

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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## Acting Headteacher's Message

Hello

The children have done themselves proud again this term with their engagement in lessons, doing their best and displaying positive attitudes towards a variety of learning activities. They have enjoyed working with inspiring visitors and some year groups have enjoyed visits out of school. As the term draws to a close, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to parents/ carers for your continued support and to the staff for their unwavering dedication to the children of this school.

In the summer term, several year groups are required to participate in statutory tests. These are:

- **Year 6** Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Maths tests: May 12<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Year 4** Multiplication Tables Check between June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Year 1** Phonics Screening Test across the week June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup>

If you have any queries about any of these, please don't hesitate to have a chat with your child's class teacher.

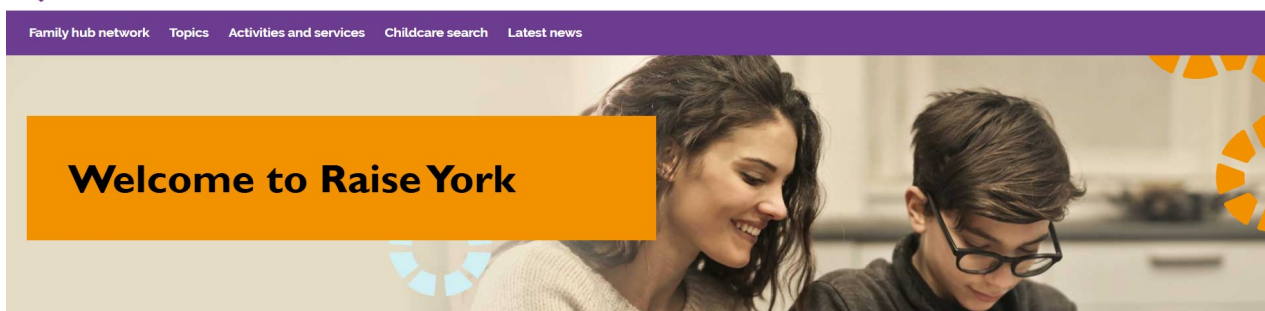
Additional dates to remember next term:

- Reception to Year 5 face to face parents/carers' meetings April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>
- School is closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May for the usual May bank holiday
- Reception to Year 5 online parents/carers' meetings May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>

I previously mentioned in a March newsletter that the author, Tony Bower, worked with children in Year 5/6. We have been advised that some of the children's work will be on display in St Mary's church, The Village, Haxby from Tuesday. They will try to display as many as possible. The church is open Tuesday and Friday from 10am – 3.30pm.

On behalf of all of the staff, I wish everyone a wonderful Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**.

*Helen Stephenson*



The Raise York website is designed to support parents, carers, children, young people and anyone who works with children, young people and families.

If you're not sure where to find information or answers to your questions contact [YorK Family Information Service](mailto:YorK Family Information Service) on telephone: 01904 554444; text telephone: 07786202241 or email: [fis@york.gov.uk](mailto:fis@york.gov.uk) and an Information Officer will try and help you.

Find out more about the [Raise York website](http://www.raiseyork.org.uk).

**More information attached to this newsletter,  
including FREE courses and avenues of support.**



## The Month of the Military Child

Each April, we get to recognise the important role that military children play in the Armed Forces family and remind people of the positive impact they make in our schools and communities.

### What is the Month of the Military Child?

The Month of the Military Child is an annual event held in April, which gives us an opportunity to celebrate Service children and the vital part they play within the Armed Forces community.

**'Purple Up' day** is officially on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025. As a school, if you wish to join us in celebrating and supporting our Service children, children may come in to school wearing something purple to represent the colour of the **#MotMC**.

We would also like to host a **'person in uniform day'**. If any of our serving parent/carers would like to come to the school, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, to read to children, or talk about their role/experiences in the services, please contact Mrs Stephenson, via the school office.



## Lost Property

### • Break the Rules Day – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May!



Get the nail polish out, hair chalks prepped and orange squash ready....50p donation in exchange for any rule broken.  
Letter with further details to follow.



### • Parvin Quiz Night - Monday 2nd June!

Curry & Quiz at The Parvin, York Road. **TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE** (£25 per ticket). Letter with further details to follow but please do email the PTA to reserve yours - email [ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com)

- **HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL BUSINESSES AND PARENTS WHO DONATED TO THE EASTER RAFFLE AND ALL THOSE WHO BOUGHT TICKETS** – We made a **MASSIVE £950** for School!
- We are also pleased to tell you that we made a **HUGE £800** for School from the **Mothers Day Secret Room!** The most we have ever made on a secret room. We hope that your all loved your gifts all carefully chosen by the children!



## Nerf Competition

Thank you to the year 3 / 4 children that attended the NERF competition with Mr Keaney after school on Thursday, last week. Mr Keaney said that the children were really enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Thank you to parents for providing transport and supporting the school, and to Mr Keaney for volunteering his time.



**Mrs Jennie Atkinson - PE Leader**



## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



This week, has been 'Spring', 'Eid' and 'Easter' week.

During this half – term, the children have enjoyed learning about a range of special times for different religious communities. This has included exploring the Hindu festival of Holi and learning about the Muslim time of Ramadan. This week, we learnt about the celebration of Eid ul Fitr. This is when Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan. The children liked finding out how this special time is celebrated.



An age appropriate Easter story was shared and the children enjoyed watching a sand art retelling of the Easter story. The children have listened to this brilliantly and they had some very thoughtful questions. Throughout the week, the children had an opportunity to create spring and Easter themed crafts.

The children also enjoyed creating Easter gardens using loose parts (a range of natural objects) and using story stones/sticks puppets to retell the Easter story. The knowledge they shared at this time was fantastic and showed a great understanding of the events which Christians believe occurred at Easter time.



In literacy, the children continued to practise and showcase their brilliant writing skills while writing a spring poem. We are very impressed with the development of the children's writing ability and their letter formation.



In maths this week, the children have explored subtraction. They have learnt how to read subtraction number sentences, using key vocabulary: subtract, minus and take away. They have also practised subtraction by using practical equipment, by crossing out from a set and on interactive computer activities.

As a little teaser, next half-term the children's learning will be called 'In the garden'. We are looking forward to many different activities, linked to what we find in our gardens.



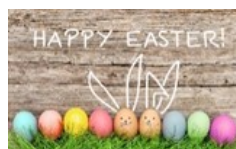
During the first week back (week beginning 21st April), we will be exploring vegetables. If you are able to provide us with a vegetable to look at, name or draw, please send these into school on Tuesday 22nd April. Thank you for your support.

### Reminder

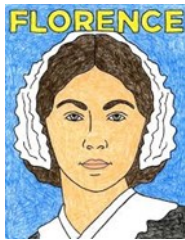
During the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> April, **Class 2** will be visiting Haxby library to change their books. Please remember to put the books and the library card in your child's book bag. Thank you.

*Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoy a restful and fun holiday.*

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team**



## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



It has been a wonderful end to our spring term, with lots of sunshine and even more amazing learning happening in Key Stage 1. We kicked our final week off in style with a special history day, all to do with Florence Nightingale. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the famous nurse herself! She spoke to us about her life and experiences and showed us a range of artefacts from the time, which we had the chance to handle and explore. She also gave us the opportunity to write on a slate and we even had a go at writing with ink and dip pens, just like she would have used at the time. We found meeting her was so interesting.

After meeting her, we had a portrait-painting lesson with Miss Griffiths. We learned about how to draw a realistically-proportioned face and to observe carefully as we sketch. We then painted our portraits with water colours. The results were stunning! We also made medals with Mrs Atkinson. The real Florence Nightingale received two medals from Queen Victoria in recognition of her service: The Order of Merit and The Royal Red Cross. We used card shapes and collage techniques to make replicas of these medals for ourselves.



At the end of the day, it was wonderful to see so many of our family members come into school to see what we had been doing. It was a lovely chance to showcase, not just the work we had done on Monday and throughout our entire topic, but also for our family members to meet Florence herself. Thank you to everyone for coming and helping to make the day so special.

After having such a wonderful experience on Monday, we spent our English lessons writing recounts. We described all the things we had done and how much we enjoyed them, using time connectives and conjunctions to add fact in an interesting way. From the care and detail that the children put in, it was clear that they had had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Well done Key Stage 1, not only for this week but for the consistent hard work and great attitude you have displayed all term. Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back for our Summer Term!

**Mrs Atkinson, Miss Tattersley, Miss Griffiths & Mr Merrall**



**Together we  
can make our streets safer**

Crossing patrol vacancies are at an all time high. Are you free for an hour a day? If so, you can support road safety in your community, with starting pay of £12.80 per hour up to 8 hours per week.

Visit the council's website to find out how you can play a part in your community.  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolCrossingPatrols](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolCrossingPatrols)  
Or, for a chat about the role, call: 01904 555579

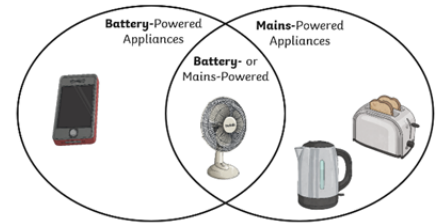
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## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

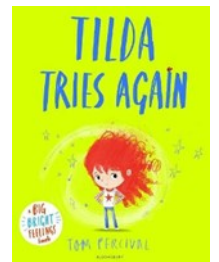
The year 3 and 4 children have had a brilliant final week of the term!

In science this week, the children identified different types of appliances and what they are used for. To begin with, there was a lot of debate around whether or not the appliances actually used electricity. For example, a thermometer or a toothbrush could be a non-electrical item or battery powered. Afterwards, the children looked at ways of categorising the appliances and sorted them into a Venn diagram.



During this half term in RE, the children have learnt about religious celebrations. Previously, they have considered 'Why do Christians celebrate Easter?' and 'Why do Jewish people celebrate Pesach every year?'. To end their topic, the children have recalled and remembered all they have learnt over the last few weeks about these religious celebrations and completed a comparison alley to identify similarities and differences between the two celebrations.

In our last PSHE lesson, the children reflected on what they believe their strengths are, both in and out of school, and how these strengths help them to achieve. This week, we have delved into the book Tilda Tries Again by Tom Percival. The children learnt about Tilda who started to feel she wasn't as good at things as other people which impacted on how she felt about herself. When discussing how Tilda felt, the children thought about how Tilda could improve how she was feeling by talking to friends and family and by not giving up on the activities she enjoyed and always having a go.



The children have used TT Rockstars regularly in school during this half term and have been working incredibly hard to learn and quicken their recall of multiplication facts. They have thoroughly enjoyed the individual challenges and loved earning their certificates. Keep up the super work!

We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you after the Easter holidays.

Mr Daniel, Miss Clapham and Mr Povey

## Healthy Snacks

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits and ensuring the safety of all children, we kindly ask that you send only a healthy, nut-free snack with your child for their break time. This helps support their well-being and avoids any potential allergy risks for other children. Where appropriate, please keep this snack separate from your child's packed lunch. We appreciate your cooperation in helping create a safe and nutritious environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

In English this week, we began to write our letter of complaint to a local restaurant of our choice. We learnt to articulate our concerns in a firm and formal tone, making it clear to the recipient that we were beyond disappointed and deserved recompense! Much like last week, we had to include features in our writing such as subjunctive mood and passive voice. Due to the formality of the letter, we had to consider carefully which grammatical features to include, such as semi-colons and colons, whilst avoiding less formal punctuation, such as dashes and contractions. After the Easter holiday, we will have the opportunity to write our own letters, independently.



As part of our learning in RE, we investigated Muslim charities and considered the work that they undertake around the world. We took some time exploring various charity websites and realised that the amount of aid and support they provide is quite outstanding. As a class, we then designed posters to advertise the work that they undertake.

The children in Year 5 and 6 have worked incredibly hard this term showing effort and dedication to their learning.

A quick reminder to all Year 6 parents/carers, that the Year 6 Easter packs (to provide support for your child with the upcoming assessments) were sent home on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.



As always, if you have any news to share, or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

**Mr Bennett, Mr Carpenter, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Tod**



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# NEWS LETTER

**Attached to this Newsletter**



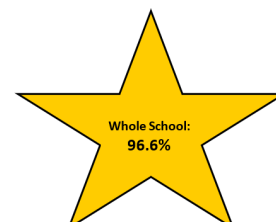
[Connect@pcforyork.co.uk](mailto:Connect@pcforyork.co.uk)

Going to school **every day** can help your child experience new things.

For more information on school absence in York visit:  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)



This Week's Attendance



Whole School:  
96.6%

Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.





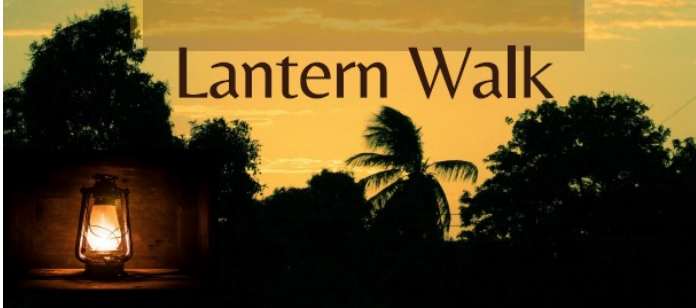
Bring a torch or lantern and we'll walk to the Community Garden. Everyone welcome for this gentle spirituality.

**Thursday 17th April 6pm**

starting at Haxby & Wigginton Methodist Church



## Easter Garden Lantern Walk



## Creative Literacies Hub

The Hub for Parents, Carers and Children

More information  
attached to this  
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# INFLATABLE RUN



## CHARITY CHALLENGE FOR OSCAR'S PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

Inflatable 5k  
Harewood House  
nr. Leeds



### TAKE ON BRAIN TUMOURS TOGETHER

Get family, friends and colleagues together for the Inflatable 5k and raise money for OSCAR's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity. We hope you can raise £125 each to help such an important area

**SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025**

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For more info contact [phil@oscarspbtc.org](mailto:phil@oscarspbtc.org) or scan the QR code

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[OSCARSPBTC.ORG/EVENTS/INFLATABLE-RUN-2025](https://oscarspbtc.org/events/inflatable-run-2025)



Haxby Memorial Hall  
Children's Activity days



Thursday  
10TH  
APRIL

9.30am  
to  
1.30pm



## FILM SHOW



Bring a picnic blanket, favourite soft toy and have a picnic with us watching a film.

Snacks, drinks and Picnic food available along with colouring, puzzles & games.



9.30am  
to  
1.30pm

Wednesday  
16th  
APRIL



craft  
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competition



To book a place please email:  
[enquiries@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk)

or text 07989193758 (between 9am and 5pm)

Please note parents/carers must be present during the session.

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