



Dear Parents and Carers

Finally it is beginning to feel more Spring like, the daffodils are out and the clocks have moved forward. It certainly feels as though a new season is here! At school we have been enjoying our Geography curriculum enrichment week. Over the last few days pupils have been taking part in many different activities including investigating the geography of Thirsk, geocaching at Sutton Bank as well as a visit to Thorpe Perrow. Thank you to the helpers that have come along to support these activities.

This half-term has seen lots of interesting and exciting events taking place. World book day was a huge success with all pupils joining in with a reading 'picnic' in the hall. The school hall was totally transformed for a day and all children had the opportunity to participate in reading activities. There have also been some good sporting opportunities for children with teams participating in Dodge-ball and Hi5 netball competitions. This week we have a group of pupils taking part in a Gymnastics competition at the high school.

Safeguarding

Online safety continues to be a significant concern. Over the term we have been made aware of a number of incidents of risky behaviour involving different mobile phone apps. Please can all parents and carers be aware of the following:

- the content (images and videos) that pupils may be accessing
- the content (images and videos) that pupils may be sharing
- Lack of privacy settings, whether an account is private or can be viewed by anyone enabling any user to access what your child may have posted.

This is especially important over the holiday where children have more time available. Recently we have been made aware of incidents involving WhatsApp which has a 16+ age rating (source NSPCC) and also TikTok which has a 13+ age rating (source NSPCC)

On a separate note, please ensure that the school has up to date contact numbers for your child. In the event of an emergency we need to be able to get hold of parents/ carers. Failure to provide contact details can put your child at risk and could be considered a safeguarding concern.

Become a school governor

We are still looking for a parent governor. This is a particularly interesting time to be a school governor. Governance is central to helping the school to continue to improve and develop. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Meets take place on a monthly basis. If you are interested in this please speak either to Mr Chandler or Mrs Mansfield.

Good Bye and Good Luck

As many of you are already aware Mrs Wimpory is leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Wimpory has been at Thirsk Community Primary School for just over 5 years. During that time Mrs Wimpory has taught many pupils and made huge contributions to our school –especially by sharing her passion for gymnastics and PE. We wish Mrs Wimpory good luck in her new job.

We are also sad to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Dickinson. Mrs Dickinson has been coming in as a volunteer to listen to children read and help at school trips and events for nearly 30 years and we are very grateful for her dedication to our school. Thank you!



Some highlights from this term. More photos later on in the newsletter





Attendance Matters W.C 27th March

Our School attendance target is 96%

27.03.23		
Reception/ Hive	89.3%	Below
Sutton	76.3%	Below
Roseberry	95.7%	Nearly
Helvellyn	98.2%	Expected
Scafell	97.5%	Expected
Snowdon	94.6%	Nearly
Ben Nevis	96.7%	Expected
Whole school	93.7%	Below

Attendance Matters:

School gates open at 8.40am ready to start learning at 8.50am

Good attendance at school improves your child's learning at school

Good attendance and punctuality at Primary school help form good attendance habits – for high school and eventually for the world of work!

If your child is ill or not able to attend school, please always contact as soon as possible. Telephone: 01845 524349

If your child's attendance is below 90%, it is classed as Persistent Absence
Persistent Absence from school affects your child's learning and achievement.
If you need support with improving your child's attendance, please speak to the schools attendance leader Mrs Kaufman.



Nursery news

This half term our topic has been "Are all beans magical?" we have planted beans and watched them grow into beanstalks, we have made our very own beanstalk in our reading area and read the story of Jaspers beanstalk.

We have created a wall of blossom tress using recycled bottles and paint to start the season of spring. We have discussed the changes that happen in spring from the weather getting warmer to new baby animals being born. We learnt the song "Old McDonalds farm" and linked the baby animals to their mummy.

Ms Wood & Ms Bryan



Reception news

This half term the children have had an "Are all beans magic?" theme in the classroom. This began with learning the Jack and the Beanstalk story, with the children particularly enjoying playing the role of the giant! The children then planted their own bean and have been closely monitoring the progress. They have also had a variety of Springtime flowers in the classroom to draw and paint, and have made flower scented dough and water to explore. Story time has focused on the change in Season and all the wonders that Spring brings. There was a lot of discussion and learning when we had snow in Spring, and whether this meant it was Winter again! The provision classroom has been full of activities and resources to support learning about animal and plant life cycles. This has been further enhanced by The Hive having their very own eggs! The Reception children have joined Nursery in monitoring these and like to check them each day.

Mrs Wall



Year 1 and 2 News

Year 1 Sutton

This half term we have been busy working on numbers up to 50. Understanding tens and ones, ordering the numbers and knowing which are bigger and smaller. We have continued to work on our 5- and 3-times tables on TTRS, improving our recall of multiplication and even division. In English we have increased our independence. Writing about the three little pigs, trying to sell their houses by describing the indoors and outdoors. We are continuing to set high expectation of writing on the line, using finger spaces alongside of capital letters and full stops. We are now increasing the use of adjectives to allow the reader to create a more detailed picture in their mind.

Mrs Kaufman

Y2 Roseberry

This half term our topic has been 'Marvellous Materials'. We have explored the properties of everyday materials and we have investigated what happens to materials when we squash, stretch, bend and mould them. We had lots of fun selecting appropriate materials to design and make boats. In Literacy we have loved reading the novel 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We made our own magic medicines and then predicted what would happen if Grandma tasted our medicines. We wrote our own versions of the story which were so fabulously creative! In Maths we have continued our hard work with arithmetic. We've been practising adding and subtracting 2 two-digit numbers, multiplying and dividing amounts and finding fractions of amounts. We've also been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have been identifying vertices, faces, sides and edges. Well done Y2! What a fabulous bunch!

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Mrs Wimpory





Year 3 and 4

Year 3 have had a brilliant half term and have all been working very hard! In Maths, we have looked at fractions, money and measuring in mm, cm and m. In English, we have read two books, Louis Loudmouth and The Iron Man, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed! We have used these texts to write a diary entry, a wanted poster and a letter. We also spent a week writing our stories for World Book Day, where the children imagined they were on a broken ship and landed somewhere exciting! It was lovely to see all the children so enthusiastic about writing and produce such fantastic stories!

Miss Scholes

In Year 4 Maths, we have covered multiplication and division, fractions and decimals! We have read a range of texts, both fictions, non-fiction and poetry! The Boy Who Made the World Disappear has quickly become a class favourite, and the children wrote their own book based on this for World Book Day. We have also had a lot of fun reading and writing nonsense poetry, following rhyme patterns and creating our own nonsense language!

Miss Dalby

In Year 3 and 4, our topic this term has been Forces and Magnets. In this, we have completed lots of experiments to find out what is magnetic and what magnets were the strongest. In Art this term, we have looked at the work of Antony Gormley and the children have had a go at sketching some of his work, such as the Angel of The North and the Iron Man. We have also spent time in PSHE looking at how we can keep ourselves safe when playing online and outside and identifying potential risks.

Years 5 & Year 6 News

This term our topic has been 'Light'. We have explored the structure of the eye, and researched the functions of all the different parts. We then looked at how we see, by exploring the processes of reflection and refraction. In this, we have done some brilliant investigations: we loved spying on the other classes using our periscopes, and enjoyed making pictures disappear under a glass of water using the magic of refraction! We linked this to our work in art, by producing incredible detailed drawings of the eye.

Mrs Collier and Mrs Kirkman

Dates for your Diary

End of term	Friday 31/3/2023 school closes at 2.30pm
Staff Training Day	Monday 17th April (school closed)
School reopens	Tuesday 18th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday	Monday 8th May
Year 6 SATS week	Wk beg 8th May
Final Peat Rigg payment due	Monday 15th May
Peat Rigg yr 6 residential	Mon 22nd May—Wed 24th May
End of term	Friday 26th May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Within School				Guitar lessons	Keyboard lessons
		Dynamo Cricket Year 5 and 6 18 th April – 16 th May	Multi-Sports Year 1 and 2 19 th April – 17 th May	Mini tennis and Dynamo Cricket Year 3 and 4 20 th April – 18 th May	Athletics Club Year 3-6 21 st April – 26 th May
			YEAR 6 SATS CLUB 3.20 – 4.20		

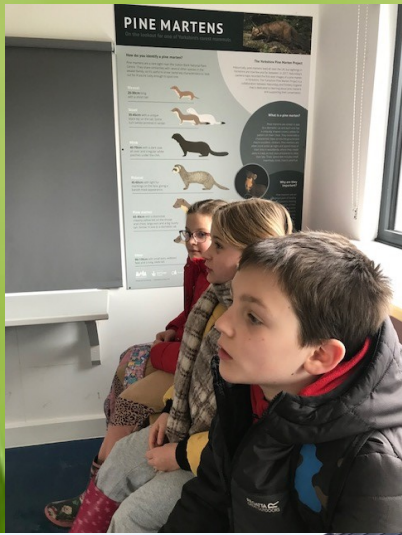
CHICK NEWS!!





**Geography Enrichment trip to Sutton Bank
for geocaching!**

Helvellyn, Scafell, Snowdon and Ben Nevis



The Hive, Sunshine Room , Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to Thorpe Perrow





**Geography Enrichment Trip to Thorpe Perrow,
The Hive, Sunshine Room , Sutton and Roseberry**



Roseberry and Sutton took a lovely walk around Thirsk exploring the wonderful town we live in. They also made some boats that they had fun sailing on Cod Beck.



This term we 'Dared to be different' for Comic Relief

We all wear our school uniform every day and look so very smart. Then, once in a while, along comes a day where we can Dare to be Different!

Take a look at some of the fabulous outfits that were on show!

We had crazy hair, odd socks, pyjamas and oodies, fancy dress, bright colours, a superhero, a dragon ,a dinosaur and even a unicorn!!!

It was fantastic to see the children express themselves with their outfits of choice whilst raising money for [#RedNoseDay2023](#)

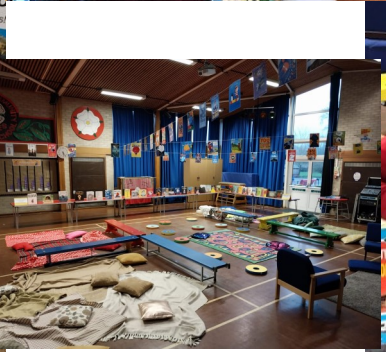
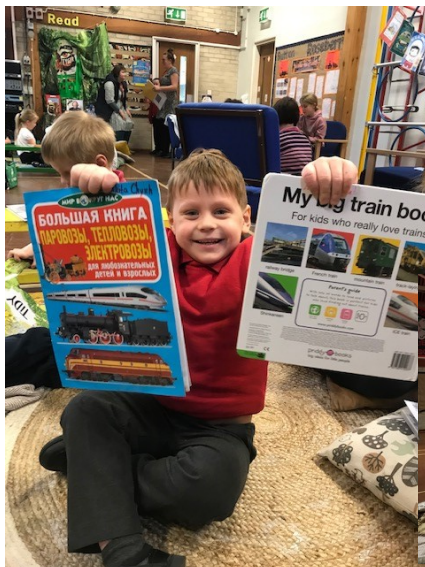
Thank you to everyone who took part and donated money we raised £105.50





WORLD BOOK DAY

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SPORTING SUPERSTARS



Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball



Year 1 & 2



Key Steps Gym Squad



Year 3



Year 5 and 6



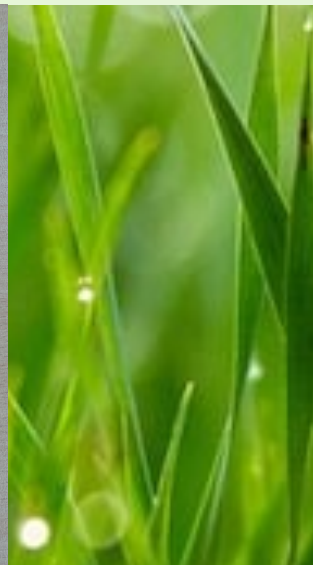
Year 4

And in other News.....

More tree Planting in our Jubilee Wood!



Wrap Around Care—Easter baking and creative art





THIRSK
Yarnbombers



Easter Quiz

Look at all of our display in Thirsk, can you count how many butterflies there are in total? Fill in your answer with your name on the entry sheet at your school. We will announce the correct number after the Easter Holidays, winners will receive a small chocolate egg.



Thank you for taking part.
Irene Marwood (Chair) 07516 708772.
Thirsk Yarnbombers

Events happening in our local community



YCFC Foundation Thirsk Falcons Wildcats

FOUNDATION
Thursday Evenings
(Term Time Only)

Thirsk Falcons Wildcats
Sessions ages 5 - 11
6:15 - 7.00pm At
Thirsk Sports Village
3G Pitch
YO7 1TS

To book visit officialsoccer schools.co.uk/Yorkcity or
Email: grassroots@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk









YCFC Foundation Fledglings Skills Centre

FOUNDATION
Thursday Evenings
(Term Time Only)

**Thirsk Falcons
Fledglings**
Sessions ages 4 - 7
5:30 - 6.15pm At
Thirsk Sports Village
3G Pitch
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Email: grassroots@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk






For all our latest offers & sessions follow us on our social media accounts.

CAMP QE PRESENTS...

DETECTIVE WEEK
MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH
FEBRUARY 2023

Easter Week
Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th
April 2023

**Games
Showdown**
TUESDAY 11th - FRIDAY 14th
APRIL 2023

Free course!

STARTER FOR TEN

Online five week course
Starting on Monday 5th June 1:00pm - 3:00pm or
Thursday 8th June, 9:30am - 11:30am or
Thursday 22nd June, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

By learning through play and fun games, your little one will work towards meeting ten key objectives, designed to ensure they're ready for starting school. These objectives centre around communication, making friends, understanding the words no and stop, recognising their name, toileting, dressing and more.

When you finish the course, you will receive a free puppet and certificate. To find out more and book your place, scan the QR code.





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- A packed lunch
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Along with Matty Brown, former North East Premier League batsmen and Level 1 coach, the kids will have a fun-packed day learning the fundamentals of cricket and athletics with Glen Hilton, athletics coach and former England international athlete.

For more details contact Glen Hilton:
hiltonglen444@gmail.com

Location address: Scruton Cricket Club, Station Rd, Scruton, Northallerton DL7 0QN

THIRSK COMMUNITY LIBRARY FREE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!

Saturday April 1st,
10:15-11:30am:
Make a Minion pencil holder!
Please book in advance



Tuesday April 4th:
Pebble Painting!
Drop in 1:30-3:30pm



Tuesday April 11th, 1:30-3pm:
Draw Weird & Wonderful characters!
Please book in advance



Thursday April 13th:
Lego and Construction Toys!
Drop in 10am-1pm



Saturday April 15th, 10:30am-12:
Star Wars Make a Model TIE Fighter!
Please book in advance



➤ All activities are FREE! These are workshops for children and their parents/carers to join in/help

➤ For bookings in advance, please call or email:
01609 534589 or library@thirskcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Come to the Easter Trail

Free Event organised by Churches Together in Thirsk and District

On Saturday 8th April 2023 10.00am to 12noon At the Holmes Park Thirsk.

For children up to 11 years of age.
(All children to be accompanied by an adult).

Discover the REAL story of Easter
and receive an Easter egg reward.

If the weather is bad we will be in St Mary's Church!







Nature Rangers Day

Wednesday, 5 April 2023
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Yorkshire Arboretum
Castle Howard
YO60 7BY

Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the creatures we share it with. There will be hands on activities, so bring a bag to take your creations home with you. We recommend bringing a packed lunch or money for lunch in the Arboretum Café.

Event Information

Our Nature Rangers Day is suitable for children aged five and over. It costs £15 to attend. Booking is essential. Children to be accompanied by an adult. Please bring outdoor clothes and footwear and a bag to take your creative crafts.



HOLIDAY clubs are taking place this Easter which will provide children with nutritious food and a chance to take part in exciting and engaging activities to improve health and wellbeing.

The FEAST programme is now in its third year and sees holiday activities including sports, outdoor activities and creative workshops taking place in each North Yorkshire district over the school Easter break.

Activities are open to all children and young people in North Yorkshire. Furthermore, children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals can attend for free and will also receive a hot meal or packed lunch each day. Eligible families will receive a letter with a code to claim their free place via their school.

The FEAST programme is run by North Yorkshire Together, a partnership between North Yorkshire Youth, North Yorkshire Sport and Rural Arts that supports residents to be happy and healthy.

North Yorkshire County Council received funding to coordinate healthy holiday activities for children from the Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food programme. The funding recognises that school holidays can put additional pressures on family finances due to increased food and childcare costs and aims to provide children with activities which help them stay healthy, active and socially connected and allow them to develop new skills.

Many of the activities are accessible for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND.)

One parent commented: "FEAST gives me additional support with the kids during holiday time giving them a programme they really enjoy and which benefits their overall behaviour and mental health

feast

Free activities

for children and young people this Easter holiday.



Discover the fantastic range of activities. Visit <https://bit.ly/NYCCEYT> or for more information email hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk



Alverton Primary School
Moorview Road, DL6 1RF
Tue 11th &
Wed 12th April

Sowerby Primary Academy
Topcliffe Road, YO7 1RX
Thu 13th &
Fri 14th April

8:30am - 4:30pm Ages 5-12 only 40 spaces

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- 2 Type the name of the school you want to win in the comments section, and tag in a minimum of 3 friends.
- 3 Share this competition page.

Why not get your local community involved: The more people you tag & nominations your school receives, the greater the chance.

FACEBOOK: [familyfirstuk](https://www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk)

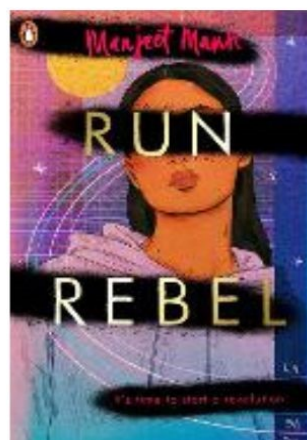
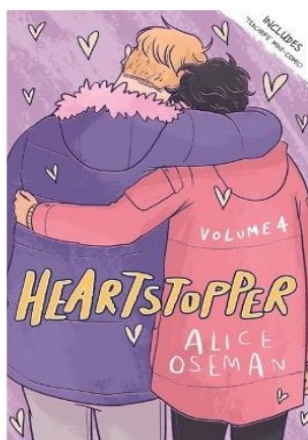
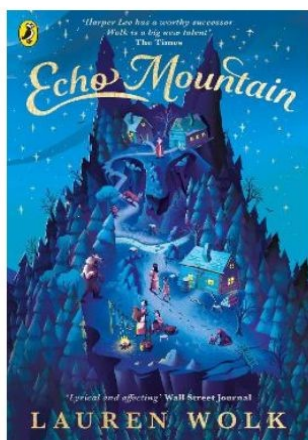
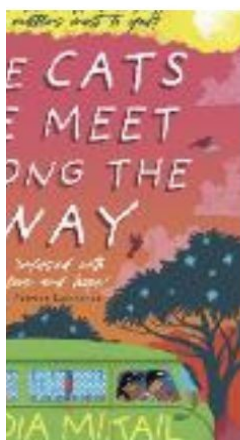
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Terms: The winner will be randomly selected on 25th April 2023.



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Summer Term 1 Menu

	WEEK 1 17th April/8th May	WEEK 2 24th April/15th May	WEEK 3 1st May / 22nd May
MONDAY	✓ Creamy cheese and to-mato pasta Add potato option Add veg Raspberry and apple doughnut muffin Fresh fruit or yogurt	✓ Nuggets (Quorn) with ketchup Add potato option Add veg Berry Sponge Fresh fruit or yogurt	✓ Pizza and chips Add veg Summer drizzle cake Fresh fruit or yogurt
Baked potato	Baked bean jacket	Tuna jacket	Baked bean jacket
Sandwich	Tuna sandwich	Ham sandwich	Tuna mayo sandwich
TUESDAY	Hot Dog with ketchup Add potato option Add veg Summer mousse and short-bread bite Fresh fruit or yogurt	BBQ chicken wrap with rainbow rice Add veg Crackers and cheese Fresh fruit or yogurt	Beef enchiladas with rice Add veg Cheese and biscuits Fresh fruit or yogurt
Baked potato	Cheese jacket	Baked bean jacket	Cheesy bean jacket
Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna sandwich	egg sandwich
WEDNESDAY	Cottage Pie Add veg Add bread Cheese and crackers Fresh fruit or yogurt	Roast gammon Add potato option Add veg Summer crumble & custard Fresh fruit or yogurt	Roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding Add potato option Add veg Waffle finger with ice cream Fresh fruit or yogurt
Baked potato	Baked bean jacket	Cheese jacket	Cheese
Sandwich	Chicken sandwich	Egg mayo Sandwich	Cheese sandwich
THURSDAY	Chicken Korma, rice & naan bread Add potato option Add veg Chocolate orange sponge and choc sauce Fresh fruit and yogurt	Spaghetti Bolognese & garlic bread Add potato option Add veg Chocolate and vanilla swirl muffin Fresh fruit or yogurt	Meatballs (pork) & pasta Add bread Add potato option Add veg Cornflake crispie Fresh fruit or yogurt
Baked potato	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Baked bean jacket
Sandwich	Egg mayo Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich	Han sandwich
FRIDAY	Fish fingers and chips Add veg Add bread Fruity flapjack Fresh fruit or yogurt	Crispy fish nuggets (salmon) & chips Add veg Add bread Jelly & Ice- cream Fresh fruit and yogurt	Battered Fish & wedges Add veg Add bread Custard cookie with apple Fresh fruit and fruit yogurt
Baked potato	Tuna jacket	Baked bean jacket	Tuna jacket
Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich