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Newsletter - Friday 22nd May 2026

A Message from Mrs Naylor

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to thank all pupils for their hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitude across the curriculum. This term has included a number of important milestones, including the Year 6 SATs, where the children showed real resilience, focus and determination throughout the assessment week. Beyond the classroom, we have also enjoyed a range of enriching experiences, such as Woodpecker's trip to Castle Howard Arboretum, which gave pupils the opportunity to explore nature and deepen their understanding of the environment. In addition, Owls attended the triathlon which was a fantastic event, with children demonstrating great teamwork, stamina and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements this term and look forward to an exciting and active final term ahead.

SATs/ Y6 Celebration

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this term, particularly during their SATs week, where they showed great determination, maturity and resilience throughout. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Barker for his outstanding dedication and support, including his commitment to running booster sessions and providing calming SATs breakfasts, which helped ensure the children felt prepared and confident. We are also very grateful to Mr Maskell for his flexibility and support in teaching Year 5 in the mornings, allowing the wider team to work effectively during this important period. Alongside their academic efforts, the children have also enjoyed some wonderful end of SATs celebrations, including a fantastic Kingfishers afternoon at Footgolf, as well as Y6's creative and memorable excursion to pottery painting and a well-deserved visit to Pizza Express.

Woodpecker's Trip to Castle Howard Arboretum

Woodpeckers thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to Castle Howard Arboretum, where they had the opportunity to explore the beautiful grounds and learn more about trees, plants and seasonal change in a real-world setting. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the day, taking part in nature-based activities, observing wildlife, and developing their understanding of the natural environment. It was a wonderful experience that brought their learning to life, and they represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes.

Owls Triathlon

Owls had a fantastic time taking part in the triathlon this week, showing tremendous enthusiasm, perseverance and team spirit throughout the event. The children challenged themselves across each activity with determination and resilience, encouraging one another every step of the way. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they completed each stage, and they should all be extremely proud of their efforts and sporting attitude. The triathlon was a brilliant opportunity for the children to develop their fitness, cooperation and enjoyment of physical activity in a fun and supportive environment.

House Teams

Congratulations to Phoenix House for being this half term's House Team winners! The children have shown fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm and determination across a range of activities and challenges, helping them secure the top spot this half term. To celebrate their achievement, the team enjoyed a special winners' party, which was filled with fun, laughter and excitement. It was wonderful to see the children celebrating together and being rewarded for their hard work, positive attitudes and excellent team spirit.



Dispatches from Robins

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

- AR - I liked learning about creepy crawlies! (minibeasts)
- RB - I liked watching the caterpillars turn to chrysalides.
- RW - The butterflies will come out really soon!
- RB - It will be so exciting!

EM - We've been learning about looking after our planet. We've been litter picking and learnt that you shouldn't drop rubbish.

RW - Your rubbish should go in a bin

NW - Or you can recycle it!

RL - I recycle at home. I have a bag for my crisp packets!

Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.

CY - I can pull funny faces at lunchtime.

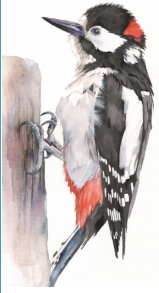
NW - I made a clean up crew like in the story, Look Up! and we picked up the rubbish in the playground at lunchtime. That was cool!

EM - It was so cool to watch the caterpillar turn into the chrysalis with Mrs Hunter.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

RL - I'm excited to learn more special friends because I love learning.

BM - I'm excited for more maths.



Dispatches from Woodpeckers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

DP - Toys in Space in writing.

RB - I enjoyed clay sculptures in art.

CC - I enjoyed maths. I've learnt more about fractions.

RB - In DT we're going to make a healthy wrap.

Charlie - I'm enjoying Jigsaw(PSHE) . We're learning what we're good at.

DP - I enjoyed Rosa Parks in History.

CC - Our trip. We enjoyed pollen racing, making a home for minibeasts was definitely really fun, finding fighting beetles, worms, millipedes.

Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.

It was funny having to chase the ball when we were doing over arm throws.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

Growing plants in Science. Designing our wraps in DT. The new students in school.



Dispatches from Owls

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

HWC - Swimming!

LB - I've enjoyed reading Shackleton's Journey because it is a very good book!

MW - We have been learning about torches in DT.

BW - In French we have been learning to tell each other about where we live.

SB - In PE we have been practising for sports day!

OW - Learning about The Last Firefox because of all the twists and turns!

ZM - In maths we have started to learn about pounds and pence (money).

Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.

ERY - I nearly scored a goal in football! (My cool story)

CH - When Lily P fell over in the race in PE on Friday (LP - I found it really funny - I fell on the floor, did a spin and then landed on my feet)!

LG - At football BM kicked the ball, scored and lounged on the floor in celebration.

SB - I did a handstand into a backbend and the moment I did it BC stopped watching the cool trick!

What are you looking forward to this half term?

LP - The trip to The Merchant Adventurers Hall in York!

JDG - When we move up into the next year group and meet the teacher we will have!

OW - Reading because I love reading!

Dispatches from Kingfishers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

(HG) I have enjoyed learning about bar graphs because they are similar to connecting the dots. (AG) I have enjoyed learning about line graphs as they tell a story and we produced stories from the graphs we saw. (LG) I am enjoying learning about Romeo and Juliet as we can write a lot of dialogue and recreate action scenes. (JT) SATs! (KB) We went to Footgolf! (AW) We went to Pizza Express and Mr Barker had a large American Hot Pizza. (AG) We went to Rainbow Ceramics where we got to paint our bowls and figures. The staff guessed I had done this many times before.

Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.

(KB) During our trip to the Museum Gardens, Mr Barker allowed us to roll down a grassy bank. (LG) At Footgolf, in Mr Barker's group, I took a massive run up, missed the ball and slipped over like a starfish on the grass. (IG) Grace and I drew a massive picture of Mr Barker on the board...and I deleted it! (JS) At Footgolf, we kept falling down the slippery banks.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

(JL) Residential! (HG) The holidays! (MM) I am excited for the summer. (IG) Year 6's eventually leaving to become Year 7's.



Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Y4 Multiplication Check

A reminder to all Year 4 parents and carers that the Multiplication Tables Check will take place during the first two weeks back after half term. The children have been working incredibly hard to develop their times tables knowledge and confidence, and we are very proud of the effort they have shown. Please continue to support your child at home by practising regularly to help them feel calm and prepared for the check. Thank you for your continued support.

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

A reminder to parents and carers that the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the first two weeks back after half term. This check is a short and informal assessment designed to help measure children's progress in phonics and early reading skills. Some Year 2 children will also be completing the check as part of a retake opportunity. The children have been working extremely hard during their phonics sessions, and we are very proud of the progress they have made. Please continue to support your child by reading regularly at home and practising phonics sounds to help build their confidence.

Owls Trip to the Merchant Adventurer's Hall

A reminder to parents and carers that Owls Class will be visiting the Merchant Adventurers' Hall on Wednesday 3rd June. This exciting morning trip will support the children's learning and provide them with the opportunity to explore an important historical site through a range of engaging activities. The children will return to school in time for lunch, so no packed lunch is required. Please ensure children arrive at school on time, wearing full school uniform and suitable footwear. We are looking forward to a fantastic morning of learning and discovery.

Kingfisher's Residential





A reminder to parents and carers that the Kingfishers residential trip will take place from Wednesday 3rd June until Friday 5th June. We are very much looking forward to an exciting few days filled with outdoor activities, team-building experiences and opportunities for the children to develop their confidence and independence. Please ensure that all belongings are clearly named and that children arrive at school with everything listed on the kit list. If you have any final questions before departure, please contact the school office. We know the children are going to have a fantastic and memorable experience.

Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join Mrs Naylor for Coffee and Cake on Tuesday 17th June at 2.30pm. This will be a lovely opportunity to come together informally, enjoy refreshments and have a chat in a relaxed setting. We look forward to welcoming you.

Class Attendance

13.4.26-22.5.26

			
Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers
93%	95%	94%	88%

We are aiming for 96% for good attendance.

Dates for your diary

Please see all important dates below. Dates are correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change.

Spring Term

Date	Focus	Time and place
May Half Term 25th May - 29th May		
1st June	Back to school	8.40
1st June - 12th June	Y4 Multiplication Check	School
Wed 3rd June	Owls Trip to Merchant Adventurers' Hall	AM Pack up needed

Wed 3rd June - Fri 5th June	Residential Trip	Kingfishers
w/c 8th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check (including Y2 retakes)	School
Tuesday 9th June	Class Photos	Rec - Year 6, In school AM
Tuesday 16th June	Reception New Starters Parent Meeting	Robins 4-4.30
Wednesday 17th June	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
Thursday 18th June	Father's Day Afternoon Tea	School Hall - EY/KS1 2-3
Thursday 18th June	Outwood Y6 Transition	All Day
Friday 19th June	Outwood Y6 Transition	All Day
Monday 22nd June	Reception New Starters Stay and Play	Robins 3.45-4.30
Friday 26th June	Sports Day	KS2 AM EY/KS1 PM
Tuesday 30th June	Big Talk Sessions	School - workshop with each year group during the day
Wednesday 1st July	Vale of York Y6 Transition	All Day
Thursday 2nd July	Vale of York Y6 Transition	All Day
Thursday 2nd July	Transition morning with new class, including new Reception	Visit new classrooms 9.15 - 12
Monday 6th July	Non-uniform day - donations for Summer Fair	School
Wednesday 8th July	Robins/ Woodpeckers Trip to the Deep	All Day
Thursday 9th July	Summer Fair	3.30-4.30
Friday 10th July	Crucial Crew	Morning, Year 6

Friday 10th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents invited)	School Hall 2.30
Friday 10th July	School Reports sent home	End of the day
Wednesday 15th July	Leavers' Breakfast at Hickory's Year 6	Hickory's 9.30-11.30
Friday 17th July	Last day of school - non-uniform day House Point Celebration	School
Summer Holidays 20th July		