

# NEWSLETTER 9th January 2026

"Rooted and grounded in love"  
Ephesians 3:17



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## Headteacher's Message

Headteacher: Mrs K Lacey

Happy New Year! We have had a super new start to the term with everyone enjoying catching up with their friends after the Christmas break and getting nicely settled into their classroom routines. We have had a bit of a change to lunchtime provision, opening up the 'Goldfish Bowl', our spare classroom, at lunchtime for some children to use for quieter calmer activities such as building and drawing and on the playground we are only having equipment for one sport each day and using more of the upper playground areas. This has been received extremely positively by the children, who are enjoying new and different opportunities to play together. Also this week our Year 3 and 3 children have started their National Curriculum swimming lessons at Thirsk pool. They had a super time and I can't wait to see their skills improve over the coming weeks. This term we are delighted to welcome a trainee teacher from York St John University into school. Miss Sherry starts with us on Monday and will be with us for the term working in Class 1. I know that you will join with me in making her feel welcome over the coming weeks. As we start our new term, as usual, the teachers have produced class curriculum newsletters to let you know what the children will be learning. They can be found on the class pages of the school website. To access them please follow the links under the title of each class below.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

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

It has been lovely to see all the children back in EYFS this week, and to welcome our new nursery starters. This week we have been thinking about how kind words and actions fill our invisible buckets. We have painted our own buckets to fill. In maths we have continued our work on numbers to 5.

### Class 1

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

We've had a lovely time starting all of our new topics. Everyone was very excited to locate and learn about the United Kingdom in our geography lesson and our first art lesson learning about how artists paint was a great success. We learned about two artists, one who uses different tools to paint and another who uses lots of different shades and tones of colours.

### Class 2

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

Welcome back to Class 2! We have had a very busy week getting settled back into school and beginning our new learning for this term. In Science we have begun our learning all about Forces and Magnets. In RE we have begun looking at what prayer is and how different religions pray in different ways. In English we have begun our whole class text, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, we have been writing in the first person this week. Year 3 really enjoyed going swimming to Thirsk pool on Thursday while Year 4 worked with Mrs Chester.

### Class 3

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

This week class 3 have settled in wonderfully after the Christmas break. Their effort in class has been incredible! We have begun our history topic about Mayans, where the children have been comparing them to their knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians. We have also begun our music unit based on the Prince of Bel Air, apologies in advance if they are asking you to do the rap at home. The children have started their new book based on Charles Darwin's voyage to the Galapagos Islands.



## Stars of the Week

# Celebrating our Success

EYFS	The star of the week is Millie! Millie has had a super week. She has worked so hard in her phonics and maths sessions and in the provision areas.
Class 1	The star this week for class 1 is Isla. She has settled so well into Dishforth school and has shown that she really enjoys school and learning new things. She has made new friends and enjoys working and playing with them in class.
Class 2	The Star in Class 2 this week goes to Levison. Levison has come back to school and worked very hard after Christmas. We were particularly impressed with his work in Science and his understanding of forces.
Class 3	The star of the week is Holly this week for her excellent practise of her timetables! She has put so much effort into her maths this week!

## Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97.69%	99.52%	100%	97.69%



## Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week is an information sheet about the dangers of walking and playing frozen water.



Key Dates for this half term	Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates	
Class 3 trip to Boroughbridge High School – Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 and Class 3
Christingle Service Church Baldersby St James - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	EYFS and Class 2
More details of both trips will be shared nearer the time.	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.	

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about the  
cost of  
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