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Acting Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year!

End of Year Reflections and Fond Farewells

As we reach the end of another school year, it is always a time for reflection, celebration, and, inevitably, some fond farewells. The final weeks of the summer term are filled with excitement and anticipation, but also a touch of sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to members of our school community who are moving on to new adventures.

For our Year 6 children, the next big step in their journey is, of course, secondary school. This is a significant milestone, and one that each of them has worked incredibly hard to reach. Over the years, we have seen them grow into kind, confident, and resilient young people. Their journey through primary school has shown their strength and determination. We are so proud of every single one of them and know they will carry with them all they have learned here as they begin this exciting new chapter. We wish them the very best for Year 7 and beyond.

This term also marks the departure of several valued members of staff.

Mrs Yvonne Newsome, who is retiring after 5 years of dedicated service to this school, is looking forward to spending more time with her family and in her garden. We are incredibly grateful for all that Yvonne has done, not least in raising ambitions for crafts and introducing the children to her beautiful singing. This will be her legacy that we will continue with.

Mrs Alison Fitzpatrick and family have made the decision to return to New Zealand. Alison has made a significant contribution to our school, particularly in teaching our Year 5 and Year 6 children. Alison's enthusiasm, warmth, and musical talents will be greatly missed, and we wish the family every success in their exciting next chapter.

We also say goodbye to Mr Simon Walton and Mr Paul Stephenson, who have taught PE and worked with children across all year groups during their many years with us. Their commitment, kindness, and positive energy have made a lasting impact, and they leave with our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes for the future.

To Yvonne, Alison, Simon, and Paul—thank you for everything you have given to our school. Your contributions have made a difference, and you leave with our deepest gratitude and best wishes.

Transition Photo Stories

Our phase teams for the next academic year Reception; Key Stage One: Y1/2; Lower Key Stage Two: Y3/4 and Upper Key Stage Two: Y5/6 have worked hard to create useful photo stories. Please share these with your child/ren over the summer break to support them with transition and returning to school in September. These can be found on our school website class pages and can be accessed directly through the links below:

[Reception Photo Story](#) [Year 1 and 2 Photo Story](#) [Year 3 and 4 Photo Story](#) [Year 5 and 6 Photo Story](#)

Thank you

I would like to say a special thank you to the amazing members of our PTA, and all who help them. The PTA are incredibly welcoming; if you would like to get more involved, please do get in touch with them.

Across this year, we have welcomed into school a number of fantastic volunteers. I would like to say a big thank you to these volunteers, who are so supportive of our school and so kind and generous in the time they give to support the children with such as reading. If you are interested in being a volunteer in our school, please contact Mrs Robinson in the autumn term.

I am very grateful for the support of our whole school community: parents/carers, teachers, support staff, leaders, governors and members of the wider locality who all work together to make our school the fantastic place that it is. Thank you. As a school, we are looking forward to continuing to 'Release the Magic' for all in September.

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Summer Break Contact

Please be aware that over the summer break, emails will not be seen and phone calls will not be taken from 4:30pm today (Tuesday 22nd July) until 9:00am on Monday 1st September. The school email address will be checked from Monday 1st September; if there is any information you wish to pass on before your child(ren) returns to school, please do so. The school email address is RalphButterfield.School@york.gov.uk.

We look forward to welcoming the children into school on the first day of the new term, **Wednesday 3rd September**.

As we look ahead to the summer holidays, we send our thanks to all our families for your continued support. We hope everyone has a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Have a wonderful summer!
Best wishes

Helen Stephenson



A Message from Mrs Clark

Thank you everyone, for a really warm and supportive reception on my return back to school. It is a joy to be here, having missed this community very much during my absence.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a really big thank you to the Ralph Butterfield staff team for working so hard and taking on additional responsibilities and even role changes, at very short notice, from summer 2024. I won't stop shouting that what we have here is very special and not found everywhere, because I know that to be true.

In September, I will be reverting back to my maiden name and using the title Miss Banbury. I appreciate name changes can take time to embed, so please don't worry if at any time you forget!

I hope you are able to enjoy some fun family time over the next few weeks and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes
Lizzie Banbury



PTA NEWS

THANK YOU!!! – WOW its been a great fundraising year with an expected total raised of approx. £10,700!!!

Our Summer Fair was a resounding success, DESPITE the threatened wet and windy weather, raising an EPIC expected amount of £3,650 which is nearly as much as last year's record amount. Considering the last minute swap out of the outdoor inflatables fewer numbers, this is a fantastic figure raised for the school. A HUGE thank you to all those on the PTA, teachers, pupils and friends of the school who gave time to organise, set up and man stalls. We literally could not have done it without your help.

Special thank you to Jessica Taylor, Year 5, who as part of her badge work for Guides, was challenged to raise money for charity, part of which she sold beautiful homemade cards and origami flowers at the fair, with some proceeds being donated to school. A BIG thank you to everyone who bought flowers and supported Jessica.

MASSIVE thanks to Joanne Barrow who has been a PTA member for 9 years, being the PTA Chair for the majority of that time, who leaves this school year.

We are always looking for PTA volunteers. If you would like to join in September or are just interested in a bit more info please email us at: ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com

Please note: Following on from the letter sent earlier this term, Dolce have further reviewed their costings. Dolce have confirmed that the new price for those school meals requiring payment, from September 2025, will be **£2.90** (originally due to be £2.97).

Please ensure that all school dinners are [booked and paid for](#) (if applicable), before 8:55am each morning. This avoids your child having any issues with receiving a meal. Thank you.

A yellow poster with a green and red background at the top showing silhouettes of a child and an adult walking. The text on the poster is as follows:

**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
Or, for a chat about the role, call: 01904 555579

A QR code with the text 'SCAN ME' below it.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Reception classes

This week, we reflect on a fantastic year with Class 1 and Class 2. As we write this newsletter piece, we have many different emotions swirling around. We are extremely proud of the progress which every child has made. We feel happy and grateful that both classes have settled so quickly into life at school and embraced the opportunities which have been offered. As a team, we are confident that the children are ready to take their next step on their learning journey into Year 1. However, we are also sad to see the children leave Reception as they have been a joy to teach and work with. Thank you also for your support during the year.

Your child's Tapestry learning journals have now been converted into PDF files ready to be downloaded. These will be a fantastic keepsake of your child's first year in school. In the last week, you should have received a link from Tapestry to download this document. Please download this document, if possible, by the end of August.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their library visits and we hope you enjoyed reading the books chosen. If you have any outstanding books, please return these to Haxby Explore library during the holidays.

We wish you a great holiday and look forward to seeing you all (as Year 1s) in September.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



We have finally arrived at the end of this year's learning journey and what a ride it has been! From September last year, the children have, without fail, impressed us week on week, always striving and achieving with determination and courage in everything they have done. What a spectacular year they have had and what a fabulous attitude they have displayed! This week, we have enjoyed finishing off our DT models of the play equipment, playing games in PE and making bouncy frog models in English. But mostly, we are all looking forward to having a well-deserved rest over summer, ready to return fresh and raring to go for the next school year.



We have loved working with all the children in Key Stage 1 and would like to thank them, not only for all the hard work but all the smiles and kindness that have made this year so lovely. We understand that this time of year is one of great change and would like to reassure everyone that we will always make time to chat and listen, even if a child is in Key Stage 2 from September. Also, we would encourage you to take a look at the transition photo stories, downloadable from the school website, that give you and your child more information and help them to prepare for the new start in September.

Once again, a huge well done from all the staff in Key Stage 1. Congratulations on achieving so much this year and we look forward to seeing you all again after the summer holidays. Enjoy and have fun in all that you do over the coming weeks! Well done.

Mrs Atkinson, Miss Tattersley, Miss Griffiths & Mr Merrall



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been a brilliant, fun-filled final few days of the school year in Lower Juniors. The children have thoroughly enjoyed all the end of year activities and spending time with their friends before the summer break.



The children's creativity shone through whilst creating their yearly overview. After recalling all of the exciting things that they have taken part in and achieved this year, they created their own A3 artistic spread of their favourite bits of the year. It was brilliant to see full pages of drawings showing all the things they have loved doing.



On behalf of the entire Lower Junior team, we would like to thank all the children for the positivity, determination, and enthusiasm they have displayed towards their learning this year - they have been a pleasure to teach! We wish our Year 4 children well as they transition into Upper Juniors and look forward to continuing our journey with the Year 3 (soon to be Year 4) children. WELL DONE Year 3 and 4!

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to you, parents and carers, for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a real team effort!

It only leaves us to wish you a wonderful, fun-filled and relaxing summer holiday with your children and we look forward to see them refreshed and raring to go on Wednesday September 3rd.

Happy holidays,
Mr Daniel, Miss Clapham and Mr Povey

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Stephenson and Mr Walton for their work with all three classes this year. You have provided us with a wide range of exciting activities which we have thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 5

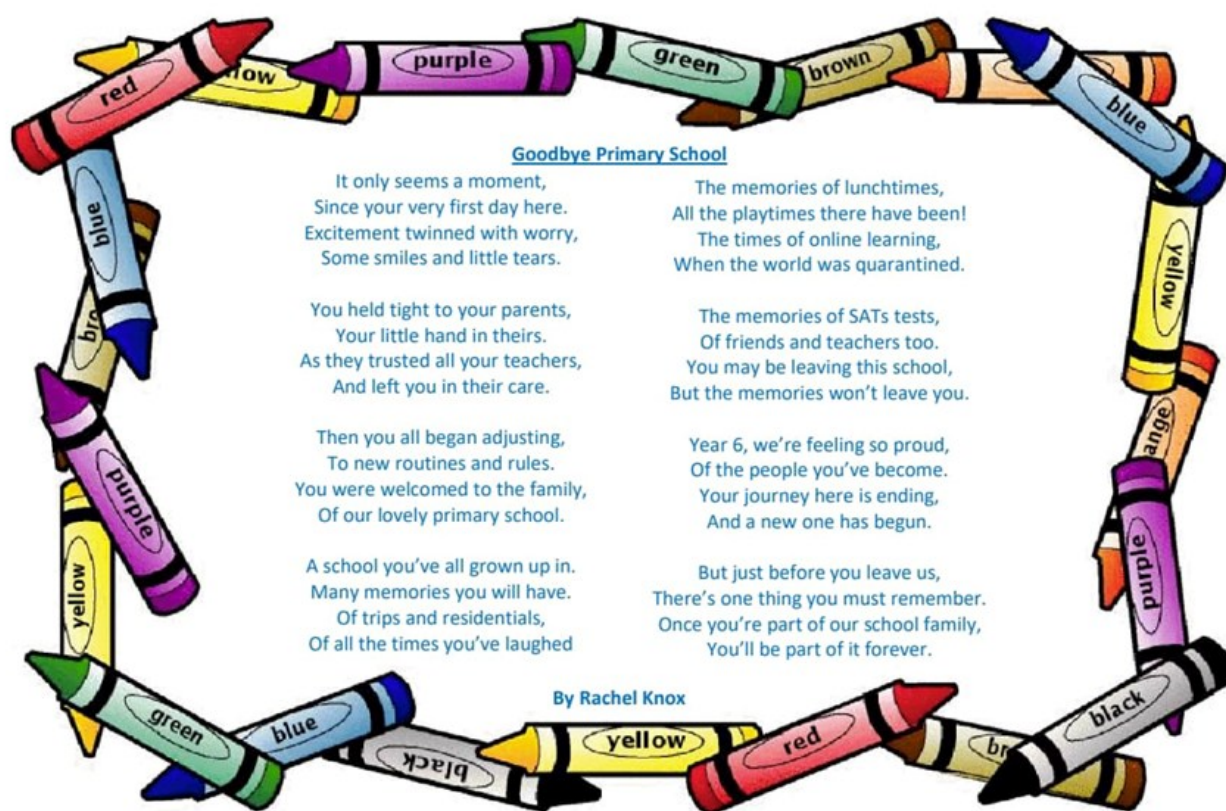
Our Year 5 children have had a great week and had a lot of laughs and fun too. It has been lovely to see how they have matured this year. We are looking forward to them being excellent role models for our younger children next term and taking on the extra responsibilities that come with being a Year 6. We look forward to seeing them all back with us in September.

Year 6

It is time, once again, to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. And, once again, we are really sad to be doing so. This year's leavers have worked incredibly hard with self-motivation, determination and a high level of resilience.

We have enjoyed our transition work with the help of Matt Messias and our visits to our secondary schools. The children have also had a lovely time walking down memory reflecting upon their time at Ralph Butterfield School before writing about their funniest, scariest, happiest, proudest etc.... memories.

It has been our pleasure to work with these Year 6 children and individually, every one of them has so many achievements to feel proud of. Of course we will miss them, but it is also with joy that we can say they are ready to go and succeed at secondary school. We wish them all well and hopefully we will continue to hear how they are getting on in the future.



To all parents and carers, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all your support and positivity throughout the year for us all.

We all wish you a happy and restful summer.

Mr Bennett, Mr Carpenter, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mr Keaney, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Newsome and Mr Tod




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10AM - 2PM
AUGUST
7TH, 8TH, 12TH - 15TH
19TH - 22ND, 26TH - 29TH

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THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge



Summer Reading Challenge launches 12 July!

Over the summer children are encouraged to read/share six books of their choice. There are stickers to keep them motivated, and fun activity sheets and character hunts in libraries to complete, and a medal and certificate for all who finish by Saturday 13 September.

All participants will be entered into our weekly summer prize draws and we have some fantastic family tickets up for grabs – including tickets to York Maze, Cinderella at The Grand Opera House, Aqua Splash, Roller Skating, Clip 'n' Climb, and Wonderlab!

Children who are read to or read regularly are more likely to thrive and not just academically. They gain better emotional wellbeing, increased confidence, reduced stress, and a greater imagination! And it's not just the children who benefit – curling up with a good book gives adults chance to slow down, relax, and take a break from the world.



To sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge or to join your library just pop into your nearest branch – it's free, simple, and everyone is welcome.



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