+BIPBA-
British and Irish Portable Battery Association



Button batteries, particularly big, powerful lithium coin cell batteries, can badly hurt or kill a small child within two hours, if they get stuck in the food pipe. Know where yours are, so you can keep your children safe.

Five top tips

- Hunt around your home for button batteries – in products as well as spare and 'flat' batteries.
- Keep products well out of children's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured.
- Store spare button batteries in sealed containers in a high cupboard.
- Remember that 'flat' or 'dead' batteries still hold enough power to badly hurt a child. So put them out of children's reach straight away and recycle them safely and as quickly as possible.
- If you think your child has swallowed one, don't delay. Trust your instincts and take them to A&E straight away or call 999 for an ambulance. Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick.

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| 1. Fitness tracker | 12. Bathroom scales |
| 2. Remote control | 13. Spare batteries |
| 3. Spare batteries | 14. Thermometer |
| 4. 3D glasses | 15. Flat battery |
| 5. Robot bug toy | 16. Robo fish |
| 6. Gaming headset | 17. Musical greeting card |
| 7. Car key | 18. Light-up yo-yo |
| 8. Key finder | 19. Tea light |
| 9. Kitchen scales | 20. Light saber |
| 10. Light up fidget spinner | 21. Flashing wand |

For more help



capt.org.uk/button-batteries
[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://twitter.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)



Office for Product
Safety & Standards

Buy toys safely this Christmas

Check gifts for kids are age appropriate toys.

✓ Magnets and other novelties can cause harm.

For further information regarding toy safety, please visit
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/child-safety-buying-toys-this-christmas>

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Anneka Brown- Deputy Safeguarding Lead
 Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

Parent Information



TOP TIPS

for parents who are separated



The FJYPB members are children and young people with experience of family law proceedings. They have devised these top tips for parents to help them think about matters from their child's perspective.

'LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD'

You can find out more about the FJYPB at cafca.gov.uk

1

•Remember I have the right to see both of my parents as long as it is safe for me.

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•I can have a relationship with the partner of my other parent without this changing my love for you.

3

•Try to have good communication with my other parent because it will help me. Speak to them nicely.

4

•Keep my other parent updated about my needs and what is happening for me. I might need their help too.

5

•Don't say bad things about my other parent, especially if I can hear. Remember I can often overhear your conversations or see your social media comments.

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•Remember it is ok for me to love and have a relationship with my other parent.

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•Don't make me feel guilty about spending time with my other parent.

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•Don't make permanent decisions about my life based on how you feel at the moment. Think about how I feel now and how I might feel in the future. My wishes might change.

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•Be open to change, be flexible and compromise when agreeing arrangements for me.

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•Its ok with me if my parents don't do things exactly the same. You are both different and that's alright with me.

Parent Information

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• Don't be possessive over me and the things that belong to me. Make it easy for me to take the things I need when I spend time with my other parent, such as school work, PE kits, clothes, books, games, phone etc. Let me choose what I want to take with me.

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• Keep me informed about any changes to my arrangements.

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• Try not to feel hurt if I choose to spend time with my friends instead of seeing you. I am growing up!

14

• Remember that important dates (birthdays, celebrations, parents evening, sports day etc) are special to you, me and my other parent. I may want to share my time on those dates with each of you.

15

• Work out between you and my other parent who is responsible for the extra things I need, such as new school shoes and uniform, school trips, dinner money and the cost of my hobbies or after school activities. I don't want to be involved in this.

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• Remember that I don't expect you or my other parent to be perfect, so I don't want you to expect my other parent to be perfect either. Accept mistakes and move on.

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• Make sure I am not left out of key family events. Please compromise with my other parent so I can join in.

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• Please don't stop me having contact with extended family members who are important to me. Ask me how I feel about them. Don't assume my feelings are the same as yours.

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• Don't use me as a messenger between you and my other parent.

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• Don't use my relationship with my other parent against me, or them.

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• Don't ask me to lie to my other parent or other family members.

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• Don't ask me to lie to professionals, or to say what you want me to say.

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• Don't make me scared to say what I think about my arrangements for fear of being told off or treated badly by you if you don't agree.

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• Remember that I might want something different to my brother or sister.

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• Don't worry about how others see you or what they think. I am what matters.