



Attendance this week's whole school attendance was 96.06%, which is just above our target of 96%. Let's see if we can keep this up for the last two weeks of the school term please.

Fri 3rd July 2026



Calendar for week commencing 29th June

Monday 6th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 & 4 trip to Castle Howard,
Tuesday 7th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 4 forest school, Let's learn session for Class 1 & 2 – no session next week
Wednesday 8th: breakfast & afterschool club, Swimming lessons for Class 3 and some of Class 4. Violin lessons. Dress rehearsal for Midsummer Night's Dream for class 4
Thursday 9th: breakfast & afterschool club, cello lessons, Class 1 & 2 trip to Scarborough, Malton School Touring Production for Class 3 & 4, Class 3 Science bus, Class 4 play performances at 2pm and 6pm for parents. Friends and family of Year 5 & 6
Friday 10th: breakfast & afterschool club, Crucial Crew for Year 6, final new starter taster session with lunch

England World Cup Match – Monday Morning Reminder

We know that many families may be excited to watch England's World Cup match, which kicks off in the early hours of Monday morning. A gentle reminder that we have our school trip for class 3 & 4 taking place on Monday, with the coach departing after morning registration. To ensure everyone can take part, it is important that children arrive at school on time and are ready for the day ahead. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure all children have a positive start to an exciting day.

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

- Class 1 – Arthur
- Class 2 – Scarlett B
- Class 3 – Rocco
- Class 4 – Basil

Excellent English

- Class 1 – Daisy
- Class 2 – Felicity
- Class 3 – Margot C
- Class 4 – Emily

Marvellous Maths

- Class 1 - Tyler
- Class 2 – Sam
- Class 3 – Trent
- Class 4 – Myles

Fantastic Foundation

- Class 2 – Lorelei
- Class 3 – Alfie Wal
- Class 4 – Fletcher

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

Class 4 won the clutter cup, well done, enjoy your treat!

Dinner Menu for week commencing 3rd July 2026

Monday: Roast Beef, veg & Yorkies followed by an Oatie cookie
Tuesday: Cheese & Tomato pizza & wedges followed by lemon drizzle cake
Wednesday: Pasta bolognaise followed by a doughnut muffin
Thursday: Chicken Korma & rice followed by fruit & ice-cream
Friday: Fish/salmon & chips followed by chocolate sponge
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.

Arbor Payments

Thank you to everyone who has made payment this week. As we head to the end of the term, we need to close this year's accounts and transfer them on to the next academic year. Please can you therefore make sure that all payments are up to date. If this is going to be an issue please get in touch.

Safeguarding

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an increasingly common part of children's online experiences. From chatbots and homework tools to image generators and search apps, children may come across AI without always realising it. As a school, we encourage children to think critically about what they see online and to remember that AI can sometimes provide incorrect, misleading or made-up information. We also remind pupils never to share personal information, photos or passwords with AI tools or online services.

How families can help:

- Talk to your child about the AI tools they use and how they use them.
- Remind them that not everything online is true, even if it sounds convincing.
- Encourage them to ask a trusted adult if they are unsure about something they have seen or been told by an AI tool.
- Use age-appropriate settings and supervise younger children when using online apps and websites.
- Encourage a healthy balance between screen time and offline activities.

This week.....

Class 1 have exploring and replicating patterns using small world roleplay. They have also been learning alternate sounds in phonics.
Class 2 have celebrated insect week this week. In their let's learn session with class 1 they made bug hotels, made minibeast masks and have enjoyed a morning with the Norton College farm animals today. Photos of both of these events in next newsletter.
Class 3 have a been learning about shapes in maths and are writing Howard Carter's diary in English.
Class 4 have been busy practicing for their play ready for next week – learning lots of songs and refining our acting skills. We have also finished our maths topic looking at geometry and positions.

Beacon Club – FREE Session

Your child can book a free place on Tuesday 7th July or Wednesday 8th July. Please **email the school office to request a place on the 4.15pm till 6pm session. Do not book through Arbor**, as this will automatically generate a charge. Your child's free session will be arranged via email only.

The children who attended this week had great fun playing on the trim trail, a game of cricket and helping to water the plants! Your children could be doing this next week – booking open! Snack of the day this



week was watermelon, cucumber and toast!

Violin and cello lessons

Thank you to everyone who came along to support and enjoy our recent String Concert. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends in the audience. A huge [congratulations](#) to all of the children who performed; they played beautifully.

Learning a string instrument offers children so much more than just musical skills. Through regular lessons, pupils develop fine and gross motor skills, improve memory, coordination and posture, and learn the value of discipline, patience and perseverance. Music-making also helps to build confidence through performance opportunities, provides a calming outlet for stress, and encourages friendships through playing together. Most importantly, children learn to recognise and celebrate their own progress while supporting and encouraging others along the way.

If you are interested in lessons or would like more information, please contact Lucy on 07803 340189 or Jo on 07962 207488.



Junior Parkrun

We are very much looking forward to seeing all your children take part in the Junior Parkrun on Sunday – 9am at the Community Park in Pickering. Thank you so much to those who have offered to volunteer. This week Team GB Triathlete Geoff Wynn will be leading the warm up, then there will be a mobile coffee bar there for delicious treats and drinks to enjoy after. All runners will also receive a packet of Haribo for their efforts. We look forward to cheering you all round the course.

Summer Reading Challenge

This week Malton Library visited us to tell us all about the summer reading challenge that opens this Saturday. This year the theme is 'Read to the Beat!'

Your child (age 4–11) can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays! Your child can earn stickers, rewards and even a certificate, see summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun! This Saturday 4 July - Malton library are hosting a have a go day with some of the musicians from Swinton and District Excelsior Band between 9.30-12.30 Flyers are attached to the newsletter email with further information. Norton Hive are also running this and have let us know that if you sign up with them then your child will be entered into a draw to win free swimming sessions at Derwent Pool. Happy reading!

Class 4 saxophone performance



FEAST is back this summer, offering holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire. If you're eligible for benefits-related free school meals, your place is fully-funded.

Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers. Visit the [FEAST website](#)