

Kellington Primary School

NEWSLETTER

5.12.2025

Tag Rugby

20 of our pupils represented our school this week in the YLT Tag Rugby Tournament. Our Y3/4 secured 3rd place in the competition. Each of our children showed fantastic sportsmanship and truly shone at the event. Well done to each and every one of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ FLU VACCINATIONS

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

★ CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE KS1/2

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER PM

★ WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIP

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

★ CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE KS1/2

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER AM

★ CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
AND STAY AND PLAY - EYFS

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2-3.15PM

★ SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR PUPILS

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

★ SCHOOL OPEN FOR PUPILS

TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY

EYFS Christmas Stay and Play

Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in 2026?

Why don't you come along and join us for a stay and play session!

We would love to invite you and your child to see our fantastic Early Years' classroom and get a glimpse of the learning and development that takes place in our wonderful environment.



Join us for some Christmas themed fun!



When: Wednesday 17th December 2025
Time: 2:15 - 3:15 pm (2pm for existing families to see Class 1's Christmas performance!)

Where: Kellington Primary School

Please phone 01977 661127 or email admin@kp.starmat.uk to confirm your attendance.

A Special Announcement!

WOW

Earlier this year, Keir Mather asked the children of Selby to enter a competition to have the chance to feature on his Christmas cards. The design needed to be linked to our local area. Hundreds of children across the Selby area joined in this competition, including 3 entries from our school.

Last week, we received a letter from The House of Commons! Our very own Sofia (Y6) has been selected as the runner up of the competition and her design will feature on the back of Keir's Christmas cards this year. These will be sent to not only the Prime Minister, but also the King and Queen! We are so proud!

How did we SHINE this week?



Shining Star

Class 1 - Athena (YR) for your fantastic effort during singing practice.

Class 2 - Nola (Y2) for trying super hard in all our lessons and being a kind friend.

Class 3 - Jacob (Y3) for being a great sportsman during tag rugby.

Class 4 - Billy-Joe (Y6) for pushing yourself to be the best you can be with everything we've asked of you.

Golden Welly

Maddison and Avril-Jayne for making a flowing river in the mud pit.



Star Reader

Class 1 - Lenard

Class 2 - Poppy

Class 3 - Paisley-Blu

Class 4 - Oliver H



Values Award

Ivy-Rose (YR) for always being a kind and nurturing friend to all.
(Kindness)

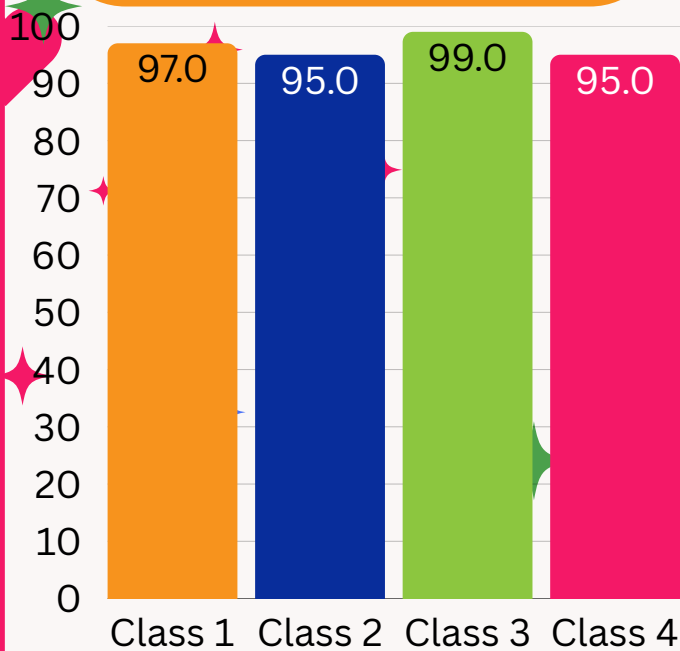
Bridie (Y1) for her kindness to everyone and everything. (Kindness)

Maddison (Y3) for showing kindness to your friends when helping each other in class. (Kindness)

Harlow (Y5) for your utter perseverance in editing and refining your work. This has made you shine brighter. (Resilience)

Attendance at Kellington

This Week's Class Attendance:



This Week's
Whole School
Attendance
96%

Minutes late
this week
(lost
learning):

2 hours & 50
minutes!

Attendance
Target:

96%+

Our attendance has hugely improved this week! Well done everyone for being here, even if you've not been feeling 100%.

This week's winning
team is:

Yellow



Nothing Beats a Kellington Primary School disco!



Thursday 18th December



The JLT are hosting a Christmas Disco!
 Tickets £4 and include a drink, tuck shop visit and glow stick!
 (Tickets purchased via ParentPay)

Class 1 & 2 - 3:15-4:15
 Class 3 & 4 - 4:30-5:30




Santa's Grotto at the Skylark Centre

Come and see Santa, have a picture taken with his sleigh and enjoy some Christmas crafts and woodland trails



Saturday 13th December

10am - 11am: Quiet hour

On Saturday 13th December we are hosting a quiet session to provide an experience that aims to create a more comfortable visit for those with autism and other sensory requirements. (scan QR code for more information)

11am - 3pm: General opening

Last entry 2:30pm

Sunday 14th December

11am - 3pm: General opening

Last entry 2:30pm

One ticket per person



Book your time slot to meet Santa
Please scan QR code

Refreshments Available (cash donations to Yorkshire Swan Rescue Hospital)



Skylark Centre, Park Lane, Barlow, Selby YO8 6GX



**3 Intakes per year
(Autumn, Spring and
Summer term)**

15 and 30 hour funded

Nursery Places Available

**places available from 3
years old. Contact the
admin team to join our
waiting lists as places are
limited.**

**admin@kp.starmat.uk
01977 661127**





Wrap Around Taster Session

We are excited to offer a **free taster session** for our wrap around after school club. The taster sessions will run from 3.15-6pm. If you are interested in using the club, please **contact the office** to book your child in for their session.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Working together to keep our young people safe

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As Christmas approaches, many families are planning to surprise their children with a new phone, tablet, or gaming device under the tree. It's an exciting time - new technology opens doors to creativity, learning and connection. But it also brings a fresh set of questions about what apps and online spaces children might explore.

With so many options available, it's natural to wonder which apps are suitable for children and how to ensure they have positive experiences online. To help families navigate these decisions, here is a closer look at some of the most concerning apps and platforms.

In this issue:

- New devices, new apps
- New devices, safe starts



What is it?

Reddit is an extensive online discussion platform with 'Subreddits' on various topics.

What are the risks?

It features unmoderated or explicit content, including adult themes and misinformation. Users can privately chat with others through comments or direct messages.

Reddit



Kik

What it is?

A messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos and videos without linking to a phone number - only a username is needed.

What are the risks?

Kik has minimal age verification and a reputation for anonymous interactions. Children can be contacted by strangers and messages can't easily be monitored.



Telegram

What it is?

A messaging service known for encrypted chats and large group channels, often used for community discussions or file sharing.

What are the risks?

Telegram's 'secret chats' and disappearing messages make it difficult for parents to supervise activity. Some public groups share mature or illegal content.



Vault apps

What they are?

Apps designed to hide photos, videos or other apps behind a disguised icon or password. Some look like calculators or utilities.

What are the risks?

Used to conceal messages or content. If you notice one installed, it's worth having an open conversation rather than assuming wrongdoing - curiosity often drives their use.

Before your child dives into their new device, it's worth taking a moment to explore which apps are right for them. Here are a few simple ways to make sure the apps they use are age-appropriate and child-friendly.

How to choose child friendly apps:



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Giving devices safely this Christmas.

Getting a new device for Christmas is exciting - it can open a world of learning, creativity and connection. But it also introduces children to a digital world that isn't always designed with their safety in mind. Setting clear boundaries and protective measures early on helps children learn to use technology in healthy, balanced and age-appropriate ways.

Without guidance, young users can stumble into areas of concern: social media platforms that encourage comparison and oversharing gaming chats that expose them to strangers or apps that collect more personal data than you might expect. These risks don't mean children shouldn't enjoy their new devices - they simply mean they need structure and support to navigate them confidently.

Here are some ways to make sure your child's first steps with a new device are positive ones:



1.Set it up before it gets wrapped.

Before gifting the device, take time to install updates, set parental controls and review privacy settings. This includes switching on filters, limiting app store access and setting up family accounts. Doing this ahead of time keeps Christmas morning focused on joy rather than set up stress - and gives you peace of mind from the start.



2.Agree on clear expectations.

Talk as a family about when and where the device can be used. For example, no phones at the dinner table or gaming at bedtime. These routines help children learn balance and prevent screen time from creeping into every moment of the day.



3.Talk about social media early.

Many social platforms have age limits (typically 13+), but children often feel pressure to join sooner. Keep the conversation open about why these limits exist, what 'friends' really means online and how to handle content that feels uncomfortable or unkind.



4.Guide them through gaming safely.

Games are fun and social, but online play can include chats with strangers or in-game purchases. Encourage your child to only play with people they know, keep personal details private and tell you if something doesn't feel right. Use built-in parental settings on consoles and gaming apps to manage time and communication.



5.Keep passwords and downloads shared.

Agree that you'll know passwords and approve new apps or purchases, at least while your child is learning to manage their own digital choices. This helps you stay involved without needing to hover.



6.Encourage balance.

Screens are just one part of a child's world. Make sure there's time for outdoor play, reading and family time too. Children learn from what they see, so model healthy habits by unplugging together.

As technology becomes a bigger part of childhood, staying informed and involved makes all the difference. With a few clear boundaries and open conversations, you can help your child enjoy the best of their new device - safely, confidently and with balance. Small steps now set the foundation for healthy digital habits that will last well beyond the Christmas holiday.

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