

“Encourage one another and build each other up.”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:11

This ties in nicely with the Junior Parkrun announcement later in the newsletter – happy reading!

Safeguarding

As part of our ongoing safeguarding work, we would like to remind families about the importance of online safety and supervising children’s use of devices, apps and games. Recent national guidance has highlighted growing concerns around children accessing inappropriate content online, including through social media, group chats, gaming platforms and AI-generated content. Even seemingly harmless photographs and personal information shared online can sometimes be misused. We encourage parents and carers to:

- regularly check privacy settings on apps and devices;
- monitor who children are communicating with online;
- talk openly with children about safe online behaviour;
- ensure games, apps and social media are age-appropriate; and
- remind children never to share personal information or photographs with people they do not know.

If your child ever feels worried or uncomfortable about something they have seen or experienced online, please encourage them to speak to a trusted adult straight away.

Attendance this week was 88.93%, which is below our school target of 96%. Attendance has been lower than usual this week, with a number of children absent from school for holidays. We would like to remind families that good attendance is extremely important, as even short periods away from school can mean children miss valuable learning, routines and experiences that are difficult to replicate. Regular attendance also helps children to build confidence, maintain friendships and make the best possible progress.

Forms that need returning

Year 6 Cinema consent and payment – on Arbor
Class 3 & 4 – Cricket and Castle Howard paper consents
Class 1 & 2 – Castle Howard and Scarborough paper consent
Confident swimmers – return slip for swimming gala invite
Order class photos online if desired (see previous email) – we do now have copies of the photos in the office, should you wish to pop in and see them before you decide which to order.

Friday 15th May 2026



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Bailey-Mae
Class 2 – Sofia
Class 3 – Carys
Class 4 – Year 6

Excellent English

Class 1 – Olivia
Class 2 – Lorelei
Class 3 – Isaac
Class 4 – Rudi

Marvellous Maths

Class 2 – Seth
Class 3 – Rocco
Class 4 – Rachel

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 – Tyler
Class 2 – Kobie
Class 3 – Margot
Class 4 – Fletch
Well done to the **Blue** house, who scored the most house points again this week.

Class 2 had the tidiest room and therefore were awarded the Clutter Cup this week.

Calendar for after half term

Monday 18th: breakfast & afterschool club, Pop up Library – please bring all books in ready, Governor resources meeting PM
Tuesday 19th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 1 & 2 parents - Let’s Learn Together at 9am, Class 4 forest school, Class 4 Saxophone lessons, Class 4 rugby lesson with Mr Featherstone
Wednesday 20th: breakfast & afterschool club, Swimming for class 3, Class 4 Farm Day trip, violin lessons
Thursday 21st: breakfast & afterschool club, cello lessons, census day
Friday 22nd: breakfast & afterschool club, whole school worship with parents, break up for half term – back Monday 1st June

Dinner Menu for week commencing 18th May

Monday: Cheese & Tomato pizza followed by iced sponge
Tuesday: Chicken korma followed by chocolate brownie
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets & wedges followed by a muffin
Thursday: Pasta Bolognese followed by flapjack
Friday: ‘Seaside Special’ of flipper dippers (or salmon star) & chips followed by fruit smoothies
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 (plus daily veggie option).

After school and Beacon club

A reminder that Beacon Club remains available to book, and we would love to see more children attending and making use of this valuable facility.
We would also like to remind parents and carers of our booking and cancellation policy. We require a minimum of 48 hours’ notice for any cancellations. If less than 48 hours’ notice is given, the charge for the session will still apply. If you need to cancel a booking, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can update our registers and staffing arrangements accordingly. We have experienced a number of late cancellations over the past few weeks, and there appears to be an expectation that the associated charge would also be removed. Going forward, where cancellations are made within 48 hours of the session, the charge will remain payable. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

What's going on in the local area

- Sunday 7th June – Open farm Sunday – see flyer attached to the newsletter
- Helmsley Arts Centre have some events in half term – see flyer
- Charlotte from Water Babies North Yorkshire has asked us to share the attached flyers about swimming lessons in the area
- 'My Expedition Rocks' have asked us to share some rock climbing holiday clubs that they are running both in May half term and the summer holidays – see flyers attached to the newsletter
- Ryedale Festival have some upcoming family concerts that they would like to share with you – including one in Malton on the 18th July – also see flyer
- Miss Nicky (who also runs Young Crescendos for primary school age children) would like to share with you some summer singing schools that she has running in Malton this summer – please see flyers

Settrington Primary School and Junior Parkrun – we need you!!

We are delighted to share that Settrington School has become a parkrun Primary School as part of the parkrun Primary initiative, which encourages children and families to become more active and involved in their local community.

As part of this, a representative from the Pickering junior parkrun team will be visiting school on Wednesday 11th June to deliver an assembly all about junior parkrun and how children and families can get involved.

We are also very excited to announce that on Saturday 5th July, Settrington School will be taking over the Pickering Community Park junior parkrun event!

Junior parkrun is a free, fun and friendly 2km event for children, where participants can run, jog or walk the course. We would love to see as many of our pupils as possible taking part on the day and representing the school. We are also looking for adult volunteers to help the event run smoothly. Volunteer roles are straightforward and full guidance will be provided on the day. Roles may include marshalling the course, barcode scanning and handing out finish tokens.

If you and your child would like to take part, or if you are able to volunteer, please let us know before half term if possible, so that we can confirm arrangements for the event. Thank you for your support, we hope this will be a really enjoyable community event for everyone involved!

Year 6 have completed their SATS

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have completed their SATs this week with great resilience, determination and positivity. Throughout the week they have supported and encouraged one another brilliantly, and it was wonderful to see them finishing the week with smiles on their faces.

They are now also the proud owners of their leavers' hoodies, kindly funded through the fantastic fundraising efforts of the FOCAS team, for which we are extremely grateful. Thank you to everyone involved for your continued support.



This week.....

Class 1 started looking at subtraction in maths – and have been busy taking away elephants and leopards. They have also enjoyed painting to classical music and exploring emotions.

Class 2 have been looking at 'half of' objects and quantities in maths. In history they have been exploring the Roman artifacts in the box kindly lent by the local museum.

Class 3 went to a basketball and netball tournament at Malton School. They have been busy writing up their tea research and learning capacity and volume in maths by measuring juice.

Class 4 this week have been split into Year groups in a morning. Year 5 have been working hard exploring alliteration and powerful language looking deeper into Beowulf. Year Six have obviously been busy with SATS and the whole class has been practicing for their play.

Play area and field over the road

We have been asked to remind parents and carers that, when visiting the Village Hall playground and field with their children, they should please ensure that children do not play on or touch any of the cricket club equipment, including the sightscreens and wicket covers/protectors. This equipment is expensive and is not intended for playground use. Please help us keep everyone safe and avoid damage by ensuring children keep away from it at all times. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

FOCAS news

Summer Fair

FOCAS will be holding a Summer Fair after Sports Day on Friday 26th June. They are looking forward to welcoming families to the event, which will feature a variety of stalls and activities for both children and adults to enjoy.

To help prepare for the fair, the school will also be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 12th June. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for donating a bottle of any kind. These donated bottles will then be used by FOCAS as prizes for the fair stalls.

End of term Raffle

Towards the end of term, FOCAS will also be holding a raffle and would greatly appreciate your support in selling tickets. As part of the raffle, they will be creating four "Summer Fun" themed hampers and are asking families to donate a prize in their child's house colour. For example, if your child is in Green House, please send in a green-themed item.

Donations can be anything suitable for a hamper; however, if donating food or drink items, please ensure they are non-perishable.

Frozen Fridays

During the final half term, members of the FOCAS committee will be selling ice creams and lollies in the school playground at the end of the school day. Keep your fingers crossed for some lovely sunny weather, and don't forget to bring some pennies on Fridays!

Teas and coffees after whole school worship on 22nd May

Next week, parents, grandparents and other family members are warmly invited to attend the whole school worship. Following the service, FOCAS will be serving tea and coffee for everyone to enjoy.

Members of the FOCAS team would also be delighted to speak with anyone who may be interested in learning more about the work they do or getting involved in supporting their fantastic fundraising activities.

We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work and dedication shown by FOCAS in supporting our school community. This term alone, their fundraising efforts are helping to provide school bus trips for all pupils, as well as the Year 6 leavers' hoodies. Your continued support of FOCAS and the events they organise is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference to the opportunities we are able to offer our children.

Useful ideas for Class 2 half term activities

Mrs Hardwick has found some great activities and links about things that are happening this half term that tie in really well to the topic of Romans that Class 2 children are currently looking at. We wanted to share them with you in case you wanted to have a look while we are off school:

Malton Library – May Half Term

Tuesday 26th May 10:30am: Roman Workshop - Dressing up, crafts and games.

Roman Baths – York

Located smack-bang in the centre of York, in the cellar of a rather unassuming pub, lies one of the few Roman remains still visible in the city; the Roman bath house.

<https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryMagazine/DestinationsUK/Roman-Baths-York/>

Yorkshire Museum - York

<https://www.yorkshiremuseum.org.uk/exhibition/roman-york-meet-the-people-of-the-empire/>

Please enjoy and if you do get chance to go, please let us know what you find!

Parking

Please can we remind parents to ensure that you park considerately in the village when dropping off and picking up your children. If possible, the village hall car park would be the best place to park, but we ask you please avoid parking between the school and the bridge where the road narrows – as this makes it very tricky for quarry lorries and farm vehicles to turn at certain times of the day. Thank you for your help with this.

Mrs Leeson's 20-year service awarded

We would like to congratulate Mrs Leeson on achieving an incredible 20 years of service working as a cook for North Yorkshire. Recently, she received a special email recognising her dedication and long service, which is a wonderful achievement. Mrs Leeson is a valued part of our school community, and we are extremely grateful for all the hard work, care and kindness she brings every day. The children absolutely love her home cooking, and her baking is always a big favourite with both pupils and staff alike! We feel very lucky to have her as part of our team, and we are sure you will join us in thanking her for 20 fantastic years of service and dedication to our school and to other school communities across the area.