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# KILLISICK TIMES



# NEWSLETTER

We believe in being an inclusive school where individuals are happy, safe, respected and valued; where there are expectations of excellence for everyone and all achievements are celebrated. We impress upon our children the need to believe in themselves and their ability in order to achieve greatness and be successful.

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# MESSAGES FROM MR. JONES



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy, vibrant and truly successful academic year at Killisick Junior School, I want to take a moment to reflect, celebrate and say a heartfelt thank you.

## A Year of Achievement

This year, our children have continued to shine—academically, socially, and personally. We are delighted to share that our Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) results were well above national average, and up 12% on last year's outcomes. Our Year 6 SATs outcomes were equally impressive, with combined scores 9% above national average—a testament to the hard work of pupils, staff and families alike.

But at Killisick, education is about more than results. We are incredibly proud of the confident, kind and resilient young people our children are becoming. This year has seen an exceptional commitment to personal development, with our character curriculum, assemblies, and PSHE programme supporting every child to grow in self-belief, empathy and ambition.

## Events That Bring Us Together

Our calendar has been packed with rich and varied experiences that bring learning to life and strengthen our school community:

- Aspiration Day was our best yet—an unforgettable celebration of ambition, journeys and the many faces of success.
- Our Reading Festival, Potter Sports, and in-school swimming programme brought joy, teamwork and challenge.
- The Y3 Showcase, Y6 Prom, and our range of trips and workshops gave every child a moment to shine.
- Our Killisick Community Hub has gone from strength to strength—thank you for supporting our foodbank, swap shop and tuck shop initiatives.

## Attendance Matters

Although attendance has fluctuated at times, we end the year in line with national averages. We'll be pushing for even better next year—every day really does count. Thank you for working with us to make attendance a priority.

## Staffing Updates

We bid a fond farewell to Miss Reid, who leaves us for new adventures outside of Nottingham. We thank her for her years of service and wish her every success. Mr Lovell also finishes his time with us as his contract comes to an end—we know he will be an asset to his next school.

We're delighted to announce that Mrs Ashmore will step into the role of Senior TA from September, and we're strengthening our team further by welcoming additional Teaching Assistants in the autumn term.

## Summer Safety Reminders

As we move into the summer break, please continue to keep your children safe and well:

- Ensure supervision when children are out and about, particularly near water.
- Protect against the sun with SPF, hats and hydration.
- Most importantly, please remain vigilant about online safety—check phones, tablets and gaming devices regularly.

If you need safeguarding advice or support over the holidays, please email us at [safeguarding@killisick.notts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@killisick.notts.sch.uk). This inbox will be monitored, but please note that Class Dojo messages will not be responded to during the break.

## Thank You

On behalf of everyone at Killisick, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and belief in our school. It's been a year full of achievement, growth and joy—and we couldn't have done it without you. Together, we live our mission: "Believe to Achieve and Succeed."

We wish you all a safe, sunny and restful summer—and we can't wait to welcome everyone back in September for another brilliant year.

Mr Jones



# OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



*Year 3*

# OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



year 4

# OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



*Year 5*

# OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



year 6



# OUR BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS



Our school rules are really simple:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be responsible

These are not just rules for school, but strong guiding principles for life outside of school.

We require your support to reiterate these expectations to all children at all times. Our rules are there to keep everyone safe and to ensure we can do the wonderful things we do effectively and efficiently. The vast majority of our school community adheres to these rules and expectations, but this becomes exceptionally difficult for staff when children refuse to follow the rules. We expect all children to adhere to our expectations.

**KILLISICK JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
*Our School Rules*

**We have 3 school rules:**

-  **Be ready.**
-  **Be respectful.**
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# FROM STICKER AND CERTIFICATES TO PUDDING PARTIES AND TOKENS...



From stickers and certificates to pudding parties, bookshop tokens and even our famous Vending Machine prizes, our children have truly earned their rewards this year. And we don't give them out lightly!

Through Class Dojo, rewards are a reflection of consistent excellence. The first milestone—a certificate—comes at 250 Dojos, but the ultimate reward, a Vending Machine Token, is only given to those who reach 1,000 Dojos. That's not for one-off effort—it's for children who show up every day, live out our values, follow our rules, and give their best time after time.

We've talked a lot about being 10% better every day—growing, improving and showing resilience. Our children have truly embraced that message. Even more special is how they celebrate each other's success, knowing that we rise by lifting others.

As we often remind our children:

*"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing." – Pelé*

We couldn't be prouder.

# ATTENDANCE



Attendance has been a real focus for us this year—and rightly so. While we've experienced peaks and troughs throughout the year, we're pleased to end the year in line with national averages. But we're aiming higher.

Our aspirational target of 97% will remain in place next year because we are unwavering in our mission to provide educational excellence and unrivalled personal development. Quite simply, children cannot achieve their full potential unless they are in school—learning, growing, and connecting with others.

We know illness and exceptional circumstances happen, but every day really does count. Let's work together to make 2025–26 our strongest attendance year yet.

## *This year's figures*

### Attendance percentage

School	94.6%
National	94.8%
Local Authority	95.1%

44.7%

21.8%

■ Good attendance (95-99%)

■ Excellent attendance (99%+)

# OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR NEXT YEAR



We're excited to announce some changes to our Senior Leadership Team.

Mrs Carpenter and Mrs Gosling will be taking up new posts to continue our great work when Mr Jones is not at Killisick.

**Mrs Carpenter**



**Acting Head of School**

**Mrs Gosling**



**Acting Deputy Head of School**

This is an exciting time in Killisick's journey. Although Mr Jones remains the Headteacher, on days when he is not in school, please direct your queries to Mrs Carpenter or Mrs Gosling as appropriate, once you have spoken to your child's class teacher or other staff.

# A YEAR AND BEYOND IN REVIEW

Take a look at our unrivalled personal development offer in action...



Click the image above to watch our video.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## On the horizon...

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**1**

Sept

MONDAY - SCHOOL EVENT

KJS - INSET DAY - School closed

**All day**

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**2**

Sept

TUESDAY - SCHOOL EVENT

KJS - INSET DAY - School Closed

**All day**

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**3**

Sept

WEDNESDAY - SCHOOL EVENT

KJS - BACK TO SCHOOL FOR ALL CHILDREN

**All day**

