

# NEWSLETTER 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

“Rooted and grounded in love”  
Ephesians 3:17



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## Headteacher's Message

What a super week in school, everyone has been working hard and producing some excellent work. Anyone who was in celebration assembly this afternoon will have seen the excellent writing and work on display. We have some really talented artists and writers in our classes!

Tiddlers, our Tuesday afternoon group has restarted. If you know any families with babies, toddler or pre school children then please invite them along to school. Tiddlers is every Tuesday afternoon 2-3pm in the school hall with Mrs Hainsworth, our EYFS teaching assistant. We'd love to see them!

This week we have had a local authority monitoring meeting about our school's attendance. It was very positive and we are proud that our whole school attendance for last term is above the National and North Yorkshire % and higher when compared with similar schools. Well done everyone - attendance matters!

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

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

This week in Early Years we have been learning about the seasonal changes we have recently observed. We really enjoyed listening to the story “Snow” by Sam Usher. The children have enjoyed talking about their experiences of snow – making snow men, snow bunnies and snow ducks, as well as sledging and making snow balls. We have learned about the clothes we need to wear in the winter. We have practised our fine motor skills making snow flakes out of pipe cleaners. In maths we have been covering 1 more and 1 less.

### Class 1

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

We've had a fantastic week in Class 1 with lots of letter writing. Everyone has written a letter to the Little Pigs from the Wolf saying how sorry they are for blowing the houses down and we are all excited to write another letter next week. Year 2s are smashing their maths work, really understanding adding coins and Year 1 are enjoying the challenge of making numbers with tens and ones. We all had a super time on Wednesday painting with the primary colours and experimenting with different painting tools.

### Class 2

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

We have had a brilliant week in Class 2 this week. We have particularly enjoyed our science learning this week, where we investigated how friction affects the speed that objects move. In PE we began our Gymnastics sessions by looking at different ways of moving across a mat. In English we have been looking at how writers convey the emotions of their characters through 'Show not tell' and in Maths we have all been working on long multiplication.

### Class 3

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

This week in Class 3 Year 6 have been learning about ratio and scale, Year 5 have been learning how to multiply and divide four-digit numbers by 1 digit. We have continued to read the class book, Darwin's Dragons, and in English we have been learning how to write a recount from Syms Covington's point of view. We have enjoyed drawing self-portraits in art, using our sketching and shading skills.

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 Leo! Leo has had a super week, trying very hard in his phonics and maths work and being a super friend to others. Well done
<b>Class 1</b>	The star for class 1 this week is Rafi because he has such a fantastic work ethic. He always works hard to complete his work and is fantastic in lessons, answering questions and giving ideas.
<b>Class 2</b>	The star in Class 2 this week is Thomas Harris. Thomas always offers fantastic answers in whole class discussions and always listens well to new learning.
<b>Class 3</b>	Our Star of the Week is Jack Mason for his great attitude towards his work. Great work Jack!

### The Values Award



Tobias in reception has nominated Will in Year 6 for friendship because he is such a kind and caring friend to him.  
Well done Will!

### Attendance this week

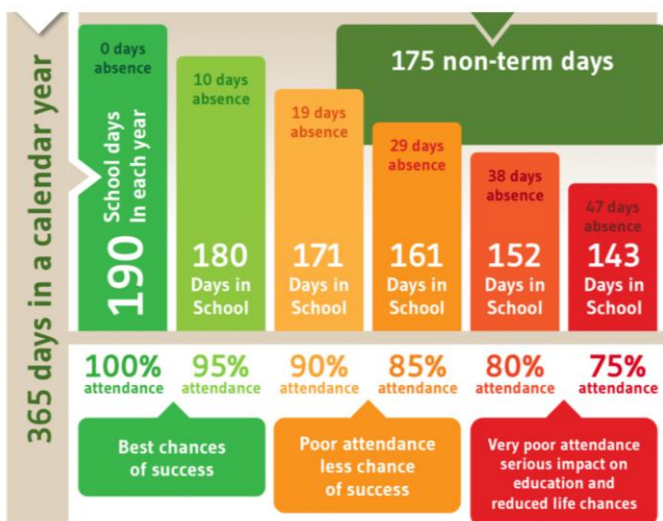
EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
95.09%	96.67%	99.42%	99.56%



### Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week is a Wake Up Wednesday guide to the Metaverse.

### Attendance – Did you know?



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

### Key Dates for this half term

**Class 3 trip to Boroughbridge High School –**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

**Christingle Service Church Baldersby St James -** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

More details of both trips will be shared nearer the time.

### Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	EYFS and Class 2
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	No sharing due to Christingle
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and Class 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS and Class 2

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

We look forward to welcoming you.



# Family February Fun



**Join us for FREE family fun throughout the school holidays. Discover creative ways to support your child's learning both at home and in school through a variety of exciting craft activities.**

All places must be booked and enrolled online - please feel free to contact our office if you are unable to do this, as enrolment is essential to access the sessions for free. Without prior enrolment, charges may apply.

Course	Date	Day	Time	Location
Family February Fun Whitby	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Whitby Library, Whitby
Family February Fun Ripon	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Ripon Library, Ripon
Family February Fun Catterick	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Catterick Library, Catterick
Family February Fun Scarborough	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Scarborough Library and Information Centre
Family Fun with Pancakes - Richmond	17/02/2026	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Scout Hut, Richmond
Family February Fun Stokesley	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Stokesley Library, Stokesley
Family February Fun Norton	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Norton Hive Library, Norton
Family February Fun Knaresborough	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00	Knaresborough Library, Knaresborough
Family February Fun Skipton	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:30	Skipton Library, Skipton
Family February Fun Selby	19/02/2026	Thursday	09:30 - 11:30	Selby Classroom, Selby
Family February Fun Harrogate	19/02/2026	Thursday	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate Library, Harrogate
Family February Fun Filey	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Filey Library, Filey
Family February Fun Thirsk	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Thirsk Learning Resource Centre, Thirsk
Family February Fun Pickering	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Pickering Library, Pickering
Family February Fun Malton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Malton Library, Malton
Family February Fun Northallerton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:30 - 12:30	Northallerton Library, Northallerton

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