



Acting Headteacher's Message

Purple Up Day

It was lovely to see so many children and staff wearing something purple in school today as we celebrated 'Purple Up' day. The wearing of something purple represents every branch of the military and to show unity between all.

I would like to thank Mr Fisher so much for taking the time to come into school and speak to the children during our whole school assembly this morning, before spending time in his children's classes. Mr Fisher explained why he chose a career in the army and the sense of purpose that comes with serving in the military before answering the children's many questions.

Book Look

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many parents and carers in school for the 'Book Look' event yesterday. It was evident that the children were so pleased to have the chance to share everything they have learned and showcase the incredible work they have produced. It was such a special moment for them to feel proud of their achievements and to celebrate their progress. Thank you to everyone who attended. If you were unable to attend on this occasion, we would like to reassure you that you are more than welcome to approach your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative day.

Face to Face Parent/s Evening Meetings w/c Monday 28th April

Reception to Year 5 face to face meetings will take place in the school hall. Please enter and leave the school via the main entrance. It is important that you can have uninterrupted time to talk to the teacher; we would therefore politely request that if your child(ren) need to come with you to school, they wait in the waiting area whilst you are speaking with the class teacher. You will appreciate that with 30 children or more in most classes, it is important that staff keep to time so they can see every child's parents/carers. Please could we respectfully ask that every parent/carer respects the 10 minute appointment length? If you and the class teacher find that more time is needed, a further appointment can be arranged

I have been advised that some of the Year 5/6 children's work, who worked with author Tony Bower before the Easter break, is still on display in St Mary's church, Haxby. The work can be seen during services on Sunday and Wednesday mornings and on Tuesdays and Fridays when the church is open from 10am - 3.30pm.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Helen Stephenson



A Message from Mrs Clark



I wondered how I would start this and I'm going to go with – **hello!** I hope everyone has had a positive week and enjoyed the pockets of sunshine. It has been gorgeous to return to the school building this week and see the children. A highlight was reading a story to Class 1 although I'd forgotten how scary the giant is in Jack and the Beanstalk – the reception children are much braver than me! I'm looking forward to building up my time in school and catching up with you all over time. Have a lovely weekend.

Lizzie Clark



Thank you, Hooks Removals!

We've got something exciting to share – our school has received a piano, generously donated by the lovely team at **Hooks Removals!**

We're so grateful they thought of us. This piano is going to bring so much joy to our pupils, whether it's being played in music lessons, school events, or just for fun during the day.

A big thank you to Hooks Removals for their kindness and support. If you ever need help with moving, deliveries, or storage, definitely check them out – they've been fantastic.

Thanks again, Hooks Removals.

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This Week's Attendance



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

Going to school **every day** makes it easier for your child to keep up in lessons.

For more information on school absence in York visit: www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



A colorful poster for a drawing competition. At the top left is a circular crest with a crown and a grid pattern. A large Union Jack ribbon flows across the middle. The main title 'DRAWING COMPETITION TO COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY on 8th May 2025' is in large, bold, maroon letters. A green speech bubble contains a quote: 'I'd love to see your drawings of a York street party celebrating the spirit of Victory in Europe Day'. A maroon prize card with two stars says 'PRIZE 1st PLACE Commemorative tree to be planted at your school + more...'. A green rules card lists: 'COMPETITION RULES: Open to all Primary School pupils in York Outer; Drawings must not be larger than A4; Take inspiration from street parties in York celebrating VE day; Have fun and be creative!'. Below the rules is the text 'How to Take part?' and 'Hand your drawing with your name on it, to your school office by Tuesday 6th May'. At the bottom left is the 'Luke Charters MP' logo, and at the bottom right is 'Contact Information: For more information, contact the Office of Luke Charters MP 01904 463 444 // luke.charters.mp@parliament.uk'.

DRAWING COMPETITION

TO COMMEMORATE THE

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF

VE DAY

on 8th May 2025

"I'd love to see your drawings of a York street party celebrating the spirit of Victory in Europe Day"

★ PRIZE ★
1st PLACE
Commemorative tree to be planted at your school + more...

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Supporting neurodivergent children who play games online

Guidance for parents and carers

Explore a range of resources for both parents and neurodivergent young people to help them build safe and healthy habits in online games.



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PTA

• Break the Rules Day - Friday 2nd May



Get the nail polish out, hair chinks 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

Job Vacancy

We are really keen to appoint further Midday Supervisory Assistants (MSAs) to support the children to enjoy a positive lunchtime experience. It can be difficult to recruit to this role, we think due to the hours of work being in the middle of the day. However, it is such a rewarding and enjoyable role, engaging with and supporting the children. Our current team of MSAs/TAs would be very supportive towards any new MSAs and training would also be provided. Whilst we would love to find new MSAs who can fulfil the role 5 days each week, we are also very open to whatever working pattern would work for the right candidates. Please can I ask you to consider who you may be able to spread the word to. Thank you. [Click here for more info](#)

Parking

Please park safely, respectfully and legally near our school.

Parking services, a department within City of York Council, enforce parking restrictions in the York area and take action against people who park illegally.

Vehicles are parked illegally if they are 'in or adjacent to' a number of things, to include:

- Yellow lines (waiting restrictions)
- Disabled bays
- Bus stops
- Dropped kerbs
- Zigzag lines outside of schools

Parking services can issue a parking ticket (penalty charge notice, or PCN) - a parking fine - for each of these offences.

Parking Hotline

To report a vehicle which is parked illegally call the **Parking Hotline** on telephone: 0800 1381119

Please [click here](#) to view additional information



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

We have been delighted to hear about all the wonderful activities which you did during the Easter holidays. Thank you also for uploading some of these to Tapestry so we can see and comment on these. Please feel free to continue to add posts about your child's activities outside of school.



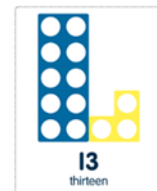
This week, we have started a new topic 'In the Garden'. The children will be exploring how plants grow, learning about animal life cycles and finding out who lives in the garden. We look forward to sharing our learning with you, throughout this topic.

Our new topic began this week by learning about the life cycle of a bean. The children enjoyed reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Then they planted their own bean. We hope they grow!

In **literacy**, the children have been very keen to practise their writing in our phonics and handwriting sessions, this week. In every phonics session, we practise writing words which either use the same phonemes learnt or the same phonic spelling patterns. For example, this week, we have begun learning how to blend adjacent consonants together and writing words with these, including **best, lift** and **jump**.



In **maths** this week, we have begun to understand numbers beyond 10. The children have started to create numbers using the Numicon pieces that represent each number. To make 12, they learnt to use a 10 and a 2 etc. We are also beginning to count larger numbers from 10, for example, starting at 10 and moving up in 1s. We shall also continue to revisit number bonds to 10 at the start of each maths lesson.



We are very proud of Class 2 this week. Their class assembly was brilliant and we're sure that (if you were able to come) you enjoyed it too! The children worked very hard and really loved presenting their assembly to you.

PE Days

This half term, children will need their PE kits on a **Thursday**. As the weather begins to get warmer, we may go outside for PE lessons. Therefore, children may wish to wear trainers and have a jumper in case they feel cold. Thank you.

Reminder

Next week, **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.

Please don't hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns with us.
Mrs Robinson, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team





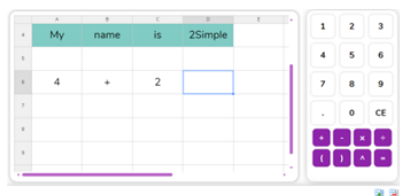
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Welcome back to school everyone! It has been so lovely to see all the children back. We have made a great start to the new term with lots of exciting learning. We have enjoyed hearing about all of the wonderful things that the children got up to in the Easter break and we spent the week writing recounts about it. After learning about the features (including past tense verbs and first



person perspective), we planned our writing by thinking in detail about what we had enjoyed doing. We then wrote at length about all the wonderful things that we had been doing, using the features we had discussed. It was wonderful to read about the amazing time the children had had. Their enthusiasm shone through!

With the changing seasons, we have been learning about plants. We were fascinated to learn about how different plants grow and bloom at different times of the year, depending on its variety and needs. We learned about how plants can either grow from seeds or bulbs but that they all need the same things to survive: nutrients, water and sunlight. After looking at some common examples of garden plants and wild plants, we went on a plant hunt around the school grounds. Using a classification sheet, we identified the name of the plants we saw and classified them as either being garden plants or wild plants. We loved going out to see science in nature.



In computing, we started learning about spreadsheets. We learned what spreadsheets are and that they can be used to organise and store information. We investigated the features, learning about how the information is stored in cells, which are then organised into rows and columns. We entered simple information into a spreadsheet, such as numbers and text, saved our work and then entered

mathematical operations to make a calculator, using simple formulae. It was fascinating to see that, by changing the numbers in a cell, the computer would automatically update the answers of the calculations.

Well done everyone! It was lovely to see you all back and we are proud of the great start you made to the summer term.

Mrs Atkinson, Miss Tattersley, Miss Griffiths & Mr Merrall





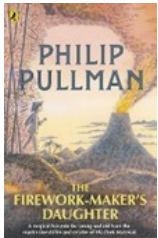
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It was lovely to welcome all the children back into school after the Easter break. They have settled into the routines again quickly and are looking forward to learning lots of new and exciting things this term.

During our history lesson this week, the children looked at the Roman army and uncovered why they were so successful in battle. They discovered lots of interesting facts about how the army developed over time and that as they began to fight further away from home, it became a full time job for the soldiers. The children then looked at the different equipment soldiers used and how they dressed for battle, along with the different activities they did during their training. To consolidate their learning, in the playground, all the children then all had a go at the different formations the Romans used during battle. These included the turtle, the wedge, the repel cavalry and the orb which were all ways of attacking and defending themselves against their enemies.



In P.E. this half-term, all three lower junior classes are fortunate enough to have one of our P.E. specialists, Mr Walton, teaching us tennis skills. This week, the focus was on racket skills. Firstly, they practised moving around with a tennis ball balanced on the racket strings and then they had to move around bouncing the tennis ball in the centre of the racket, keeping it under control at all times. Finally, in pairs, the children practised hitting the ball to each other without it bouncing. They carefully counted how many shots they managed within their rally before the ball hit the ground. There were some impressive scores!



All three class have started their new class novel this week, 'The Firework-Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman. The children were immediately hooked with the story about the firework-maker Lalchand and his daughter Lila who doesn't just want to be a firework-maker's daughter but a skilled firework maker herself. To do so though, Lila still needs to learn a lot and face massive challenges to get through her apprenticeship. The children can't wait to continue reading and see where Lila takes us on her adventure to become a skilled firework maker.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday (30th April) the children are out all day on an educational visit to Hovingham Estate. Please refer back to previous emails for all the relevant information regarding this visit and what your children will require on the day.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many of you attending the 'Look at Books' event and the Lower Junior team are really looking forward to seeing you all either face to face in school, or online in appointments over the next two weeks.

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, queries or would like to share any news with us.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend
Mr Daniel, Miss Clapham and Mr Povey



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

We have welcomed back all our children and hope that you all had a lovely Easter.



This week, the Year 5s started our history unit on the Mayans. We learnt that Mayans once live in Mesoamerica, an area that is made up of Mexico and part of central America. In addition to locating where in the world they lived, we also discovered what was special about the ancient Mayan civilization. We were taught that they created their own alphabet, established a complex political system and built impressive temples, palaces and monuments.

This week, the second half of the Year 5s had their Bikeability sessions. We were taught how to make sure our bikes were road worthy and check our helmets to make sure they were free from cracks. In the morning, we spent time practising riding our bikes on the playground. It was important that we were confident stopping, maneuvering around obstacles and avoiding colliding into one another. In the afternoon and on Friday, we rode our bikes around the local area. We were taught how to navigate the roads safely and to take into consideration other traffic and pedestrians.



In maths this week, the children in Mr Tod and Mr Bennett's maths groups learnt about ratio and proportion. We began by discussing ratios, making links to fractions, multiplication and division. Once confident, we worked through a variety of ratio and proportion problems which were set in real-life contexts. In Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Carpenter's group, we have been rounding decimals to two decimal places and have started to solve problems that involve adding and subtracting decimals.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any news, questions or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mr Carpenter, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mr Tod

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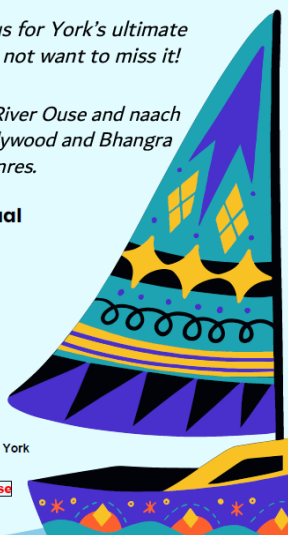
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SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

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Headlands & Ralph Butterfield Preschools

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Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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- ✓ Open 9 until 3 term time only



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Haxby Food Share Project

This amazing project will help many individuals and families across our region

Venue ~ Haxby Memorial Hall
Wednesdays Times ~ 11am to 1.30pm
Or
Fridays 12.noon— 2pm

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Food is gifted by the community, local shops, businesses and other food collection services to support those in need.

How can you help?

If you would like to help you can donate none perishable food, cleaning materials, dog food etc. or any excess from your allotments or garden
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