

After school clubs and Beacon Club

Clubs are available to book on Arbor for this half term. After-school clubs run from 3.15pm until 4.15pm and include:

- **Monday** – Homework Club
- **Tuesday** – Sports Club, run by Malton Community Sports Centre
- **Wednesday** – Construction for KS1 and Choir for KS2 with Ruth Richards
- **Thursday** – Drama, run by Gemma McDonald
- **Friday** – Stay and Play

Beacon Club will continue to run every evening from 4.15pm until 6pm.

We've noticed that numbers attending some of our after-school clubs have dropped recently, and we'd really like to understand why. We want as many children as possible to have the opportunity to enjoy the activities on offer, particularly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays when we have specialist club leaders coming in to provide some lovely additional activities.

Is there something that makes booking difficult? Is the advance notice a problem, are the activities not quite what your child would choose, or are after school clubs simply not something your family needs at the moment? We'd genuinely love to know if there is anything we could do differently to make them more accessible or appealing.

Just to clarify, the 48 hours' notice requirement only applies to cancelling a booking for Beacon club. If your child would like to come to an after-school club, you can book them on the day, provided there is space available. So there is no need to plan too far ahead!

Friday's Stay and Play club is particularly quiet, so we'd also love to hear if the children have any other ideas for activities or clubs they would be more interested in.

Please do share any thoughts, suggestions or feedback with us. We really don't want to miss an opportunity to offer something that the children would love to take part in, and your feedback will help us make sure we're getting it right.

Fri – 6th November

Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Jake
Class 2 – Tyler
Class 3 – Martha
Class 4 – Thomas

Excellent English

Class 1 – Orla
Class 2 – Daisy LC
Class 3 – Scarlett B
Class 4 – Max

Marvellous Maths

Class 1 – Enzo
Class 2 – Olive
Class 3 – Ethan
Class 4 – Levi

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 – Grace S
Class 2 – Oscar
Class 3 – Leila
Class 4 – Dom

Well done to the **Red** house with the most points collected this week.

Poppy Appeal

We have various items on sale in the school office in aid of this year's Poppy Appeal – please do come along and see what is available to buy.

Calendar for next week

Monday 9th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club
Tuesday 10th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 - forest school
Wednesday 11th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club, flute, violin, piano & cello lessons, Remembrance Day activity, pop up library
Thursday 12th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 & 4 visit from NY Moors National Park Outdoor learning team about beavers
Friday 13th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club

Dinner menu for next week

Monday: Chicken nuggets, veg & potato squares followed by chocolate squares
Tuesday: Meatballs & pasta followed by Lemon drizzle
Wednesday: Sausage, Yorkshire Puddings, mash & veg followed by chocolate crispie
Thursday: Chicken korma & rice followed by sticky toffee pudding
Friday: Fish fingers (or salmon) & chips followed by Victoria sponge
Please can Class 1 parents let the office or class teacher know if your child would like an alternative option. **Please can we remind you that we are a NUT AWARE school**.

New Starter (Reception and Nursery) – Parent's Evening

Sessions are available to book on Arbor – please make sure you have secured your slot. Any issues with booking please pop into the office or email and we will happily help.

Attendance this week was a very impressive 98.04% for the week, which is above our 96% target. That means nearly every student was in school all week, making the most of their learning time - well done to everyone for such a fantastic effort!

Arbor updated

Please can we remind you that if you have any changes in address/telephone number etc. to please make sure that you let us know as well. This can be done by contacting the office or you can update it from your Abor app or account online too. This includes not just parents but any other people who you have as contacts for your child – so grandparents, family friends, neighbours as well.

FOCAS

Next meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday 12th November at 3.30pm in the village hall. If anyone else would like to join this meeting and see what they are about, but have children, then we are happy for them to attend after school club for free while you are at the FOCAS meeting. Just let the office know you want to do that and we will book them in. NO EXPERIENCE OR PLEDGES OF COMMITMENT are necessary – we are just looking for ideas, connections and offers of support. Please use focas-settrington@outlook.com for contact.

Advance Notice of Potato Sales

A huge thank you to the Flather family, who have very kindly donated some of their amazing potatoes to FOCAS again this year. These should be available to purchase within the next week or so. These are perfect for your Sunday roast, midweek meals and, with the 'C' word fast approaching, those special dinners too!

Please do spread the word, tell your friends and family, and let's get those orders flying in! Every purchase will help support FOCAS and our school.



Please follow the 'FOCAS news and events' Facebook page where more information can be found

This week……

Class 1 have had a 'bonfire night' focus this week and have been learning all about the Gunpowder Plot. They have also created some firework crafts and discussed fire safety and how to make sure everyone stays safe around fires.

Class 2 had great fun making and trying their smoothies. They also had some familiar 'visitors' from the 1940s and 1970s to tell them all about the kind of holiday they would have in that time so the class could look at the similarities and differences.



Class 3 have had a week full on learning about habitats. In their forest school lesson, they investigated habitats and microhabitats in the forest. Then we had a visitor from North York Moors National Park to talk about beavers and their habitats and eco-systems in general. In English they finished their book on Mr Penguin and the lost treasure.



Class 4 have looked at our class text 'Fly Me Home' in detail, producing some exceptional insight into the themes and literary devices. We have explored fractions and long multiplication in our maths lessons, understanding the value of very big numbers! Class 4 also enjoyed the talk about Beavers from the North York Moors National Park.



Local news and events

- Free event: **Whitby Lit Fest Children's Writing Competition Awards Ceremony** - On Saturday 21 November at 10.30am
  Whitby Lit Fest announces the winners of its Children's Writing Competition at Whitby Pavilion - with special guest Corinne Bailey Rae, the Grammy-winning singer-songwriter.
  Young writers will read their own work from the main stage. The event is free and open to all, but tickets must be booked in advance: whitbylitfest.org.uk
  Also, that day: actor Hugh Bonneville (Paddington, Downton Abbey) talks about his children's novel (Rory Sparkes and the Spy who Loved Tea) at 1pm, tickets from £5, ages 7+.
- There will be an exciting Christmas Tree Festival at Settrington Church from 12th–19th December 2026 – please see the attached poster for details. There are lots of lovely events taking place that you would be very welcome to attend. The children will also be creating and decorating a tree for school, so do pop along and have a look at their handiwork!
  We do need your help, though!
  We are looking for a tree for the children to decorate. A real tree would be wonderful, but we would also be very happy to borrow an artificial one and return it after the festival. If anyone has a tree they could lend us, or knows of somewhere we might be able to source one, we would be hugely grateful. Please do get in touch if you can help!
- A pop-up toy shop will take place in Malton between 10th-14th November. The shop will be open tomorrow (Sat 7th Nov) for any donations you might have – please see attached poster – it might be a great time to have a clear out before Christmas and pass these on to the shop so others can benefit.