

Galatians 5:16, 22-23 - "Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control"

Attendance this week was an excellent 96.98%, which is above our school target of 96%. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve this. Good attendance is very important because it ensures children do not miss valuable learning, helps them build strong routines, and supports their confidence, friendships, and overall wellbeing in school. It has been lovely to see pupils return after the half-term break looking well rested, settled, and ready to learn. Thank you for working with us to make attendance a priority.



Arbor

Thank you to everyone who has been logging in to Arbor, making payments, booking parent's evenings and wrap around care. I am grateful for your perseverance and for contacting the office with any issues, hopefully we are getting there with this system. If you have any questions or issues, please do just give us all call or pop into the office and we can sort it out together.

Safeguarding

As we move into the spring term, we would like to remind all families that safeguarding remains our highest priority. Our school is committed to providing a safe, supportive environment where every child feels secure, valued, and able to thrive.

This month, we are focusing with pupils on safe friendships, speaking up when something worries them, and knowing who trusted adults are both in school and at home. We continue to reinforce our clear message to children: it is always okay to talk, and we will listen.

We also encourage parents and carers to support this at home by:
Talking regularly with your child about their day and feelings
Reminding them about safe online behaviour and supervised screen use
Contacting the school promptly if you have any safeguarding concerns
If you ever need advice or wish to share a worry, please contact the school. Working together helps us keep all children safe.

Friday 27th February



Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Alfie W
Class 2 – Bryn
Class 3 – Poppy
Class 4 – Amelie JD
Excellent English
Class 1 - Tyler
Class 2 – Bobby
Class 3 – Roman
Class 4 – Thomas Ha

Marvellous Maths

Class 2 – Seth
Class 3 – Theo
Class 4 – Alfie A

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 – Daisy B
Class 2 – Daisy LC
Class 3 – Billy
Class 4 – Albert
Well done to the **GREEN** house who scored the most house points this week.
Class 3 won the clutter cup, well done Year three and four, enjoy your treat!

Calendar for after half term

Monday 2nd: breakfast & afterschool club, parent's evening
Tuesday 3rd: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 2 parents - Let's Learn Together at 9am, Class 1 – forest school session, Class 4 – saxophone lessons, parent's evening
Wednesday 25th: breakfast & afterschool club, violin & cello lessons, pop up library session, world book day activities
Thursday 26th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 flute lessons, world book day activities, come dressed in cooking themed outfits.
Friday 27th: breakfast & afterschool club

Dinner Menu for week commencing 23rd February

Monday: Chicken Katsu curry & rice followed by Chocolate cookie
Tuesday: Cheesy pasta followed by Lemon drizzle
Wednesday: Roast beef, Yorkshire Puddings & vegetables followed by Jelly & ice-cream
Thursday: World Book Day Special – Chicken beastly burger in a bun & chips followed by Charlie's chocolate mousse cake
Friday: Fish fingers & chips followed by Flapjack
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.
To celebrate World Book week Mrs Leeson has also been given a £5 book token to award to the child who designs the best chocolate bar in school during our World Book Day activities. That child's name then goes forwards to a County draw to win an iPad!

This week.....

Class 1 have enjoyed their first forest school lesson and have had lots of fun exploring the Luna new year and the great race through music.
Class 2 have started learning about the events of the Great fire of London and written their own version of 'Tadpoles Promise'
Class 3 have been writing imaginary machine instructions, learning about climate zones and working on tricky division.
Class 4 have been acting out the first scene of 'Macbeth' with a witch's potion, and learnt a 4-part song with harmony & rhythm.

World Book Day

On the 4th and 5th March the whole school will be taking part in lots of activities themed around Charlie and the chocolate factory to celebrate World book week. On Wednesday and Thursday, they will be doing lots of chocolate themed activities in their school, which we think will be great fun. As we have been advertising in the last few weeks of newsletter, on Thursday they will be able to come to school in 'cooking' themed outfits. This could be as simple as a chef's apron, but you can also go all out full Jamie Oliver!

There is absolutely no expectation for you to buy anything new and please do not spend a fortune. Finally on Thursday at 2.30pm, parents are welcome to join us over in the village hall for a special World Book Day assembly. The children will share with you what they have been doing in those two days.



National Child Measurement Programme – Reception and Year 6 children only

The NCMP will soon be running in our school for children in reception and year 6. This involves health staff coming into school one day to do height and weight checks with each child.

- The measurements are conducted in a sensitive way, in a private space and away from other children. Children are measured fully clothed (coats and shoes off).
 - When talking to children about these checks, staff and parents/carers are encouraged to refer to them as 'health checks' – they are about seeing how children are growing and developing.
 - Individual results are NOT shared with your child or their school.
 - Following the measurements in schools, all parents/carers will receive a letter by email. Some families may also be contacted by the health staff (e.g. via text message/phone call/letter) to offer additional information and support.
 - These measurements will be taking place in our school soon (for those year groups). If your child is due to be measured you will receive a letter (via email) to explain more about it.
 - Please have a look at this video so you can see what happens: The National Child Measurement Programme - YouTube
 - If you have any questions, please contact your local (North Yorkshire) NCMP team on: hdfn.ncmp@nhs.net
- A letter is attached to the newsletter email with more information for parents with children in Reception and year 6.

Free Easter holiday activities with FEAST

[FEAST](#) is back this Easter, offering free holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire.

- From Monday 2nd March – browse activities on the FEAST website and view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.
- Midday, Monday 9th March – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places.
- From Wednesday 11th March – activity providers begin allocating places.

Free places are available for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals (or who are eligible by exception). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers. Visit the [FEAST website](#) from 2nd March to explore what's on this Easter.

Kemps – World Book Day

From Saturday 7th March Kemps will be holding their annual World Book Day Exhibition of local children's creative work, and they do hope you will join them to see the exhibition and your child's contribution. They have made some amazing things for the display.

This year, they asked pupils in local primary schools to design a hot air balloon to take a story character to another story where they would be useful, or helpful, or fit right in for some reason that the children had to think about and decide, making links between the stories (an important reading skill).

During your visit, children can also take their World Book Day tokens (which were handed out in school on Thursday) and choose a book to take home free of charge from the World Book Day selection in store. Alternatively, the token can be used as £1 discount against any children's book in the shop.

What's happening in school and around us

- County Hall Music hub have asked us to give you this information about a future talent music programme they are running – [here](#) is the link

- Ryan Swain and Ryedale Skate School are offering skateboard proficiency lessons – see flyer attached to the newsletter email.

Games club run by Year 5 girls

The games club is proving very popular with all the children – thank you to the girls for running such a great club.

