

NEWSLETTER 17th April 2026

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the Summer term! We've had a super week setting back into school after the Easter break. The banks, pots at the front of school and carpark beds are busting with the last of the Spring bulbs and are a real credit to the teams that planted them. As gardening season is upon us now we start to think about our raised beds at the back of the EYFS classroom that are allocated one to each class. If you have any spare plants, seedlings, compost or seeds then we would as always, be very glad of any donations. Thirsk Rotary Club are coming back to school this term to help our Eco Council further develop our school, so watch this space for further opportunities to volunteer and get involved.

I wanted to say a big thank you to the parents and grandparents that have already volunteered to become Reading Buddies on a Friday morning, supporting some of our children with additional reading practice. If you are interested then please just let us now – the more the merrier! Mrs Chaplin is holding a meeting first thing next Friday morning (24th) for our volunteers. I will send out further details of this by email next week. Lastly, please see the links below for our new term class newsletters.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning in the Summer term

This week in EYFS we have all enjoyed being back at school and seeing our friends. We have enjoyed hearing about the exciting things the children have been doing over the Easter holidays. The children are excited about our new topic based around plants. This week we have been looking at different seeds (thank you to all the parents who have kindly sent in seed packets and other resources). The children have talked about how to plant a seed and have written simple instructions for this activity.

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning in the Summer term

Class 1 have had a great start to the new term and have been enjoying learning about the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and Grace Darling. They have been history detectives, finding out what Grace Darling did and when, and they have really enjoyed learning what happened to the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch! In our Science lesson we had a great time making our favourite habitats, labelling the different plants and animals that live there.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning in the Summer term

Although this week has been slightly shorter than usual because of the training day, we have been very busy indeed. In Maths the Year 3s have continued to learn how to read scales, whilst the Year 4s have begun their learning about fractions as tenths, leading onto decimals. In English we have read the first 5 chapters of our new book - The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson. In Computing we started to plan an online survey, whilst in Art we are looked at the significance of birds in paintings and other artwork. We have just started our new Science topic, the focus of which is Plants and have planned an investigation to see how different factors effect the way in which a plant grows.

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning in the Summer term

This week class 3 have had a wonderful start back after the Easter break! The children have begun their new history unit based on Ancient Greece. We have also had a lovely PE session beginning our topic on rounders. The children focussed on batting, bowling and catching. In computing, the children have been learning about how AI works and how it is programmed to find information, using decision trees.

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



Celebrating our Success

Stars of the Week

EYFS	This week our EYFS star is Ozzie. Ozzie always comes into school ready to learn and play. He is such a good friend to others and always tries his best. Well done Ozzie.
Class 1	The Star for Class 1 this week is Wilfrid for his AMAZING writing. He made some fabulous vocabulary choices and has really shown great enthusiasm throughout all of the English lessons this week. Great work Wilfrid.
Class 2	Tomas is the star of the week. He has had a fantastic week this week. He has worked really hard in all areas and has shown real perseverance tackling challenges. Well done Tomas.
Class 3	Josephine is star of the week for being such a kind and caring member of our classroom. She always works hard and puts 100% into everything she does.

The Values Award



This week Amelia and Xander nominated Oliver R for perseverance in football at lunchtimes because even though he sometimes doubts his own abilities he always keeps on trying and playing his best. Well done Oliver!

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
95.24%	94.76%	96.49%	94.67%



Safeguarding

This week Knowsley Learning Centre who provide our Online Safety newsletters have produced a very short (2 minute) video for parents to keep children safe on line when gaming. Here is the link

knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4

SATURDAY 30TH MAY
Dishforth Playing Fields
1 pm-11 pm

Prosecco & Pimms bar

Street food stalls

DISHFEST 26

Cask ale & Draught lager

Live music & DJ

Buy tickets online by scanning the code.
 Or search the link below.

OR buy in person from the Black Swan Pub

www.tinyurl.com/dishfest2026

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 24 th April	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 1 st May	Class 1 & Class 3
Friday 8 th May	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 15 th May	Class 1 & Class 3
Friday 22 nd May	EYFS & Class 2

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40.

We look forward to welcoming you.



NYC SEND Hubs ~ Speech & Language Advice for Parents/Carers

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ~ PLEASE BOOK

An opportunity for parents/carers to come along with their child & speak to our Speech & Language Therapist & Speech & Language Therapy Assistant about their child's speech, language & communication

Where: North Yorkshire Council, 80 High Street, Starbeck, HG2 7LW

When: Monday 27th April 2026 or Wednesday 8th July 2026

15 minute private appointments are available between 10am – 11.30am

If you would like to attend, please email: Catherine Baranyai (SLTA~ HKRC SEND Hub)

catherine.baranyai@northyorks.gov.uk Thank you 😊

OFFICIAL



STAY & PLAY GROUP

Come & join us for a relaxed play session for 0 - 5 year olds run by NY SEND Hub Speech & Language Therapy Assistants

A relaxed chance to chat with the SLTAs & get informal signposting to helpful information about children's speech, language & communication

DATES:

Wednesday 22nd April
9:30 am - 10:30 am

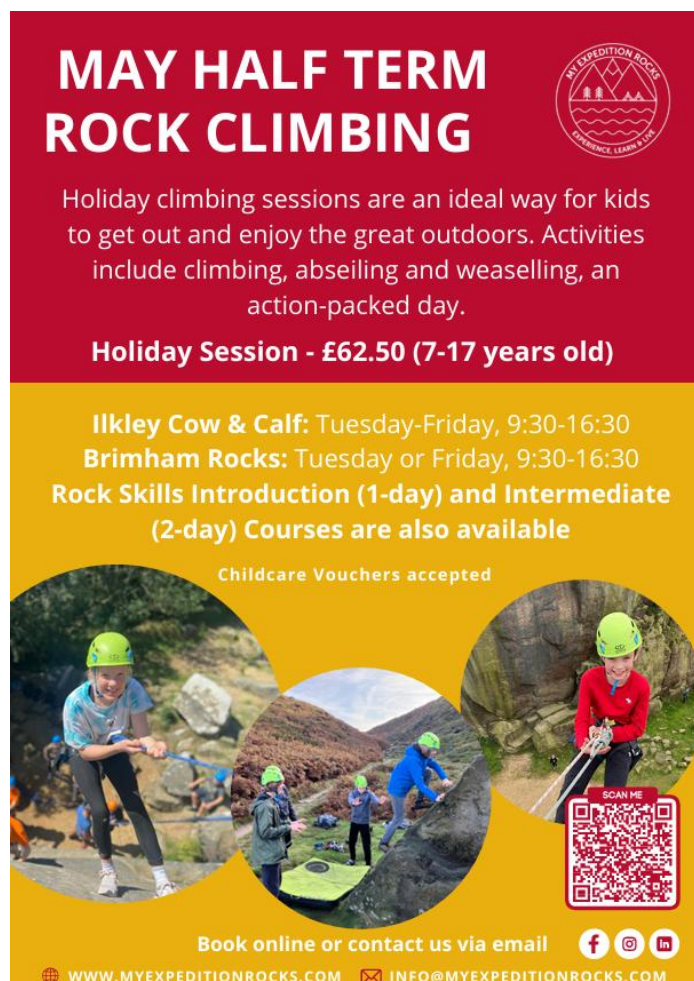
Thursday 25th June
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

There is no charge for this group
Plenty of parking
Siblings welcome
Hot drinks & biscuits for the adults
Snacks for the children

Location: Stockwell Community Wellbeing Hub
Stockwell Avenue, Knaresborough, HG5 0LG.

Please let us know you're coming by contacting Carol & Catherine

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**MAY HALF TERM
ROCK CLIMBING**

Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling, an action-packed day.

Holiday Session - £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-16:30
Brimham Rocks: Tuesday or Friday, 9:30-16:30
Rock Skills Introduction (1-day) and Intermediate (2-day) Courses are also available

Childcare Vouchers accepted

Book online or contact us via email

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