

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M

Pupils SHINE!

As we reach the end of the half term, it has been a joy to observe our Annual Talent Show - SHINE and celebrate in the success of the numerous pupils putting themselves forward to display their talents. SHINE is always a highlight of the year and the excitement has been as tangible as ever.

I am really proud of the pupils who have put themselves forward to do something amazing in front of hundreds of people! Will done all - You really did SHINE!



Holiday Time Farewell

Today marks the end of the half term and a chance to refresh the batteries ahead of the final 7 weeks of the school year. As we close for Half-term, I would like to thank Mr York for his contributions to our school over the last half term and wish him well as he completes his time with us. Thank You Mr York.

A Challenging Few Weeks

This half term break has come at the right time. The last few weeks have seen some real challenges and, sadly, we are seeing a growing number of pupils making the wrong choices in their behaviour. Of great concern is the number of pupils who cannot follow simple instructions or believe that they can argue back with an adult. This is totally not acceptable! Staff across all areas of the school have noted a growing number of pupils who display 'extreme moody behaviours' and poor attitudes. This links very closely to the excessive time that many are spending on gadgets and devices!

More and more pupils give up too easily and are constantly saying 'they can't do it' expecting adults to do it for them! We are also seeing more and more occasions of pupils answering back as well as constantly falling out with their peers over the smallest of things. This is showing us that more and more of the children are not maturing at the expected rate and are unable to manage 'conflict resolution' which is a key learning point developed from the Early Years!

Having spoken to a number of you, I am fully aware that you are getting these same challenges at home. These behaviours are very draining on staff and get in the way of productive learning. It is also a growing trend across many schools nationally and we all need to play our part to correct it. We have also witnessed a very small number of individuals being persistently unkind to others and they are standing out for all the wrong reasons. Direct action is already underway for this small group of pupils with a clear need for them (and parents) to take responsibility for their *bullying* actions!

After the break, we have a targeted approach to these issues which will be tackled through whole-school approaches rather than relying solely on reactive punishments and some individual parents will be requested to attend some difficult conversations!



Individual Photos

School photos take place on
16th June 2026

All children will have an **individual photograph** taken and you will receive a copy of the proof at the end of the school day. Once you have the proof, you can decide if you would like to purchase the full-size photograph or not. The relevant instructions will be on the proof document regarding how a purchase can be made.

Sibling Photos

If you would like a 'sibling photo' (in school siblings only) please complete the below form so we can arrange for this to take place.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - JUNE 2026 -
Fill in form

Work Experience

Well done to Grace and Lilly from Richmond School who have spent the week in school undertaking Work Experience. The pupils have loved having you around and we hope you have enjoyed your time with us.



School Returns...

A reminder that the final half term of this year starts back on **MONDAY**
1st JUNE 2026

Bike Day - 5th June

It's our annual bike day on Friday 5th June. Please check your emails for further details about the day and complete the survey regarding bacon butties. If you have any questions, contact your child's teacher via Seesaw.





Safeguarding

Message from Mrs Cafferty

Please Read!



What is the Concern?

There is emerging evidence of a social media trend where children are encouraged to heat soft 'squishy' toys (often marketed as **NEEDOH** or jelly cube toys) in a microwave. Online content suggests that heating these items makes them softer.



When heated, these toys can burst without warning and release extremely hot contents, which can cause serious burns to the hands, face, and skin. There have been reported incidents both in the UK and internationally, including a recent case in Bristol.

SEE BELOW FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Safeguarding

Message from Mrs Cafferty

Please Read!

Can all children avoid bringing squishies into school as some have burst; causing upset to children and disruption during lessons.



Please do:

- Talk to children about the dangers of copying online challenges or trends
- Reinforce that not everything seen online is safe, accurate, or harmless
- Ensure squishy toys or similar items are never heated or microwaved
- Encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if they see something online that worries them

Please avoid:

- Directly searching for this trend on social media platforms, as this can unintentionally increase its visibility through platform algorithms.



Attendance Matters

This weeks attendance winners
are

Year 1 EWES

with an amazing

100%



Lateness

Please do ensure that your child is at school on time as there are valuable learning opportunities set for before and during register time.

This week we have had **939 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **38** pupils arriving late this week!



Absences

All absences need to be reported by **9:00 AM** to the **school office**. Messages passed through the teacher don't always make it to the office.



KS1 Awards Assembly



KS2 Awards Assembly



SHINE



The Winners



Lily F, Lola B, Lola L, Rosa D,
Arabella J & Riley H



Elizabeth S



Lola M



Lily H

THE DADS



Year 2 Library & Charity Shop Trip



SUMMER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling, an action-packed day.

Holiday Session - from £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: Every week except w/c 3rd August

Brimham Rocks: Every week except w/c 3rd August

Rock Skills Introduction (1-day) and Intermediate (2-day) Courses are also available

Childcare Vouchers accepted



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THURSDAY JUNE 11TH
WEDNESDAY JUNE 17TH
THURSDAY JUNE 25TH

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY
THURSDAY 9TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

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WITH LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD.

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FS1 Bears

Thank you for all of your support on Wednesday for our annual plant a plant day. It was a fantastic turn out and the children (and adults!) had so much fun. You helped us raise a whopping £160. The children are looking forward to watching the new plants grow.



Caterpillar Room

What a wonderful half term we have had, we've made new friends, we've started our Makaton learning journey and we are so proud of the way the children are using the new signs they've learnt in their day to day. We've explored bugs and the natural world and built on the children's interests.

A big thank you to everyone who came to our plant a plant day this week the support was incredible and as well as having a fantastic day we have managed to raise £160.

Our topic when we return will be 'It's good to be me' and our children who are starting FS1 in September will begin some transition sessions

Have a lovely week off and we will see you when we return on Monday 1st June

Equally Important

FS2 Mice & Hippos



We have had a very busy week this week! We had a fantastic afternoon during plant a plant - thank you so much to everyone for joining us. We raised a massive £160!

On Thursday, we celebrated national Bee day and had a very special visitor; we had a real-life beekeeper visit us! We learnt all about the importance of bees, what their beehive looks like and the job of a beekeeper.

We also loved watching the SHINE performances, all the acts were fantastic!



The FS2 team want to wish everyone a lovely, sunny half term break!



News from the Nest

We have had a lovely busy week in the Nest. Working hard on our phonics and enjoying maths on our interactive whiteboard, shapes, patterns, numbers.

We are working on our sentence building using colourful semantics.

We had a lovely plant a plant session, we potted some plants for our classroom, we can't wait to see them grow. We have enjoyed our musical PE session in the hall, making lots of noise and doing an amazing job following instructions. We had a picnic party down in the forest school area to celebrate another lovely half term with our friends. When we come back after half term we will be doing lots of learning and fun new activities, our topic will be superheros! Have a lovely break, we can't wait to welcome you back after hopefully a sunny week off school.



Equally Different



The week in Year 1

What an excellent last week of the Summer 1 term. In English there has been a focus on grammar. They children began the week creating plurals for words. then moved onto adding un to words to change the meaning. In maths we have moved onto the topic of numbers to 100. The children have had fun counting to 100, finding 10's and '1s and comparing numbers.

In science we have continued our topic on plants be looking at different functions of a tree and labeling them. The children enjoyed creating pictures with movable mechanisms in DT last week. This week they have had the opportunity to finish their creation and evaluate their design.

In computing the children have been expanding their knowledge on information technology and this week they were deciding what different activities you would use IT for.

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Don't forget



PE: Monday - Outdoor - games for understanding
 Tuesday - Indoor - Dance: growing
 Phonics screening check: the children will be assessed after the holidays. They will be bringing some words home for revision. Additionally, there is some revision activities on seesaw they can access.

Special shout outs for Year 1:

1E - Leighton and Adi
 1H - Sophia and Tyler
 1C - Axel and Stella



This week in Year 2

Well done Year 2.

A great week with editing and improving our writing.

We have been learning to tell the time - keep going with this at home!

We really enjoyed our trip to the charity shop and the library on Wednesday. We donated our items and had great fun looking at all the books.

We are looking forward to our SHINE show on Friday. Good luck to everyone involved.

★ Year 2 Shout-Out! ★

Megan and Thomas 2W
 Matthew and Aurora 2R
 All trying really hard.





Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



We've had another busy and positive week in Year 3. In maths, the children have continued learning to tell the time, building confidence with both analogue and digital clocks. In English, we have been writing poems about prayer in different religions, alongside developing our skills in focused reading questions to deepen understanding of texts. 3HA enjoyed an energetic Drumba PE lesson this week – there was lots of enthusiasm (and plenty of sweat!). In addition, we had a fantastic time at Forest School on Monday, and were very lucky to avoid the rain.

A reminder that 3IL will have their final swimming lesson tomorrow, while 3HA will begin their swimming lessons on 1st June.

Don't forget:

Monday: swimming 3HA

SHOUT OUTS!

All pupils in year 3 for their hard work this half term!

Year 4 have had a fantastic week! On Tuesday, we enjoyed a brilliant trip to the beach where the children represented the school wonderfully.

Both classes have continued with their swimming sessions and shown great confidence in the water. In music, we have been creating and performing beautiful Haikus inspired by cherry blossoms, and today we enjoyed another fantastic Forest School session full of teamwork, exploration and outdoor learning.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term break and we encourage the children to continue practising their multiplication checks as much as possible ready for our return to school.



Well done!



To all Year 4 pupils this half term for their effort and determinations in all areas of their learning.



& Stars



This week in English the children have been creating their very own class book that we will send to the publishers to be published.

In maths we are coming to the end of our geometry topic and feel confident in our knowledge and understanding of angles, quadrilaterals and polygons.

The children are still talking about Viking day and how much fun they had making Viking bread, creating Viking jewellery, making Viking shields, creating pottery and exploring runes with clay, learning Viking chants and taking part in rune treasure hunts and Viking warrior sporting activities.

The staff are already thinking about how we can make Greek day next term just as good!

Upcoming Events :

Friday 22nd May – SHINE (Le Cateau's famous talent show) own clothes day

Friday 22nd May – Ice-lolly sale at break. 50p each.

Tuesday 2nd June 3:20pm – Residential parent meeting.

Friday 5th June – Bike Day.

Friday 19th June – Parents vs Children rounders match. (Afternoon)

Monday 22nd -Wednesday 24th June – Residential.

Thursday 25th June – Greek Day (Costumes encouraged)

Wednesday 8th June – Sports Day

Shout outs:

5S – Freddie, Arthur and Dylan for fantastic efforts with their dragon eyes. Aria S for a brilliant

explanation of who she thinks should be king in our history topic!

5H – Lincyn for his fantastic attitude to learning. His determination and dedication to improve his learning is impressive!

Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Well done to all the children who have put themselves forward for auditions for our end of year productions – we definitely have some budding thespians!

Molly, Teddy, Lola L and Nabiuallah for excellent teamwork when representing the school in Cricket.

Reminder for parents:

5th June – Bike day: Bikes or scooters needed. Helmets are compulsory.



8th July - Sports afternoon