

"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."
Luke 12:6-7

This week's reminders

Thank you to those who are responding quickly to letters sent out – it is much appreciated. These are the letters that still need a swift response please:

- Forest school letter for Class 3
- Last few remaining residential consents for class 3 and 4 please

Whole school worship – Friday at 9am

As it's the last day of term, we'd love to invite all parents to join us for our whole school worship at 9am on Friday in the village hall. It won't be a long one, but it will be a lovely opportunity for the children to share in their worship and tell you a little about what they've been up to this half term. We hope you can join us!
FOCAS teas and coffees???

Thank you from the Ryedale Community Foodbank

We have received a thank you for our donation of 42.2 kilos of food donated from the Harvest Festival – so thank you so much for your help in making this happen. They tell us that the donation is very timely as they are starting to plan for a busy winter when people have to turn on the heating and for their extra Christmas food parcels. During September alone the branches throughout Ryedale distributed a total of 3174 kilos of food to 288 people. This would not have been possible without donors like yourselves – so well done.

School Calendar with important dates – now visible on Arbor

Following feedback from parents about missing events and dates, we're trying another way of sharing what's happening in school. We'll be adding important dates and events to the calendar in the Arbor app, so you can hopefully see what's coming up at a glance and plan ahead. As this involves some extra work for our admin team, we'd really appreciate your feedback on whether you find this a useful addition and whether it helps you keep track of what's going on. We'll still include dates in the newsletter as usual, too! We're always keen to find ways to improve communication with our families, so let us know what you think.

Fri – 16th October 2026



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Georgie
Class 2 – Flo and Jake
Class 3 – Isaac and Amelie J
Class 4 – Amelie JD

Excellent English

Class 1 – Eliza
Class 2 – Teddy
Class 3 – Seth
Class 4 – Rachel

Marvellous Maths

Class 1 – Grace S
Class 2 – Lily-May
Class 3 – Martha
Class 4 – Carys

Fantastic Foundation

Class 2 – Finn
Class 3 – Elliot
Class 4 – Phoebe

Well done to the **Red** house with the most points collected this week, twice in a row!



Calendar for next week

Monday 19th Oct: breakfast & afterschool club

Tuesday 20th Oct: breakfast & afterschool club, forest school lesson for class 3 – first session, new starter photo for paper

Wednesday 21st Oct: breakfast & afterschool club, flute, violin & cello lessons

Thursday 22nd Oct: breakfast & afterschool club, FOCAS meeting after school – please attend if you can

Friday 23rd Oct: breakfast & afterschool club, whole school worship in the village hall – parents welcome to attend, last day of this half term – back on 2nd November

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 krispie

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.

This week.....

Class 1 were looking for circles and triangles in their learning environment in maths. They have also been looking at places where animals live on a farm and making their own farm using loose parts.

Class 2 designed smoothies ready to make them next week. They have also been learning how to log on and off on their computers.

Class 3 have written postcards to their imaginary pen pals in French and learnt about magnetic forces in science.

Class 4 have finished reading our class book 'Leila and the Blue Fox'. The children have produced some excellent writing based around the tricky themes in this book, using a range of grammatical elements we have learnt throughout the half term.

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.

A gentle reminder about paracetamol

As we head into the winter months, we'd like to share a gentle reminder about the use of paracetamol (such as Calpol) in school. We understand that children can sometimes experience headaches, aches, pains or other discomfort, and if your child is in pain, there is a policy in place for us to give Calpol in school, provided we have the necessary parental consent. We want children to feel comfortable and be able to enjoy their day as much as possible.

However, Calpol is there to relieve pain and discomfort, rather than to help children keep going when they are generally feeling unwell. If your child is feeling under the weather and needs medication simply to get through the school day, it may be a sign that they would be better off resting at home. Please also let us know if your child has been given any paracetamol at home, including the time and dose, so that we can make sure any further medication is given safely and appropriately.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support as we work together to keep our children happy, comfortable and well.

FOCAS – We'd Love to See You!

The next FOCAS meeting is this coming Wednesday 22nd October, and we'd really love to see some new faces!

FOCAS plays such an important part in school life, helping us raise much-needed funds to provide those extra things that make a real difference to our children.

We're looking for new people, new ideas and a willingness to get involved – you don't need to have any previous experience!

There are lots of different ways you can help, and the existing committee are more than happy to share their experience and support anyone who would like to get involved. There are also roles available, so if you've ever thought about coming along but weren't quite sure what it was all about, this is the perfect opportunity to find out.

Please do come along – even if you can only spare a little time. We'd love to see you!



Emails

We know that family life is busy, and sometimes it's easiest to send an email when you think of something, rather than worry about remembering it later! Please do continue to get in touch whenever you need to – our staff are always happy to help, and we want parents to feel comfortable contacting us with any questions or concerns.

One of the things we really value about Settrington is the lovely, supportive family community we have all created together. Good communication between home and school is a big part of this, and we want to keep those lines of communication open and welcoming for everyone.

We would just like to remind everyone that, while emails can be sent at any time, staff are not expected to respond outside their normal working hours. If you email in the evening, overnight or at the weekend, there may be a delay but please be assured that you will receive a response as soon as staff are back at work and able to reply.

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+.

Class 4 visit from the Navy



Class 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Navy this week. We got to design and fire our own flares!