

Psalm 121:7-8 – The Lord will protect you from all harm; he will protect your life. The Lord will protect your coming and going both now and forever.

Attendance

This week our attendance was 84.8%. We're aiming for 96% or higher and appreciate your support in helping us get there. We know lots of bugs are going around and hope the half-term break helps everyone feel better for next term.

Worship with parents

Many thanks to everyone who was able to join us this morning for our Friday celebration worship assembly, we hope you enjoyed it. A big thank you to Mr Pattison and Mrs Allen for their help with refreshments.

Safeguarding

Please can we remind you to park in the village hall car park at the start and end of the day rather than blocking up the road to the right of school where quarry lorries come down and children need to pass safely on the footpath. Thank you.

Reception 2026 places

The window for applying for Primary School places for Reception children in September 2026 is now open – please spread the word and ensure everyone knows we would welcome contact from anyone considering our school and would be more than happy to show them round.

There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



Proposed nursery consultation feedback

Thank you to those who have already filled in the feedback form for the proposal to have a nursery in our school – if you have not already done so, please see this QR code for the link – please share this in the community as we value everyone's opinions on this matter.



Friday 24th October



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Finn
Class 2 – Oscar
Class 3 – Margot
Class 4 – Bea

Excellent English

Class 1 – Daisy
Class 2 – Scarlett H
Class 3 – Theo
Class 4 – Sofia

Marvellous Maths

Class 1 – Tyler
Class 2 – Lorelei
Class 3 – Isaac
Class 4 – Amelie

Fantastic Foundation

Class 2 – Kobie
Class 3 – Lola
Class 4 – Ted

Well done to the **blue** house who scored the most house points this week.

Class 1 won the Clutter Cup again this week. Well done Receptions.

Calendar for the first week back after half term

Monday 3rd: breakfast & afterschool club, PE kit all day, nurses in to administer flu vaccines

Tuesday 4th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 – forest schools and flute lessons (remember flutes class 3) (no Let's Learn)

Wednesday 5th: breakfast & afterschool club, pop up library

Thursday 6th: breakfast & after school club

Friday 7th: breakfast & afterschool club

Dinner Menu for week commencing 3rd Nov

Monday: Pizza followed by brownie

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognaise followed by cookie & cheese

Wednesday: Bonfire special hot dogs followed by firework brownie (by popular demand!)

Thursday: Meatballs and pasta followed by sponge & custard

Friday: Fishfingers and chips followed by a muffin

Please can we also remind you that we are a NUT AWARE school.

Alternative options of Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches are available with fillings of ham, cheese, tuna or beans.

MyHappyMind

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. This is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! MyHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappyMind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and auth code (which is 121538). We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. If you have any questions about myHappyMind, please contact your class teacher.

Forest Schools

Mrs Hardwick and Class 3 have been having some great fun and learning lots in the forest this half term. Here are some photos of what they have been up to.....



What's happening around us.

- Helmsley Arts Centre have some great activities for children this half term – please see their website <https://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on/little-seeds-music-cinderella-ice-cream-seller>
- West Heslerton Football club have a Christmas themed bingo happening on the 21st November at Norton Bowling club – see poster attached to email
- This year's Poppy Appeal items have arrived in school and can be purchased from the office up to the 11th November. If you or your child would like to buy an item, please do pop in and see us.

Trim Trail

As you have probably spotted we have had some lovely people on site this week installing our new trim trail. This now needs to settle over the half term break before we can let the children on.

We are therefore going to have a little opening ceremony with the children and Rev Cate on Monday 3rd November, before morning break (subject to a few arrangements). We are going to take some photos to put in the Gazette at that time. If you would not like your child in these photos, please do let us know and we will ensure this is actioned.

Request for parental help

Is anyone handy with computer graphics and willing to help us recreate the “Welcome to Our School” poster in the entrance? We'd love to have a digital version we can easily update each year, rather than cutting out each child's photo individually, but that tech element is definitely beyond our current skillset! If you have the know-how, firstly, wow - and secondly, we'd be so grateful if we could make use of your talents. The children absolutely love seeing their photos up on the wall, so you'd truly be a school superstar! Please get in touch.

This week.....

Class 1 have been focusing on tricky words through game play and making Diya lamps to learn about celebrating Diwali.

Class 2 have made collagraph printing tools and started writing a newspaper article in history.

Class 3 have made a start on their sea-themed cushions in DT and learned about rounds and cannons in music.

Class 4 have written creative stories using complex language and enjoyed describing characters and scenes. In their last PE session, they took part in a game of dodgeball.