



SCHOOL NEWS

KILBURN INFANT and NURSERY SCHOOL

1st September, 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone from Monday, 7th September – our returning children, parents/carers and a special welcome to all of our new starters in Reception and Nursery!

Class organisation in September

Super Squirrels – Nursery: Mrs Haselgrove, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Parkin, Mrs Abberley & Mrs Wilkes

Marvellous Mice – Reception: Miss Jesson, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Norton, Mrs Harrison, Miss Annable, Mrs Barks

Fantastic Foxes – Year 1: Miss Hudson, Mrs Tiffney, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Meakin, Mrs Morrell, Miss Annable

Outstanding Owls – Year 2: Mrs Swinfield, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Wilsoncroft, Miss Annable, Mrs Barks, Mrs Boyd, Mrs Harrison

Although there may seem to be a lot of staff in some year groups, some of these adults will be working 1:1 with SEND children who have EHCPs or Inclusion funding.

Nursery – Monday, 7th September Nursery is closed for visits by new starters.

Reception - Monday 7th & Tuesday, 8th September are 'visit' sessions only for Reception children.

School Times Nursery = 30 hours Infants = 32.5 hours

Year Group	Start time & location		Finish time & location	
Nursery Squirrels	9:00 am	Nursery gate	3:00 pm	Nursery main door
Reception Mice	8:50 am	Reception red back doors	3:20 pm	TBC
Year 1 Foxes	8:45 am	End of KS1 building doors	3:15 pm	Foxes classroom doors
Year 2 Owls	8:45 am	Owls classroom doors	3:15 pm	Owls classroom doors

Information for Parents & Carers

Most information to parents is sent out on our Parenthub, unless there is a 'return' slip needed by the school. Our school website has a range of information including our Curriculum, Newsletters, Calendar dates, Pupil Voice and school policies. Our website can be found at: 'www.kilburninfantandnursery.co.uk'. We also have a 'Facebook' page which is updated regularly with photos. Please contact school if you would like any help setting up the 'Parenthub' app on your mobile phone.

Term Dates

All provisional dates of events and activities for the Autumn Term will be sent out in a letter on Parenthub at the beginning of September and published on our website. Reminders and class activity dates will be sent out on Parenthub by the teachers.

General information

- **'Sports Thursday'**: Children, please wear a t-shirt, jogging bottoms, zipper top and trainers on Thursdays so you are ready for sports sessions with our Amber Valley Schools Sports coach, Mr Cooper. Sports clothes or uniform only must be worn, no 'non-uniform' please e.g. jeans, dressing-up clothes, non-sports shoes or long-sleeved tops
Squirrels & Mice – Miss Jesson & Mrs Haselgrove will let you know when Sports Thursdays will begin for Nursery and Reception children – please wear school uniform until then
Foxes & Owls – 'Sports Thursday' will begin on Thursday, 10th September

- **'Travel Smart':** We hold the national 'Modeshift Stars' Bronze & Silver Awards and as part of this all children are encouraged to scooter or bike to school. We have storage pods in the Infant playground or they can be stored outside of the Reception/Nursery doors. Infant children are also able to use scooters at playtimes and lunchtimes on the following days:

Monday	–	Marvellous Mice
Tuesday	–	Fantastic Foxes
Wednesday	–	Outstanding Owls

Infant 'Early-Bird' Drop off 8:25am +

Our Early Bird Club for Infant children will begin on Monday, 7th September. The cost is £2.00 including fruit and cereal bars – no booking necessary. Children can be brought anytime between 8:25am and 8:30am. Our Club is supervised by the Headteacher, Business staff or a teacher. Reception Mice are collected by a member of Reception staff and taken over to the Reception Unit for their usual start time.

School Uniform

All children should be in correct uniform every day. We ask for no canvas shoes, shoes with heels or trainers (unless 'Sports Thursday'), no jewellery (studs in pierced ears only), no Smart watches, plain tights, no large hair accessories or bows, and no 'shaved' hair styles or 'Grade 1' hairstyles (please see our School Booklet on our website for further information). All children need to bring a book bag and a water bottle daily. Apart from one jumper or cardigan with a school logo on, all uniform can be bought from a supermarket. We have a range of donated uniforms that we can give to parents if needed – please come to the school Office to talk to us.

School bags

All children need to bring a flat medium/small sized bag but not a large bag e.g. Smiggle as we do not have room on the coatpegs for large bags.

Punctuality

In the mornings, once the usual class-entrance door for children has closed the teachers and Teaching Assistants will be away from the doors supervising the children and will not be able to return to re-open the door. Parents/carers of children arriving late should then bring their child to the Office main door instead. Infant children arriving consistently after their start time through the Office main door will not be eligible for the 'Attendance & Punctuality' badge at the end of a month or the annual 'Attendance' medal.

Absence

As you will be aware, school can no longer authorise leave of absence during term time for any holidays and the school will be following the DfE procedure with a fine for pupil absence of 5 days in a 10-week period.

Parking

Please could we politely remind all parents that there is **no access for cars** to drive along or park on 'The Flat' – this is a private road. There are hundreds of children from both this school and the Junior School walking along this road, and any cars make this a danger to children. Parents/carers bringing children to Early Bird are asked not to use the staff car park, thank you.

Inset Days 2025/26

The five term dates that the school will be closed for whole school staff training will be:

1. Friday, 4th September
2. Monday, 2nd November
3. Monday, 22nd February
4. Monday, 21st June
5. Monday, 26th July

Volunteers

If any parent, grandparent, carer or any adults you know would be able to volunteer one hour or more each week, we would be VERY grateful! We have lots of different activities that volunteers help us/the children with, including filing children's work, sticking sheets in children's books, listening to readers. All volunteers are supervised and supported by school staff. Please let school know. Thank you!

Contacting school

If you would like to speak to Mrs Baillie, or any member of staff, please phone us and we will phone you asap to arrange this, or our email address is 'enquiries@kilburn-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk'. Thank you.

And finally.....

Thank you for all of the cards, messages and presents the staff received at the end of the summer term! They are very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joanne Baillie
Head teacher



Achiever Bees

If your child achieves something special e.g. a swimming award; taking part in 5km race; riding a bike without stabilizers, please let school know and we will add it to the end of our newsletter! Thank you.