

Early Years at



Kirk Fenton
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL





Letter from the Headteacher



Welcome to Kirk Fenton Church of England Primary School



Rooted in Christian belief, our vision for every member of this school community is to feel valued and respected, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, faith, belief or ability. Through developing a love of learning, each individual will have the opportunity to reach their full potential and aspire to become the person they were born to be.

We are a church school situated in the village of Church Fenton and a member of the STAR Multi Academy Trust. This is a group of local schools who have formed a Trust in order to provide high quality education to local children from 4-19 years in the Sherburn and Tadcaster area.

We have a happy school and are proud of our reputation for high expectations and an enthusiastic love of learning due to our broad and engaging curriculum. We take pride in the strong links that have been established with our village community and are keen to remain at its heart.

Our Christian values of respect, thankfulness, perseverance and forgiveness enable us to be committed to meeting the needs of every individual at our school. It is a privilege to share this period of your child's life with you and to work with families to enable our children to grow in independence and confidence, developing an awareness and understanding of wider moral, spiritual and cultural issues.

We are excited to warmly welcome you to our school community.

Mrs Mel Walmsley
Headteacher





Our Staff



Mrs Westfeld
Class Teacher and EYFS Lead



Miss Bednall
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Bembridge
SENCO

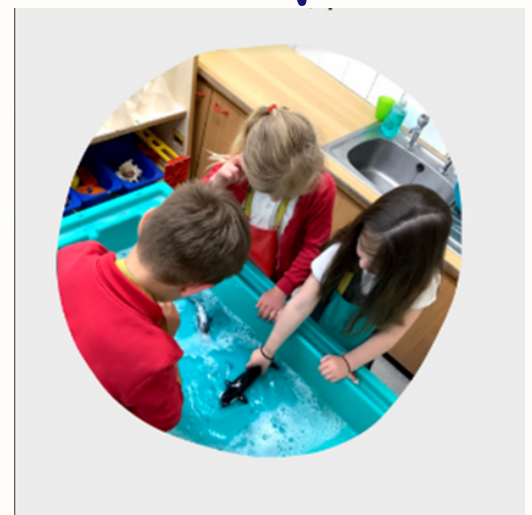
At Kirk Fenton C of E Primary School, the EYFS curriculum is designed to encourage independent, inquisitive and happy learners. We maximise cross curricular links, put reading at the heart of everything we do and support our children to build strong foundations for their future. Children learn through a balance of child-initiated and adult-directed activities and challenges. The weekly timetable is carefully structured so that children have rigorous directed teaching in English, mathematics, phonics and reading every day.



Children are provided with plenty of time to engage in exploration and play throughout a variety of experiences, which are carefully planned to engage and challenge them in the provision, both inside and outside.

A day in the life of a child in Reception

- A daily phonics session in the morning
- A daily math session in the afternoon
- A daily literacy activity
- A daily handwriting session
- A daily reading practice group
- A daily RE worship or discussion
- A whole class story
- Access to indoor and outdoor provision
- Daily snack and milk





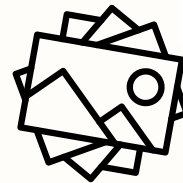
Home School Communication

The whole school uses the Marvellous Me online tool to award children badges to celebrate their learning, values and behaviours.

Teachers also use this app to share messages and reminders with parents, along with photos of the children's learning.



If you would like to share any learning your child is doing at home please send it to eyfsobservations@kf.starmat.uk



Speaking to staff



Staff will be available on the door in the morning and at the end of the day should you need to share any important information. You will notice that Reception is different to private nursery in that we do not give individual debriefs each day. Rest assured, we will let you know if there's anything significant to report from your child's day. For longer or more personal conversations, we welcome you to make an appointment. This can be made directly with the class teacher or through the school office.

Parent consultations take place in the autumn and spring term. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's wellbeing and progress. A written end of year report will be sent home at the end of the school year. This summarises and describes your child's attainment against the EYFS learning goals and is a statutory assessment.

School Uniform



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Children in the EYFS come to school in their uniform three days per week and in their PE kit two days per week. In September, all children should come to school on their first day in their school uniform. Your class teacher will let you know the class's PE day within the first couple of weeks of term.



Your child should bring a named water bottle in to school with them every day. You are welcome to send in a named bag of spare clothes to be kept in school in case a change of clothes is needed.



School Uniform

- red jumper / red cardigan (school badge available)
- white polo shirt (school badge available)
- black trousers / tailored shorts or black skirt / pinafore dress - red tights or white socks with dress / skirt
- black socks with trousers / shorts
- black school shoes / black ankle boots (no heels) - wellies to be left in school
- red or black hair accessories (hair bands, clips, bobbles)

Summer Uniform (Easter - July only)



- red and white gingham summer dress
- white polo shirt (school badge available)
- black shorts

PE Uniform

- plain black shorts (school badge available)
- plain black joggers (school badge available)
- plain white crew neck t-shirt (school badge available)
- plain red hooded sweatshirt (school badge available)
- white sports socks
- black sports trainers

Additional Items

- red school summer cap with school badge
- red school logo book bag
- red school jacket (school badge available)
- red winter hat with school badge

How to find us



On the first day our friendly staff will be located around the school site to welcome you and direct you to your child's classroom.

Our EYFS classroom is located on the right side of the school after entering along the school path (the second classroom). Please park considerately in the village.



If you have any questions, no matter how big or small, prior to starting at Kirk Fenton, please pick up the phone or send us an email. We are more than happy to help!



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