



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Half term Arrives

Following a very busy first half term in school, the children and staff all deserve a well earned break!

With the half term being 8 weeks long, there are definitely some tired people around, although it has been pleasing to see the positive start to the new year that the vast majority of pupils have made.

Well done everyone - have a great break!

After the Break

With the clocks changing during the holiday, it is important that children are prepared for the return with the onset of darker nights and mornings.

If you child makes their own way to school, please ensure they are briefed on being seen and being safe!

It is also important that the children are prepared for the weather. This is at play time, lunch time and also during PE sessions. We will be getting outside as much as possible and need children to have the right equipment for the weather.



Swimming

Reminder Yr6 swimming sessions start:

6 Hawks - Wednesday 5th Nov for 5 weeks

6 Heroes - Friday 7th Nov for 5 weeks

Thank you so much to those parents who have already paid the voluntary contribution of £17. If you haven't already done so, we would be most grateful if you were able to make a voluntary contribution via Arbor as soon as possible. Thank you.

This weeks newsletter made with assistance from Hannah 5S

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be here in the first week after half term.

It will be open in the hall for parents after school from 3:13pm, on Tues 4th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th November.

So come along and have a look, cash or card payments accepted.



Harvest Festival

Year 2 are hosting this years Harvest Festival at the Garrison Church on Friday 24th October.

We would be extremely grateful for donations of tinned goods, which can be given to the class teacher. These will be distributed to local charities.



Remembrance

Year 4 will be leading our school Remembrance event which takes place on the school field.



We invite all of our parents and family members to join us for this short service to pay our respects.

It also provides an opportunity for our Year 4 pupils to share with the school community what they have been learning about Remembrance.

**Tuesday 11th November - 10:30am
School Field (enter via gate near Oak tree)**



Designed by Hannah-Rose



Happy Halloween

We will see you back on
Tuesday 4th November 2025



READING RECOGNITION

Mr Hollocks has been incredibly impressed with the efforts of so many children this term who have been reading regularly at home with parents and carers! In fact, a massive 49 children across KS2 achieved a Gold Reading Award for reading at least 4 times a week! Amazing! They have earned themselves a special prize...

Also, the best overall classes with the most home reads: **3rd place: 4T**, **2nd place: 6JH**, **1st place: 6RH**. 6RH win our brand new Reading Trophy for this half term! I wonder who will win it next half term...



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Cross Country

A great job today by everyone involved in cross country.
The results will be sent out soon, and I will ensure all
runners know how they got on.

A huge thank you to Ms Neville, Mrs Fryer and Mrs Bachini
for their help today.

Mrs Buxton





ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

*Merchandise will be sold in the
school office starting Monday
20th of October.*

*Merchandise that will be
available:*

Paper Poppies

Reflective Poppies 50p

Stickers 50p

Festival Bracelets £1

Snap Bands £1.50

*All prices above are suggested, any donations
are welcome and greatly appreciated.*

Join us

ON: 5th of November

for a delicious

BONFIRE

PARTY

LUNCH

NYES

ANOTHER
FUN
LUNCHTIME

BONFIRE PARTY PARTY LUNCH



**Banger in a Bun
(Hot dog)**

Firecracker Wedges

Toffee Apple Brownie



Design a Super Sundae!

Cinderella Ice Cream Seller is coming to Helmsley Arts Centre on November 1st at 2.30pm

To celebrate we want you to design your perfect sundae!



To enter draw, paint or collage your sundae on A4 and let us know:

What flavours of ice cream?

Any sprinkles or other tasty toppings?

The winning design will be recreated by Ryeburn of Helmsley for the winner to enjoy!

Remember to put your name and a contact phone number on your entry.

For more information about the wonderful new family musical 'Cinderella Ice Cream Seller' by Little Seeds, visit: helmsleyarts.co.uk

Good to know: All entries must be dropped off at Helmsley Arts Centre by 2.30pm on Saturday 1st November 2025. The winning design will be chosen by the cast of Cinderella Ice Cream Seller by close of business 4/11/25 No cash alternatives are available.


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artscentre



LITTLE SEEDS 

mum2mum market

**SUNDAY
16TH NOVEMBER**

10AM-12PM

**Richmond School
DL10 7BQ**



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the door**

Cash only

*Buy and sell preloved baby,
maternity and kids items*



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Mum2mum Market Yorkshire



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GLURBS



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- ★ The more you play, the more you learn!
- ★ Boosts memory, creativity & communication.



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2. Go to 'Settings'
3. Tap LAOFR25



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FS1 Bears



Wow...what a busy half term it has been! We have had a fabulous time this week doing all things Gruffalo. We have created our own giant Gruffalo, made handprint mice, made Gruffalo crumble and even been on a Gruffalo hunt.

The first week back we will be enjoying lots of creative bonfire night themed activities.

Forest schools will continue on a Tuesday morning and a Thursday afternoon.



We hope you have a wonderful half term!

FS2 Mice & Hippos



We cannot believe that we are at the end of the first half term! The children have settled and are accessing all areas of the curriculum enthusiastically. This week we have been reading Christopher Pumpkin by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. They have been busy exploring the inside of a pumpkin and making witches potions in the outdoor area. Learning lots of exciting vocabulary along the way. We have been counting pumpkin seeds and ordering them by size.

On the first week back, we will be exploring the Guy Fawkes story through fun activities. The weather might not be as dry therefore, PLEASE make sure that all children have wellies and waterproofs for the outside provision. These will be used daily and will be kept in school.

Remember to keep practising speedy sounds and blending over the holidays.

Caterpillar Room



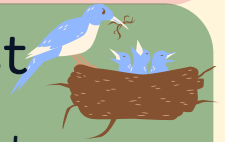
What a wonderful half term we have had. The children have all settled so well and we are so proud of their growth in confidence and independence. We have had a really fun and spooky week this week, we have made mummy pictures, bubble cauldrons and we are super excited for our Halloween party on Friday and cannot wait to see all the spooky costumes.

When we return after half term we will be exploring bonfire night by painting firework pictures and we will be making edible sparklers as well as enjoying lots of other firework themed activities.

After half term forest schools will continue on a Wednesday, waterproof and wellies will be needed.

Have a wonderful and very well deserved week off.

News from the Nest



We hope you all have a lovely half term!!

Reminder: The FS2 gate is open until 08:50, all children are expected to use this gate to enter and exit unless after this time and the gate is closed.

The office staff are too busy at this time to bring children to class.

Thank you



The week in Year 1

Wow, what a great term it has been! We have had a wonderful start to Year 1, discovering the amazing history of transport. From the steam train to the modern car, we've learned so much! In our English lessons, we used exciting books about transport as our inspiration. The children have produced some truly excellent work, creating fantastic stories and fun drawings.

In maths, we have been exploring numbers too! The children have been adding and subtracting, and have even discovered what it means to find one more or one less. It has been exciting to learn how to find doubles of numbers as well!

In geography the children have been learning all about the continents and landmarks, if they haven't sung you the continent song ask them to share this with you!

Don't forget



Outdoor PE: Monday afternoon.
Indoor PE: Tuesday afternoon.

Next term Year 1 will be taking part in a reading challenge. More details to follow after the break. The children will need to bring their reading folder to school daily. This will enable them to record their reading opportunities in school and share their reading experiences at home.

Special shout outs for Year 1:

Well done to all the children who received an award this week, great effort this term.

A note from all the Year 1 team:

We are so proud of everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm. Have a great half term and keep up the fantastic learning, Year 1!

This week in Year 2

Wow! We cannot believe that is the end of our first half term!

There have been lots of busy things going on this half term. Some highlights:

- Designing and creating our own moving monsters
- Introduction to our weekly spelling tests - which the children have coped amazingly well with!
- Children receiving their first ever reading awards 📖
- Our letter from the Mayor of Richmond
- Visit to Richmond Castle
- Hosting the Harvest Festival assembly
- 15 minutes of extra play at lunch time with the teachers!
- Some children visited Wavell to attend a Multi-Skills sporting event

Overall it has been a very busy but fabulous half term!

The children are very well established in their new classroom environment and it is a joy watching them grow.

Our theme "Once Upon a Castle" will continue into next half term.

Wishing you all a restful half term! 😊

Shout out this week goes to:

A massive shout out goes to ALL the children of Year 2 this week for their amazing efforts with our Harvest assembly. Every child has tried so hard no matter what job they had.



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



What an exciting week we have had in Year 3 this week. On Monday we explored pneumatic systems using syringes, pumps and tubes, which we then used to make a moving toy. We hope you saw the fabulous pictures of them on Seesaw.

Tuesday was our stone age day where we enjoyed making biscuit stone henges, clay stone age items and bone necklaces. The children looked fabulous in their stone age outfits, thank you for your support. We are hoping to have our fire on Friday.

We have started subtraction in maths this week and will be moving on to subtraction with renaming (used to be called borrowing), after the holidays. Any practice on this during the break would be really helpful.

Well done to - All of the children who received end of term awards this week in our special celebration assembly.

Reminders:

Don't forget that Friday is our Harvest festival assembly and any tinned items are still gratefully received.

Forest school Tuesday 14th November

*Indoor PE - Monday
Outdoor PE - Wednesday*



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, we had a fantastic visit to Beamish Open Air Museum. The children experienced life living in a 1940s village farm and a 1950s town. It was amazing to see the children comparing what it was like in those decades compared to today. We are sure that they had lots to tell you. In addition to this visit, we have given pupils their part in the Remembrance Service that will be held on Tuesday 11th November at school. The children are excited to begin rehearsals for this service. You might hear a few songs as we are encouraging them to practise as often as they can at home. This week we have been very busy preparing for this service. We are developing our presenting skills using effective voices and also our acting skills to capture the stories from the past. Children have worked so hard and produced some incredible writing, art work and performances! Enjoy a well deserved half-term break!!

Well done!



Congratulations...



Butterfly of the Week: Drew for being very settled in class and producing work of a very high standard.

Tiger of the Week:

Uzair for working really hard on his independence and all areas of his learning this week

Don't Forget

Indoor PE: Tuesday morning.

Outdoor PE: Friday morning.

The days are becoming much colder now, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school as playtime will go ahead in cold weather.

Tuesday 11th November - 10.30am:

Remembrance Service led by Year 4 pupils.



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



We have consolidated our knowledge of addition and subtraction this week and completed the topic ready to move on to multiplication and division next term.

In RE, year 5 have looked, in-depth, into Buddhism and have been learning who is Buddha, what he teaches and what Buddhists believe in.

Look out for setting descriptions, based on our class novel 'Private Peaceful', they are incredible! We are very proud of you year 5!

Upcoming Events:

Xmas fair 28th November – Xmas fair 28th November – if you, or anyone you know, would like a stall please contact FOLC.

Payments towards trips can be made at any time via Arbor.

Have a fantastic well-earned break in half term!
Rest, recharge ready for Autumn 2.

Shout outs this week go to:

5S – Beth, Izzy and Hannah for fantastic history work!

We wish Isabella and Florence all the best on their new adventures! We will miss you!



5H – Lily- Mae for continuously having high standards of work and presentation and Macy for her efforts in PE.



Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Thursday 13th November AM (0940-1200) Crucial Crew trip.

Crucial Crew is a multi-agency educational program, for Year 6 primary school children, that teaches personal safety and life skills through interactive, scenario-based workshops.

If you would like to order your child a school prepared packed lunch, please complete the e-form below. The deadline to complete this form is 1pm Tuesday 11th November 2025

<https://forms.office.com/e/9YKtgwNXqm>

The program, organized by councils and supported by emergency services like fire and police, covers topics such as road safety, fire safety, online safety, water safety, and how to contact emergency services.

The interactive, hands-on approach is designed to make safety messages memorable and help children become more confident in making safer choices.

Monday 1st – Friday 5th December – Marrick Priory residential

6RH

Arabella – effort in all areas of the curriculum
Layton- Improved effort
Zala- always trying her best.

6JH

A massive well done to all our Award winners and Gold, Silver and Bronze reading award winners – we are proud of you all.

PE days:

Wednesday AM - Indoor

Friday PM– Outdoor

You can come to school in your correct PE KIT all day.