

# NEWSLETTER 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

“Rooted and grounded in love”

Ephesians 3:17



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## Headteacher's Message

Headteacher: Mrs K Lacey

We've had a super week in school this week with children starting to settle into their new routines and get stuck into learning their new topics. Year 5 and 6 went to a football festival in Knaresborough on Tuesday, run by Sporting Influence and Mrs Tennant and Mrs Burgess were very proud of some the excellent sportsmanship and behaviour that they saw from our children. On Thursday we had a Safeguarding Monitoring visit by our school advisor and a group of children went to discuss their learning and views of the school with her. We were very impressed with their manners and how willing they were to share their views. I am very much looking forward to hearing more from the children next week when we hold our first School Council and Eco-Council Meetings.

We are starting to show new families around school for reception places in September 2026. If you know a family with a child due to start to school next year, or looking for a nursery place during this school year, then please encourage them to get in touch, we would love to show them around and give them the chance to get to know us.

You may have noticed that the fencing and railings leading up to the EYFS classroom have had a very smart coat of paint this week. We have Mrs Burgess (our wonderful Class 3 teaching assistant) and her husband to thank for this brilliant transformation. They gave up a lot of their own time last weekend and also an evening this week to get the job finished, as well as donating a huge amount of paint, and it has made such a positive difference. I can't thank them enough.

And lastly... a huge congratulations to Maria, our lovely cook who achieved a well-deserved 5 star food hygiene rating for our school kitchen recently. A brilliant achievement, well done!

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

[Link to website class page](#) – Now updated for Sept '25

This week in Early Years we have enjoyed Going on a Bear Hunt. We have made binocular to try and spot the bear, and have retold the story in the small world area and acted out the story outside. In maths we have been comparing sizes in reception and finding groups that match in nursery. We have named the different parts of our face in science and have discussed why we have noses and mouths.

### Class 1

[Link to website class page](#) – Now updated for Sept '25

We've had another busy week in Class 1 with lots of great learning in the provision. The year 2 children have been showing fantastic skills and have been great role models for the new year 1 children. Everyone has enjoyed our writing week, where we have written about the book The Squash and the Squeeze. In our RE lesson we enjoyed learning about Mezuzahs and worked hard to make our own.

### Class 2

[Link to website class page](#) – Now updated for Sept '25

This week in Geography we enjoyed learning about the 3 sections of rivers and the different characteristics of each course. In Science we wrote our conclusions and evaluations of our coin cleaning experiment and in French we learnt how to ask how old someone is and respond with our ages. In English we have been continuing our learning on sentence structures and moving onto tense. In Maths year 3 have completed their place value learning and are looking now at addition and subtraction while year 4 concentrate on rounding.

### Class 3

[Link to website class page](#) – Now updated for Sept '25

Class 3 have been busy designing and creating their food packaging in art. In English, they have been writing persuasive letters to the council which are fantastic! We have also represented school in the football competition this week for Sporting Influence and the children showed great determination!

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



## Celebrating our Success

### Stars of the Week

<b>EYFS</b>	This week the star is Eddie. Eddie is always ready to learn. He is trying very hard with all our learning and is always a kind and helpful member of the class.
<b>Class 1</b>	The Star for class 1 this week goes to Aiden for amazing observational skills in our art lesson. Aiden added lots of amazing detail into his drawings and really had a great time during the lesson. Well done Aiden.
<b>Class 2</b>	The star of the week in Class 2 is Connie. Connie has had a great week this week, she has worked hard on all of her learning and is always a great help to the adults in the classroom. Well done Connie.
<b>Class 3</b>	Star of the week this week is Mia for her wonderful attitude to learning. She always strives to complete work to the highest standard and complete challenges in class!

### The Values Award



This week Lara nominated Polly for respect because she is aushc a good friend. She never gives up and is always there to support her when things are tough. Well done Polly.

### Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98.57%	98.62%	98.03%	91.6%



### Safeguarding

Please find attached a 'Wake up Wednesday' guide to what Parents need to know about Virtual Reality

## AUTUMN ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

**Holiday Session - £55.00 (7-16 years old)**

**Ilkley Cow & Calf: Monday-Wednesday, 10:00-16:00**  
**Brimham Rocks: Thursday-Friday, 10:00-16:00**

Childcare Vouchers accepted



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### Key Dates for this half term

### Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

**Parents Evenings –**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
& Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

**Individual and family photographs –**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Harvest Assembly –**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
2pm at the village hall (doors will open at 1.50pm).

3<sup>rd</sup> October EYFS and Class 2

10<sup>th</sup> October Class 1 and Class 3

17<sup>th</sup> October EYFS and Class 2

24<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Assembly

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40.  
We look forward to welcoming you.