

# NEWSLETTER 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

“Rooted and grounded in love”  
Ephesians 3:17



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## Headteacher's Message

It has been another busy week in school with everyone getting back into the routine of the new term. Swimming for Year 3&4 started at Thirsk pool again and we have had our first school council meeting of the new year. Mr Sherwood from Sporting Influence is starting his Monday after school club next week with ball games for Year 5&6 for 5 weeks, quickly followed for 5 weeks for Year 3&4. Letters for Year 3&4 will go out nearer the time. Teachers are also running lunchtime clubs starting next week, which the children will be encouraged to sign up for in school.

Mrs Cawood	Drawing Club	Monday 12.25-12.50	YR 1 and 2
Mr Thomson	Table Top Games	Thursday 12.00- 12.25	Y3-6
Mr Duffy	School Newspaper Club	Wednesday 12-12.25	Y3-6
Mrs Chaplin	Archbishop of York Young Leaders	Friday 12-12.25	Y5-6

I hope that you have received the email regarding our Ofsted report. I would encourage you to read it. We are very pleased that it captured our school so well and recognised the “nurturing environment” and “family ethos” that we work so hard to achieve, as well as celebrating our wonderful pupils. The most significant comment of all was that “pupils’ best interests are at the heart of all the school does.” I am so proud to lead the team that puts this into action every day.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Early Years we have been learning all about hibernation. We have learned about animals that hibernate and why. In English we have read the book Each Peach Pear Plum and have drawn and labelled a character from the story and made a map. In PE we have started our dance topic, moving our body in different ways to a beat

### Class 1

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 1 have had a super tigery week! We have been improving our sentence writing skills by using words such as and, but, so and because, then to show off everything that we have learned we wrote all about tigers. In maths Year 2 have come to the end of their unit on money and will begin learning about times tables. Year 1 are loving learning about tens and ones and are now using their knowledge to find one more and one less than a number. In our geography lesson we learned about the capital cities of the 4 countries of the UK and learned about urban and rural areas.

### Class 2

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in class 2 we have moved onto a new topic in maths looking at length and perimeter. Year 4 have been converting lengths while year 3 have been measuring. In computing we learned how to play and record "Happy Birthday" on the piano using the Garage Band app. In Science with Mrs McKelvey we investigated the different aspects of the water cycle. In PE we have really enjoyed our gymnastics session, this week we looked at different styles of jumps, like pike and tuck.

### Class 3

[Link to website class page](#)

Class three have planned our DT project on gears and pulleys - designing a fairground ride - and are looking forward to building their designs next week. Year 6 have continued to learn about ratio and scale, while year 5 have solidified their multiplication knowledge.

#### Can you help?

Class 3 are building fairground rides next Friday. Do you have any spare cardboard, string, wheel, dowels or safety pins at home? If so, Class 3 would love to make use of them. Please bring to Mr Thomson or the school office. Thank you.

Please follow this link to our website to find out about our curriculum [Website Curriculum Page](#)



## Stars of the Week

# Celebrating our Success

## The Values Award



<b>EYFS</b>	This week our star is Margot. Margot has returned to school with such a mature attitude to learning. She has come on in leaps and bounds with her reading. She is always kind to others and is a lovely friend
<b>Class 1</b>	The super star for class 1 this week is Levison. He has been wow-ing us with his times tables knowledge and his speed when adding and subtracting. He has also written a fantastic report all about tigers. You are amazing Levison!
<b>Class 2</b>	This week the star in Class 2 goes to Matthew Darnborough. Matthew has had an excellent week in school this week. He has worked ever so hard and really contributed well in class. His maths is really coming on nicely and his presentation has really improved. Well done Matthew.
<b>Class 3</b>	This week's star is Ellie. She has worked so hard this week and is always ready. She is a great role model for the rest of the class. Well done Ellie!

This week Lara has nominated Charlotte for respect. She says that in Maths Charlotte is always wanting to help out if you're stuck. Thank you Charlotte!

## Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
91.98%	94.31%	91.92%	95.88%



This term we are having a focus on reducing the number of children that are late. **The gates close at 8.50. Please make sure that your child is in school before this.** This means that we can get the registers done promptly and start learning at 9.00. Thank you.

## Safeguarding

Attached this week is a National College 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide on Top Tips for Using and Reviewing Parental Controls.

Have you returned your voting envelopes for the Parent Governor election?

**The deadline is 3.30 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.**

Please make sure that you follow the instructions carefully to be sure that your vote can be counted.



## Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

17 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS and Class 2
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 and Class 3
31 <sup>st</sup> January	EYFS and Class 2
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and Class 3
14 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS and Class 2

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall.

**We look forward to welcoming you.**