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Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year!

Fond Farewells

The end of a school year always includes some fond farewells, as people move on to pastures new. Of course, this always comes with a mixture of sadness as they leave us, but happiness for them as they pursue new opportunities.

For our Year 6 children, that new opportunity is, of course, secondary school. Many years have gone into preparing them for each new step in their education and this is one of the biggest milestones. We will miss them, but our work here is done and we are so proud of how they have come through the pandemic and worked hard to ensure they are ready for Year 7. We wish each one of them the very best and every happiness as they move on.

We also say farewell to Mr Jacob Gallagher, who is taking a new step in his career at university, training to be a secondary school music teacher. Jacob has been invaluable in supporting our Year 6 children and we wish him lots of luck in his new career.

Mrs Katie Barker, who has also worked in the school for many years, is also leaving us too. Katie has worked with children across all year groups and will be missed.

It is farewell also to Mrs Vicky Murray, who has worked at our school as our senior midday supervisory assistant. Vicky has been a highly caring and considerate team member and alongside Jacob and Katie, will be much missed.



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. We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Joanna Barrow, our chair of PTA, who will be stepping aside in September, and Ms Lyndsey Houston, our vice - chair who has been a great support to Joanne and the school. Both have been in their roles for the last 6 years and have played an instrumental role in leading the community to raise a significant amount of funds for our school. 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. I am looking forward to continuing to 'Release the Magic' for all in September.

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 (19th July) until 9:00am on Monday 2nd September. The school email address will be checked from Monday 2nd 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 4th September**.

I do hope that everyone can enjoy some family time together at some point over the next few weeks.

Best wishes

Helen Stephenson



School Dinners

Please ensure that any **ParentPay** accounts are brought up to date

From September, all school dinners are to please be booked via SchoolGrid ([click here](#)). You should have received an activation email this week, please set up your account as soon as possible. Thank you.

- Menu is viewable within your SchoolGrid account and also attached to this newsletter
- Please ensure that you update your child's allergen
- Meals are to please be booked by 9:00am each morning
- Please see the attached parent/carer guide for more information



We are really looking forward to sampling the new menu and working with Dolce.



This Week's Attendance



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

Going to school **every day** is a great way for your child to make friends.

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





Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

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.



We have all thoroughly enjoyed our first year of phonics and early reading. Following the Little Wandle scheme has enabled our Reception children to firmly embed phonics knowledge. We have been blown away by the children's progress in reading and writing this year.

This week, the children have explored the season of summer. We have learnt how (hopefully) it is warmer in the summer, the daylight hours are longer and there are many beautiful flowers in our gardens. We hope these facts are true during your summer holidays.



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 Library during the holidays.



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

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Well here we are at the end of this stage of our learning journey. It has been an incredible year of highs and even-highers and, in true Key Stage 1 fashion, we ensured that we finished the year on a strong note. We are all sorry that our time has drawn to a close this year but we are all looking forward to the challenges and excitement that next year will bring. We spent quite a long time reflecting and adapting to this change this week by completing some very special transition booklets. We drew and wrote about special memories and friendships from the year, reflected on the progress we had made and looked ahead to the upcoming year.



We have also been showcasing the sewing skills that we practised last week by making squishy rockets. We took the templates, that we decorated and cut last week, and used a running stitch to join both halves together. We stopped three quarters of the way round to stuff them with scrunched-up tissue paper. After that, we finished the seam to seal the rocket. Some of us had never even sewn a stitch before completing the practice seam last week, so to see the finished products and the confidence with which we had sewn them, was truly remarkable.



Many, many congratulations on a fantastic year, Key Stage 1; we simply could not be prouder of you. Have a wonderful and well-earned break and we look forward to seeing you back in September to continue your learning journeys!

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mr Merrall

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been a brilliant final week of the school year in Lower Key Stage 2. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the end of year activities and have been extremely active during PE sessions and super creative in the classroom.



We were delighted to be asked to participate in an art project for Haxby Town Council. The project entailed creating pictures to be included on a poster for an event run by Whole Life Community Garden to celebrate York Environmental Week at the end of September. The children looked closely at a variety of photographs that were taken of Haxby's wonderful green spaces and recreated these in A4 drawings. Pictures were recreated either using crayons, water colours or pastels. The children did an

amazing job and we can't wait to see if any of our artwork makes it into their design.

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



An absolutely fabulous year, WELL DONE Year 3 and 4!

We hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

This week, we have been painting our clay tiles. We spent some time examining existing Ancient Greek artwork and discussed the colours they had chosen. By mixing different paints, we were able to create more muted colours to give our tiles a more authentic appearance.



In computing, we have continued to work on our text adventure stories. By programming the software carefully, we were able to give the 'reader' choices. Dependent upon their choice, the story would change direction and sometimes, even the ending would change. This was complex to code and required different aspects of our program running different tasks. For example, we had a loop tab with a variable counter that enabled the player to 'move' from room to room.

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



Year 5

Once again, our Year 5 children have had a great week and had 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.

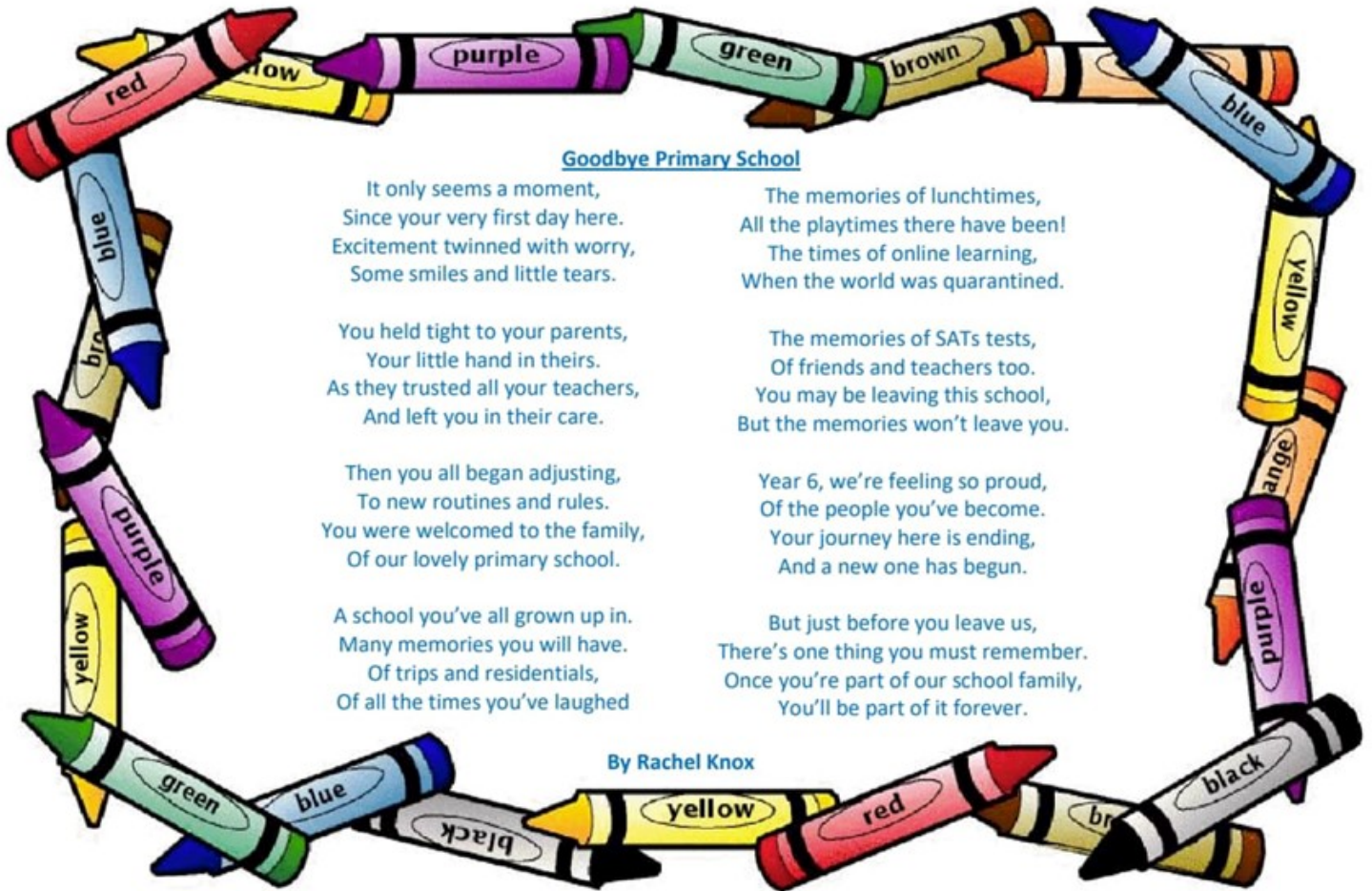
It has been our pleasure to work with these Year 6 children and individually, every one of them has so many achievements to feel proud of. Of course we will miss them, but it is also with joy that we can say they are ready to go and succeed at secondary school. We wish them all well and hopefully we 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, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod



Goodbye Primary School

It only seems a moment,
Since your very first day here.
Excitement twinned with worry,
Some smiles and little tears.

You held tight to your parents,
Your little hand in theirs.
As they trusted all your teachers,
And left you in their care.

Then you all began adjusting,
To new routines and rules.
You were welcomed to the family,
Of our lovely primary school.

A school you've all grown up in.
Many memories you will have.
Of trips and residentials,
Of all the times you've laughed

The memories of lunchtimes,
All the playtimes there have been!
The times of online learning,
When the world was quarantined.

The memories of SATs tests,
Of friends and teachers too.
You may be leaving this school,
But the memories won't leave you.

Year 6, we're feeling so proud,
Of the people you've become.
Your journey here is ending,
And a new one has begun.

But just before you leave us,
There's one thing you must remember.
Once you're part of our school family,
You'll be part of it forever.

By Rachel Knox



Top five tips to help with the move to secondary school:

Practise your new journey to school before your first day so you feel confident.



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Find out more at:
www.york.gov.uk/StartingSchool



PTA News

Thank you for your continued support. We have had another successful year of events including three discos, break the rules day, the Parvin Quiz night, two secret gift rooms, the Christmas concert with York concert band, our summer fair and raised funds also through Christmas eve treat bags, Christmas cards, the Christmas raffle and selling ice pops. It was also great to collaborate with Haxby Playgroups to put on a Fashion Show, which has meant this year we have raised a fantastic **£12,233**.

We have supported school funds by paying for:

- Playground toys/equipment
- Year 6 activity day
- Coaches for Reception trip, Year 3 and 4 and Year 6 trip
- Diwali workshop of Indian story telling and dance
- New starter Book bags
- KS1 planetarium (part payment)
- Christmas gifts – for infants at Christmas Party
- Donation to RHS Harlow Carr for reception visit
- Buddhist Visitor

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the PTA team and volunteers who have given their time and effort for this total to be raised, also to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Moss and the office team who are wonderful at supporting and enabling events to go ahead with ease. Also, Mr Clark for closing up the school late on many occasions and his help with the school fair.

We say good bye to Ange N, Sarah, Ange Q and Anne this year as their children move on – they have all given so much to the PTA over the years and will really be missed. Also, Lindsey, our wonderful Vice Chair, giving over 7 years to organising, buying for and coordinating so many PTA events. Her hard work and commitment have meant that we have raised so much over those years. Thank you, Lindsey, you are a super star!

I, as PTA chair will also be standing down at the AGM in September, and therefore we are still looking for people to take on these Committee roles. The PTA contributes in many ways to school life and it's a wonderful way for giving something back whilst meeting friends on the way! The roles are:

Chair – lead the PTA team, lead organising events, delegating tasks, organise PTA meetings, liaise closely with school on all events and spending requests, ensure all events are run well and alongside other committee members, decide what funds are spent on. We are a charity too so you will be a Charity trustee.

Vice Chair – support organising events, take the lead with Secret gift rooms plus other events, lead getting enough volunteers for events with the support of the committee. Chair meetings in the absence of the Chair. Charity trustee.

Also, in September we will be looking for the new role of **Vice Treasurer** – this is because our current Treasurer will be leaving in a year or so as their children move on and we hope this role will move into the Treasurer role at that point, with enough experience gained as a Vice Treasurer.



PTA News *continued*

These are important roles for our school; we raise vital funds that they really need to enable activities to run and equipment to be bought. We will be having an **AGM** on **Wednesday 25th September** and nomination forms will be sent out at the beginning next term.

If you have any questions or would like to know more in the meantime please email:
ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com

It is important these roles are filled in September as this will enable PTA events to take place next year. Thank you very much

Joanne – PTA Chair



STIKINS

These are fantastic sticky personalised multipurpose labels that you can stick to uniform, water bottle, lunch boxes, shoes, books etc and they don't peel off after being in the washing machine or dishwasher!

STIKINS offers up to **30% commission** to our PTA when you order using our Fundraising Number which is **16458**. Free delivery also available.

To order and raise funds for the school, visit: www.stikins.co.uk



Free Drop in Community Event Summer 2024

Hem and Button

School Uniform Mend and Swap

Friday 9th August, 3pm-5pm at Tang Hall Community Centre, YO31 0UG

Friday 16th August, 3pm-5pm at Marjorie Waite Court, YO30 6DX

Tuesday 20 August, 1pm-4pm at The Place, YO26 5AR

Uniform Swap: Bring uniform that your child has grown out of to donate or swap.

Uniform Mend: Learn how to fix hems and buttons.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer your sewing skills at one of these events please contact fis@york.gov.uk

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Final Football Update of the Year

As the academic year ends, it is time to give the final update on how our various football teams have been doing; you may want a brew, some biscuits and a comfortable chair to sit in to read this. Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Sterling, Mrs Wakelam and Mrs Walker for supporting our children in making sure they have kits (when forgotten) for their various fixtures and fielding any queries you may have; we would not be able to run so many teams without their help and support. Next, I would like to thank Mr Walton and Mr Waddington for officiating certain fixtures; this has been invaluable, as it has allowed me to coach the team in our home matches. I would like to thank all the parent and carers who have provided lifts to fixtures as without you we could not play any competitive matches. Finally, I would like to wish our year 6 footballers, who have represented the school so well, all the best in their future endeavours and I wish them well as they continue their footballing journeys. I hope you all have a great summer.

Mr Keaney

24.06.24 Crayke 1-6 Ralph Butterfield

Our 3/4 girls team finished a successful first season with a comfortable win against an inexperienced but determined Crayke team. The girls built on the experience they gained from their league campaign to really show off their skills. They played with real determination and displayed their better positional play. I must pay tribute to how the more experienced players have supported those who have played for the first time. It will be exciting to see this team develop as they progress through the school. Well done to our very first 3/4 girls' team in the history of Ralph Butterfield Primary School.

02.07.24 Lakeside 0 – 4 Ralph Butterfield

Our Year 5/6 B team produced a comfortable win against a Lakeside team made up of Year 5s. It was also a chance to give some of our children – who hadn't yet played - the opportunity to represent the school. Although RBPS played with their usual high intensity pressing and swift passing, Lakeside still created a number of good opportunities that forced our (outstanding) Goalkeeper into a number of saves. Some of the passing and goals RBPS scored were of the highest quality. Well done to everyone who has represented the school in this team.

05.07.24 Woodthorpe 1 – 2 Ralph Butterfield

On a very hot Friday afternoon, our Year 5/6 A-team travelled to Woodthorpe, looking for a first Primary Cup Final appearance since 2015. This would be our toughest game since Headlands right back at the start of the season. Needing to produce their best performance of the season, RBPS did that and more as they mixed high intensity pressing and fast paced passing to time and again open up Woodthorpe with Lauren and Ralphy providing width for the likes of Archie, Ollie and Alex to exploit. Just before half time RBPS took the lead through Lauren McJannett to give the score line a fairer reflection on the game. After half time, RBPS made it 2-0 through Archie White. This was short lived as a Woodthorpe thunder bolt made it 2-1. RBPS then had to with stand an aerial bombardment with Noel (commanding his area), Thomas, Milo and Theo often getting important blocks and tackles while Alex Hanlon defended from the front for the remaining five minutes (plus additional three) to RBPS into the Primary Cup Final.

Goals: Lauren McJannett, Archie White

Team: Noel Gledhill - Nichols, Theo Wilson (Captain), Thomas Hobson, Milo Jackson, Ralphy Waddington, Archie White, Alex Hanlon, Ollie Britton

11.07.24 Ralph Butterfield 0 – 0 Wigginton AET

Due to time running out for the term, Ralph Butterfield Primary School hosted their first Primary Cup final against Wigginton – the first time the local schools had met in the showpiece event. With strong support, RBPS set a blistering pace and dominated Wigginton at the start. Countless times our players dispossessed their Wigginton counterpart only to be denied by great keeping or heroic defending. On the biggest stage of the season, RBPS produced their best half of Football. Wigginton carried much more of a threat in second half and it was RBPS' turn to defend bravely. A further six minutes of extra –time could not separate the two teams as they continued to go toe to toe with each other. At the final whistle, both teams shared the cup meaning RBPS got their hands on the cup for the first time since 2015. Well done to the entire team that has played as a team and without egos and has represented our school so well.

Team: Noel Gledhill - Nichols, Theo Wilson (Captain), Thomas Hobson, Milo Jackson, Ralphy Waddington, Archie White, Alex Hanlon, Ollie Britton

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Final Football Update of the Year cont...

15.07.24 Archbishops of York Junior School 2 – 3 Ralph Butterfield

To finish the term we had a festival of football. Our Y3/4 team won an entertaining contest 3-2 against a well-coached Archbishops' team. An early penalty gave RBPS a 1-0 lead before the hosts equalised. Two further goals gave RBPS control of the game before Archbishops pulled another back in what proved to be a highly entertaining encounter. This game showed the sheer numbers and strength in depth of our Year 3s and 4s. Well done to everyone who represented the school so well.

Archbishops of York Junior School 1 – 3 Ralph Butterfield

At the same time our Year 3 /4s were playing, our Year 5/6 girls' team produced a strong performance to beat their Archbishop counterparts. In what was an end-to-end game, RBPS took an early and well-taken goal. The hosts soon equalised before goals in the second half sealed a comfortable win for our senior girls, who as the game progressed, showed increasing confidence and positional sense.

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Role of Honour for the 2023/24 season

Team	Competition	Place
RBPS 3/4 Girls	Primary League	Runners up
RBPS 5/6 Mixed B Team	Primary League	Champions
RBPS 5/6 Mixed A Team	Primary Cup	Champions



SCHOOLSHOP



IMPORTANT CUSTOMER UPDATE

Due to essential roadworks on Elvington Industrial Estate, we will be closed on the following dates:

SATURDAY 10th AUGUST

SATURDAY 17th AUGUST

We will instead be open on

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST &

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

From 10am to 2pm

To visit our shop on either of those dates

Please book an appointment at

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