

KEEPING IN TOUCH



WEEK #4
2ND OCTOBER 2026



A message from Mr M

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the Secondary School Applications portal is now open. Parents need to make their application using this platform.

National Literacy Trust Visit

We received this lovely message from Cath Timbers, National Literacy Trust Project Manager who visited our school last week. She has the following to say about our school;

I just wanted to say, following my visit last Friday What a very beautiful school you have. From the moment I walked through the door I could feel the warmth.

The Early Years Foundation Stage - Two Year Provision, FS1 and FS2 are nothing short of glorious. The attention to detail and quality of provision is excellent. All of the EYFS staff were welcoming. It was both a joy and a privilege to be able to do a bit of singing and read super stories. Thank you for allowing me to visit and I look forward to returning in November!

RockSteady Music

I enjoyed sitting in on a RockSteady Music session last week and seeing the confidence in the pupils taking part. They are really enjoying learning a new musical instrument and we can't wait to see them perform to the whole school after the October Half Term.

Dates for 2027/28

I can now confirm the term dates for the 27/28 Academic Year. They are as follows;

Autumn Term 1
Wednesday 8th September 2027 to Friday 22nd October 2027

Autumn Term 2
Monday 1st November 2027 to Friday 17th December 2027

Spring Term 1
Wednesday 5th January 2028 to Friday 18th February 2028

Spring Term 2
Monday 28th February 2028 to Friday 7th April 2028

Summer Term 1
Monday 24th April 2028 to Friday 26th May 2028

Summer Term 2
Monday 5th June 2028 to Friday 21st July 2028

THIS WEEK'S IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent Consultations Bookings Now LIVE

Meet your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled in and the areas they need to work on.

Appointments are now available to book via Arbor and take place on;

Tuesday 13th October 2026
Wednesday 14th October 2026
Thursday 15th October 2026

If you have any trouble booking, please contact the school office.



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Keep up with school news, letters and updates.



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Email

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01748832292

Keeping Every Child Safe: This Week's Safeguarding Reminder

CHILD HOME ALONE?



IS IT LEGAL?

There's no legal age a child can be left home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk.

Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law.

You might wonder what age your child should be before they can be left alone at home. Because every child is unique, build up their independence at their pace – and check in with them to make sure they feel safe before leaving them alone.

Click on link below for advice:



Leaving Your Child Home Alone - Advice | NSPCC

Explore the NSPCC's expert advice on when and how to safely leave your child home alone, including legal...

 [nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)



Attendance Section

► SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



Please ensure that your child is at school on time as there are valuable learning opportunities set for before and during register time. The School Day starts at 8:45am



*This week we have had **247 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **12 pupils** arriving late this week!*



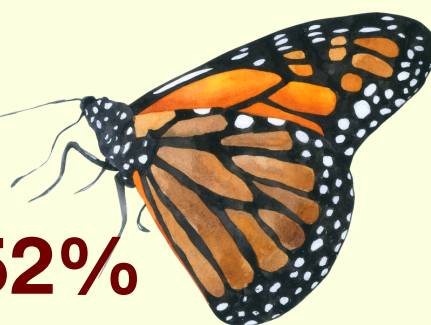
All absences need to be reported by 9:00 AM to the school office. Messages passed through the teacher don't always make it to the office so please make sure you ring the school absence line.

► ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION



This Week's Attendance Winners -

Year 5 Butterflies 99.52%





Stars of the Week & Pupil Achievement Spotlight

Ewes & Hedgehogs.

1 H - OLIVIA-MAY FOR SETTLING SO WELL INTO LE CATEAU.
POPPY FOR ALWAYS BEING READY TO LEARN.
1 E - ADELINE, IVY AND TAWHIDULLAH FOR JUST BEING SUPERSTARS.

Star Pupils
This Week

Chameleons & Happy Llamas.

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► GOLD & SILVER STAR AWARDS

Alligators & Whales

THOMAS IN 3W FOR SOME EXCELLENT WORK IN HIS ENGLISH.
EZMAE - LILY L AND WILLIAM L FOR THEIR FANTASTIC POSITIVE START IN 3A.

Heroes & Stars

4H - LIAM FOR ALWAYS BEING READY, RESPECTFUL SAFE.
4S - MIVIKA FOR PUTTING 100% EFFORT WITH HER TIMES TABLES AND MOVING UP IN HER ZAPPERS!

Tigers & Butterflies

5B BODHI FOR EXCELLENT EFFORT IN MATHS AND DEMONSTRATING GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF TENTHS.
5T ALFIE FOR EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR ALL WEEK.

Hawks & Hummingbirds

6DH - OLIVER AND LILY P - POSITIVE WORK ATTITUDE.
6RH - AMBER AND DARCEY - TRYING REALLY HARD





Gallery & Updates

▶ The Nest



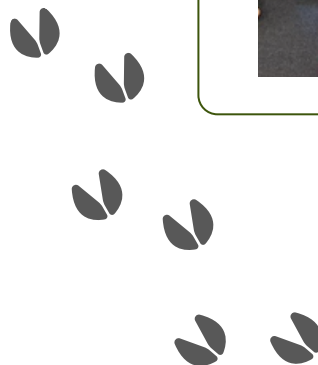
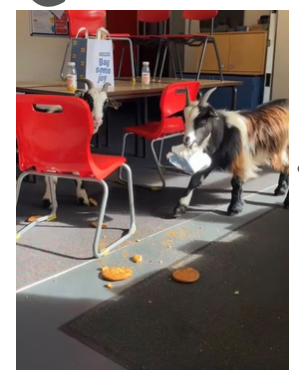
▶ FS1



▶ Update on the Goats

Ruff and Tumble, our two new pygmy goats, are settling in well to our school family! While they were a little shy at first, they are definitely getting used to the wonderful hustle and bustle of school life. Miss Priestley is especially proud of our children who have shown incredible patience, understanding, and empathy towards their needs, giving our new friends the quiet space they needed to build up their confidence. The children are already fully embracing their care—even eagerly rushing to volunteer for daily poo picking!

It is wonderful to see how they have encouraged lots of conversation, moments of reflection, and mindfulness for both staff and pupils and we are looking forward to watching our journey with them grow.



▶ WEEKLY UPDATES

This Week's Class Updates.



Caterpillar Room

What another wonderful week we have had, we have continued exploring colour and shapes and have been working hard on our counting. In P.E we are continuing with listening to instructions, 'Stop and Go'. This week we created a large collaborative collage house using different materials and spoke about who lives in our house with us. During our D.T session we made crispie cakes as well as a yummy treat we were developing our understanding of early maths and we worked on strengthening our little hands and fingers with all the stirring and mixing.

As we move into October we will be looking forward to lots of Autumnal and Halloween activities. Keep a look out on seesaw for information on our Halloween party.



FS1 Bears

We were very lucky to have a visit from Catherine at The National Literacy Trust last Friday morning. Catherine read us We're Going on a Bear Hunt and shared some of her favourite nursery rhymes and songs with us. This week, we've brought the Bear Hunt to life in our classrooms with more bear themed arts and crafts, bear hunt roleplay, and we might even set out on our very own bear hunt during Friday's forest school session!

Forest School – a polite reminder to send your children to school wearing their forest school kit on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon. This means that we can set off to the forest earlier and enjoy more time exploring!



FS2 Mice & Chickens

This week in FS2 we have continued looking at the story "How do you make a rainbow?". We have been linking the story to our feelings and discussing what makes us feel happy. We did our first piece of writing, using initial sounds to draw and label a picture of what makes our hearts feel "sunny and yellow".

In maths we have been focusing on number blocks 2 and 3, representing these numbers with objects and making sure we have the "perfect amount".

Phonics is also well underway and we have started to blend our sounds to read CVC words. Some children are already picking this up which is fantastic!

Reading at home is very important. Please let us know of any stories you read to your child at home by writing in reading records. You can also let us know if you have been practising phonics at home!



The Nest



The children in the nest have enjoyed listening to the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' we have designed our own pancakes and what we like on our own, wrote a shopping list for Mrs Clarke to take to the shop and buy the ingredients so on Friday we can go to the new DT room and decorate our yummy pancakes. We made chocolate banana lolly's in our we love making and baking session, it got very messy the children enjoyed the melted chocolate.

In Maths we have been looking at the different ways to make '5'.

In PE the children joined in doing races, and what different ways to do so, we had running, crawling, rolling, hopping.

Next week we will be reading the book 'The Leaf Man' making our classroom all Autumnal 🍁🍂

Our 'Good egg of the week' was **Tommy Clark**. Well done Tommy you've done amazing work and so excited to learn. 🍁

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Year 1 Ewes & Hedgehogs

We have had another fun filled week of learning in Year 1. In English the children have enjoyed the book Goldilocks and the three crocodiles. They have had fun comparing the books we have been looking at recently and looking for similarities and differences. This week the children have been exploring adjectives and the different ways of describing characters.

In Maths we have had fun with numbers to 100. They have been concentrating partitioning numbers into 10's and 1's then creating their numbers with stacking counters. They have enjoyed uploading their achievements to seesaw. In computing we have been looking at the different technology we use in the classroom and discussing the technology we use at home. In Art the children had fun using patterns to create a zentangle piece of artwork.

In Geography we have looked at what is an atlas and a globe and why we use them.

In History we began our topic on the history of travel by discussing what we know about trains and listing what we would like to know.



Year 2 Chameleons & Happy Llamas



This week in Year 2 we have had great fun going out in nature and discussing all of the features of Autumn - we have created some fantastic writing and introduced ourselves to adverbs. We have also been focusing on counting in 10's and 1's in maths.

In RE we learned about the importance of the Qur'an to Muslims and focused on the two different types of medieval castles in England in History.

We also love art in Year 2 and have enjoyed using different fruits to make art inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We are continuing to practise our 2x tables so please help us with this at home - we are seeing some great competition on TT Rockstars!



Don't forget

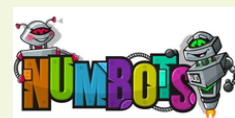
Pe days - Monday (outdoor) Tuesday (Indoor)

The children can come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. The children need appropriate PE kit for the weather, as the days get colder tracksuit bottoms are appropriate. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

Daily Reading:

Reading books will be sent home daily to give children the opportunity to practise their reading and share stories with their families. Please add a short comment in your child's reading record each time they read at home so we can celebrate their progress and see the wonderful reading they are doing.

It is great to see some children taking the opportunity to access numbots from home. This is a fabulous, educational fun resource. If your child is having trouble logging on please speak to the class teacher.



► REMINDER



PE Days

Tuesday - Indoor

Wednesday - Outdoor

Please ensure children come in to school in their PE kits on those days - especially with suitable footwear/hoodie etc as the days get colder. Any earrings are to be removed please - either at home beforehand or by your child before the lesson if they are able.

TT Rockstars/Numbots

Please continue to use these at home. We have a competition going between the classes and it is a great way to grow the children's times table knowledge.

Reading

We are focusing on developing in a real love of reading in Year 2 - please continue to read at home as much as possible to support your child's reading development. It really does make a difference and we appreciate your support with this as always.

Spellings

We test spellings every Friday and send new ones home for the next week - please practise these at home.

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Year 3 Alligators & Whales

Year 3 News

This week in Year 3, we took part in the second part of our exciting Stone Age Survival Challenge. We learned about how prehistoric people hunted for their food and even had the chance to put our skills to the test by chasing "Mammoths" (our very willing friends!) around the field. There was lots of running, teamwork and laughter, and everyone had great fun!

In English, we have started learning about imperative verbs and what makes a good set of instructions. We have discovered that writing clear instructions is not as easy as it first seems! Over the coming weeks, we will be using our new skills to create our own sets of instructions and become expert instructional writers.

During indoor PE, we have been practising mindfulness. We have been learning how to sit quietly, focus on the present moment and calm our busy minds. The children have learnt some simple techniques that they could try at home. Why not ask your child to show you some of the mindfulness tricks they have learnt this week?

A huge thank you to everyone who has already registered their child for our upcoming educational visit to Stump Cross Caverns. We are really looking forward to this exciting trip and the opportunity to bring our Stone Age learning to life. If you have any questions or concerns about the visit, please do speak to us at the school gate or send us a message via Seesaw.

It has been another busy, enjoyable and action-packed week in Year 3. Well done, everyone! 😊

► PE DAYS

Monday – Indoor PE

Friday – Outdoor PE

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days.



Year 4 Heroes & Stars

In Maths we have introduced subtraction focusing on the vocabulary; minuend, subtrahend and difference.

In Geography we used atlases to find countries of Europe and locate them on a map.

We are very excited to continue our history with our trip to Beamish!

► WHAT WILL WE BE DOING NEXT WEEK?

We will continue with subtraction and times tables practice.

In English, we will be reading more of our class novel 'Friend or foe' and will move onto story-writing.

For science we will continue to look at electricity and complete/incomplete circuits.

► UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 2nd October – Beamish Remembrance service is held by Year 4 – more info to follow.

► REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Reading daily for 10 mins – reading records signed by an adult
- Homework given out on a Friday and due back in on Wednesday
- Multiplication is our MAIN priority this year so please ensure that you practice as often as possible with your child – e.g. using TT Rockstars - and we will be sending x tables (Zappers) home to improve fluency.
- PE is Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

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Year 5 Tigers & Butterflies

► UPCOMING EVENTS & PE

Outdoor PE Monday
am 5T and pm 5B

Indoor PE Tuesday pm
5B

Swimming Wednesday
5T

PE kit can be worn all
day.

This week, pupils in 5T have been exploring setting descriptions in Kensuke's Kingdom, while 5B are continuing to write about Ham the amazing Chimp who travelled to Space.

In Science, children are learning the phases of the moon and how the moon and Earth interact with one another. In art, pupils have really impressed us with their sketching skills to produce a fantastic self-portrait. Children are thoroughly enjoying our visits to the library and exploring a range of books to choose to read on Monday and Friday and at home, when they choose to.

Next week, children will be continuing to learn dribbling skills in PE and start to develop attacking and defense skills in a game of basketball. More information about how we will teach and monitor spelling practice will be sent at the end of this week.



Year 6 Hawks & Hummingbirds

In English, we have been using adverbs and dashes in a descriptive piece of writing.

In Maths, we are looking at using the 'same sum' rule to balance equations

In History, we are continuing to explore the Maya Civilisation.

We are enjoying completing circuits as part of our PE lessons with Mr Murphy.

► WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING NEXT WEEK?

In PSHE, we are looking at food groups and eating a balanced diet..

In Geography we will be taking a closer look at South America the Equator.

► UPCOMING EVENTS & PE

Thursday 22nd October a retired Science teacher to visit to carry out heart dissections linked to our Science and English. If you would like your child to opt out please let their class teacher know.

Crucial Crew 19th November
AM – Free of charge

Outdoor PE Tuesday
afternoons

Indoor PE Thursday
afternoons

PE kit can be worn all
day.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Hambleton and Richmond - Leyburn

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapist, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services. **Booking is essential.**

Where & When

Monday 5th October 2026, 09.30am to 12.30pm

Thornborough Hall Oak Room, Leyburn, DL8 5AB

Who will be there?

Linda Dalglish - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Liz Wilson - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT



liz.wilson@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Hambleton and Richmond - Colburn

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapist, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services. **Booking is essential.**

Where & When

Friday 20th November 2026, 10am to 12pm

Colburn Children's Centre, Catterick Garrison, DL9 4RF

Who will be there?

Amancay Topping - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Stephanie Payne - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant



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stephanie.payne@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you.

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Hambleton and Richmond - Northallerton

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in advice session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapist, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services. **Booking is essential.**

Where & When

Thursday 3rd December 2026, 09.30am to 12.00pm,

Alverton Children Centre, Mount Road, Northallerton, DL6 1RB

Who will be there?

Emma Pollock - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist



Rachael Hussain - North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT

rachael.hussain@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you

OCTOBER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors at Ilkley. The other option is climbing indoors and receive an amazing introduction to such an awesome sport. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling. An action packed day they'll remember.

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

Ilkley Cow & Calf: 26th, 28th, 30th October 2027

Big Depot Leeds: 27th-29th October 2027

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email



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Climb Harrogate



Our fun, structured sessions teach young climbers everything from knot tying and belaying to lead climbing in a supportive environment. Growing a lifelong hobby and interest in climbing.

• Sundays

10:00–13:00

Live for Today
Climbing Centre,
HG2 8QT



7+ years old



8th November 2026



£180.00 (6-week block)



Klarna, Childcare Vouchers



All equipment supplied

What's covered?

- Knot tying
- Belaying
- Coaching
- Lead climbing
- Confidence
- Teamwork

OFSTED REGISTERED - ROCK CLIMBING 6



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Climb Bradford



Our fun, structured sessions teach young climbers everything from knot tying and belaying to lead climbing in a supportive environment. Growing a lifelong hobby and interest in climbing.

• Saturdays

10:00–13:00

13:30–16:30

The Climbing
Hub, Bradford,
BD7 2BR



7+ years old



8th November 2026



£180.00 (6-week block)



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OFSTED REGISTERED - ROCK CLIMBING 2



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MAGICAL FAMILY FUN AT
RICHMONDSHIRE MUSEUM

WITCHES & WIZARDS CELEBRATION

Join us this October half term for a magical experience that your family won't forget! Our enchanting event features **spell bottle workshops** where you can create your own potions and wand making sessions that ignite your imagination. Suitable for all ages, this fun-filled day will bring out the wizard or witch in everyone. Don't miss the magic!

Exciting activities for the whole family!



26th - 31st October 2026!
With a led workshops on
28th from 1-3pm

