SCHOOL NEWS

KILBURN INFANT and NURSERY SCHOOL

Friday, 9th October 2026

School 'Open Morning'

Our Open morning will take place on Wednesday, 25th November. Parents/carers will be able to choose a time slot to attend – more information to follow. Prospective parents who would like to see the Nursery as well, are asked to visit 10:30am -11:30am.

October is 'Black History Month'

To celebrate this annual event, the Infant children will be finding out about some of the following people…

Bessie Coleman – Pilot; **Rosa Parks** – Activist; **Wilma Rudolph** – Sprinter; **Raven Wilkinson** – Ballerina; **Arthur Ashe** – Tennis Player; **Tessa Sanderson** – Javelin Thrower; **Katherine Johnson** – NASA Mathematician; **Dr Mae Jennison** – Astronaut; **Louis Armstrong** – Jazz Musician; **Prince** – Musician; **Bill Russell** – Basketball Player; **Marshall 'Major' Taylor** – Cyclist.

If any children would like to do any research at home, please tell them to bring their pictures and information to school to show me & the Infants in our next assembly! Thank you, Mrs Baillie

Year One Phonics

Well done to all of the Year 1 children for their first Phonics 'Mock Check'. They were given 20 'real' and 'pretend' words to sound out to read.

The next Phonics Mock Check with Mrs Baillie will be in early December. A special mention to the following children:

20 marks Teddy, Jude, April, Marley, Robyn, Darcey, Heather, Ivy-Mae, Florence, Harper

19 marks Fred

Harvest Collection

Our collection table for 'HOPE for Belper: Food & Community Hub' will be in the library area
Monday, 19th - Thursday, 22nd October. Please bring donations to the main entrance or to the classrooms. Items requested by the hub include tins, bottles, long-life food items and toiletries. Thank you.

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!

Infant School Admissions

The application process for the 2027/28 Reception intake opens in November 2026. If your child is born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** they are eligible to start school during the 2027/28 academic year. Please ensure that you have submitted your application by the closing date in January 2027. Applications are accepted during this period by the Local Authority and more information will follow nearer the start date.

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.

Diary Dates

Monday, 5th October+	'Black History Month' stories in assemblies
Friday, 9th October	World Mental Health Day + 'Hello Yellow'
Monday, 12th October	Owls 'African Drumming Workshop'
Monday, 12th October+	'Pupil Achievement & Progress' meetings week
Tuesday, 13th October	Infant 'Special Assembly' for families
Monday, 19th – Thursday, 22nd	Harvest collection for 'Hope' Food Bank, Belper
Monday, 19th October	Owls after-school Games Night
Thursday, 22nd October	EYFS Phonics meeting for Parents/Carers
Friday, 23rd October	Halloween theme day
Friday, 23rd October	School closes for half-term (usual time)
Monday, 2nd November	INSET Day – School closed
Tuesday, 3rd November	**School re-opens for Autumn Term 2**
Thursday, 5th November	EYFS Maths meeting for Parents/Carers
Monday, 9th November+	Diwali activities/learning week Mice
Tuesday, 10th November	Zones & Emotion Coaching workshop for families
Thursday, 12th November	Michael Rosen Poetry Party
Friday, 13th November	Mice 'Memorable Experience' – Pyjama Day
Tuesday, 17th November	Infant 'Special Assembly' for families
Thursday, 19th November	Y2 Owls 'Kings & Queens' workshop
Friday, 20th November	'Children in Need' fundraising Day



Achiever Bees

Martha Gordon	Level 4 Learn to Swim
Harper-Rae Kirby	5m swimming
Phoebe Marshall	Riding a bike without stabilisers
Freya Parish	Level 1 Learn to Swim