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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - Friday 16th October 2026

A Message from Mrs Naylor

As we approach the halfway point of this term, I am delighted to share what a fantastic start it has been! Our pupils continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, commitment and positive attitudes towards school life. Attendance has been amazing, and I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that children are in school on time, ready to learn and make the most of every opportunity. Our pupils have also demonstrated exceptional behaviour on school trips, representing our school with pride and acting as wonderful ambassadors through their politeness, respect and enthusiasm. In the classroom, learning continues to be a real priority, with pupils working hard, embracing new challenges and striving to achieve their very best. We are also placing a particular focus on the presentation of work, encouraging all pupils to take pride in their books, handwriting and the care they put into everything they produce. It is a pleasure to see our school values shining through each day, and I look forward to seeing all that we can achieve together over the remainder of this term.

Wonderdome

We were delighted to welcome the Wonderdome into school, giving all classes the opportunity to enjoy an exciting and immersive learning experience. Each class took part in a session that brought their learning to life and sparked curiosity about the world beyond our planet. Kingfishers particularly enjoyed exploring the solar system as part of their science learning, and it was wonderful to see the depth of knowledge the children already had, alongside the thoughtful questions they asked throughout the session. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to share their ideas were fantastic to see! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who kindly donated towards the cost of this experience. Your generosity helped make this special opportunity possible for our pupils. We were also delighted to receive such lovely feedback from the Wonderdome visitor, who was impressed by the children's behaviour, engagement and enthusiasm for learning. It was a memorable experience for everyone and a wonderful example of our pupils' curiosity and love of learning.

Owls Trip to York Minster

Owls had a wonderful trip to York Minster, where they deepened their understanding of Christianity as part of their RE learning. The visit linked beautifully to their work on the Christian creation story, and the children took part in the Creative Creation! workshop, exploring the story through engaging and creative activities. It was fantastic to see the children making connections to their classroom learning, sharing their knowledge and asking thoughtful questions. The children were also a credit to the school when travelling on public transport, demonstrating excellent behaviour, politeness and respect for others throughout the journey. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school and the enthusiasm they showed for their learning. It was a memorable experience that brought their RE learning to life!

Kingfishers Trip to Eden Camp

Kingfishers had a fantastic trip to Eden Camp, where they enjoyed exploring the museum and learning all about life during the Second World War. The children had the opportunity to discover what life was like for people during wartime and see lots of fascinating exhibits. One of the highlights of the trip was being lucky enough to see the tank demonstration! The children were amazed to watch the tank in action and learn more about how it worked. They showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day, asking questions and sharing their thoughts about what they had seen. Kingfishers were a credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour, listening carefully to the adults and following instructions sensibly. They showed respect for the museum and its exhibits, making the most of every opportunity to learn something new. It was a brilliant experience that brought their history learning to life, and everyone had a wonderful day full of excitement, discovery and memorable moments!

Woodpeckers Trip to the Castle Museum

Woodpeckers had a fabulous trip to the Castle Museum, where they enjoyed stepping back in time and learning all about childhood in the past. The children discovered how life was different for children many years ago, exploring the toys, games, schools and everyday experiences of children from a different era. They were fascinated to see how things have changed over time and enjoyed comparing the past with their own lives today. Another exciting highlight was travelling on a public bus, where the children were thrilled to receive their very own bus tickets! This added an extra special element to the trip and gave them a valuable opportunity to experience using public transport. Throughout the day, Woodpeckers were an absolute credit to the school, and we received numerous lovely comments about their excellent manners and behaviour. They listened carefully, followed instructions and showed kindness and respect to everyone they met. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the school and how enthusiastically they embraced this fantastic learning experience!



Dispatches from Robins

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

We have been learning about, 'Me and my Community.'

LH - I liked painting a stained glass window.

BF - I liked drawing the Church and I put a cross at the top.

CH - I enjoyed going to the shop!

DG - I liked drinking my juice from the shop!

CB - I liked using wax crayons to do the rubbings in Art.

SW - I liked drawing my face in Art too!

GG - We've learnt lots of sounds in phonics.

RH - I like doing phonics like 'nnnnn, down Nobby and over his net!'

RT - I made a pattern crown!

JD - I made a pattern outside in the mud kitchen, 'cup, plate, cup, plate...'

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

SC - It rained on our trip to the shop and we did the Hokey Cokey in the rain!

What are you looking forward to this half term?

DG - We're going to the Church!

EM-A - I'm looking forward to the pumpkin patch!



Dispatches from Woodpeckers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

CC- I have enjoyed learning about toys in History from different years. I have really enjoyed our school trip to see toys and things at different times.

AT- I liked looking at the Victorians and how different it was from then to now. I liked looking at the 60s too. It was so much more colourful than the Victorians.

LR- I loved the school trip because we got to see really historical things.

RL- I liked learning about old toys and how the materials were so different.

GS- We have been on a great school trip to the Castle Museum.

JP- I liked the story of Astro Girl that we have been doing in our Writing lesson. It is a good book and I would recommend it.

DP- I like doing the part/whole models in Maths.

IW- I liked PE. We have been doing Dance and we have been dancing using the weather to inspire our moves.

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

CC/AT- There was a stuffed dog at the Museum. He was black and white and a sheep dog. He was called Guinness. He was the farmer's best dog. They were the best pals.

GS- There were some funny things we could watch at the museum. We put 20p in and then things inside it started to move. There was a funny halloween one and there was a skeleton, a mummy and other things.

CC- One of the Victorian toys was funny and the fireman climbed up and down the ladder. He

rescued the baby but then it looked like it went back to the fire with it!!!!!!!

What are you looking forward to this half term?

Whole class - More school trips. We love going to visit different places.

RL- I'm excited to learn more maths.

LR- I am excited to do more PE.



Dispatches from Owls

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

AP - I've enjoyed science because I like learning about the human skeleton.

LH - Writing because we've learned about woolly mammoths and the first drawing.

IR - DT because I want to make my pneumatic toy.

OW - Prehistoric art!

LP - Addition and subtraction in maths.

MG - We have made 3D art with sand and glue.

LH - We have been writing about the first drawing.

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

JDG - When it was raining, I put leaves in the puddles and pretended they were boats.

MG - When Miss Reed tripped over the chair (she was okay).

MG - When I completed my maths, Miss Reed gave me a high five and it made me feel cool.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

LP - Swimming!

Owls - Cooking and baking!

AP - Learning about rocks and fossils next half term!

Dispatches from Kingfishers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?



(HG) I like learning in PE - we have been studying hand-eye coordination as it helps you with many jobs in later life and sports. (SW) I have enjoyed learning in English as we have been writing about our trip to Eden Camp and we have been planning what to write about, such as our favourite things. (LG) I love learning about space in Science because it's really interesting to learn about how big space is - it's pretty scary. We've learnt about some of the largest stars such as UY Scuti and that the sun is a star that holds our solar system and also our galaxy has about 400,000,000,000 stars. (RL) I

like learning about different numbers and that different numbers have different factors. Some numbers share common factors.

(HG) Eden Camp - this is a place about WWII. It included a Blitz experience and many displays that showed us that windows would be taped so if they shattered, glass would not go in people's eyes.

(LG) We went to the Wonderdome and that allowed us to have a better experience of how big space really is and what it looks like outside of Earth. (SB) In computing we've been using microbits and we have been making animations on them using coding so that we could put on a show.

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

(ERY) On the bus to Eden Camp - I saw loads of cows and told a joke about them, "What do cows say? Moooooo!" (MW) Another student kept scaring Mrs Marshall by "Baaaaaing!" (RL) Another student kept chasing me and saying, "I am the muffin man!" (WS) During football my friend performed a knee slide and it was really cool.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

(HG) I am looking forward to making structures in DT. We learnt about architecture which means "the style of a building or edifice." (SB) I am looking forward to writing our trip advisor review as we've been planning it for a long time. (ZM) I am looking forward to completing any dissections. (LG) I am looking forward to SATs because it's been fun setting up for it and planning it. Last year's Year 6 students said it was easy but most importantly, after SATs we get some treats. I'm also interested to see what score I get to track my progress over the year.

Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Halloween Disco

Get ready for some spooky fun! Friends of Skelton are organising a Halloween Disco on Wednesday 21st October. Children are invited to come along, enjoy some Halloween-themed music and dancing, and have lots of fun with their friends. Robins and Woodpeckers will have their disco from **3.15–4.00pm**, followed by Owls and Kingfishers from **4.15–5.00pm**. We look forward to a spooktacular afternoon of Halloween fun!

Non-uniform Day

On Thursday 22nd October, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes for a fun non-uniform day! We kindly ask families to make a small donation to help us purchase new books for each class. This is a lovely opportunity to refresh our classroom libraries and encourage a love of reading across the school. Thank you for your continued support!

School is Closed

A reminder to all parents and carers that school will be closed on Friday 23rd October for a disaggregated day. We hope everyone enjoys a lovely half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 2nd November**. Thank you for your continued support, and we wish all our families a happy and restful break!

NSPCC Talk PANTS

This half term, every class has taken part in the NSPCC's **Talk PANTS** lesson, helping children learn how to keep themselves safe in an age-appropriate way. The Talk PANTS campaign teaches children five simple rules to help them understand that their body belongs to them, that they have a right to say no to unwanted touch, and that they should always speak to a trusted adult if something worries them. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home in a relaxed and positive way, using everyday opportunities such as getting dressed, bath time or reading a story. Ask your child what they remember from their lesson and reassure them that they can always talk to you about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. For more information and helpful resources, please visit the [NSPCC Talk PANTS website](#).

Class Attendance

9.9.26-16.10.26

			
Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers
96%	98%	98%	96%

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.

Autumn Term

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Date	Focus	Time and place
Monday 19th October	Reception Open Evening (Sept 27 cohort)	Robins Classroom 3.30-4.30
Tuesday 20th October	Pumpkin Patch	Ducklings and Robins
Wednesday 21st October	Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6	Afternoon
Wednesday 21st October	Halloween Disco	EY/KS1 3.15-4.00 KS2 4.15-5.00
Thursday 22nd October	Non-uniform day	All Day
Friday 23rd October	Disaggregated Day	School closed

Half Term holiday Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Monday 2nd November	Back to school	Classrooms 8.45
Monday 2nd November	Poppy Appeal 50p for each	All week
Monday 2nd November	North Yorkshire Police Visit	Kingfishers
Tuesday 10th November	Parents' Evening	School Hall 3.30-5.30
Thursday 12th November	Parents' Evening	School Hall 3.30-5.30
Wednesday 18th November	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
Friday 20th November	Children in Need Non-uniform	All Day
Wednesday 25th November	Woodpeckers Local Area Walk	Morning
Friday 27th November	Owls Trip to The Dig	The Dig 9-3
Monday 30th November	Non-uniform day Donations for Christmas Fair	All Day
Monday 30th November	Christmas decoration workshop	School Hall 3.30-4.30
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas Fair	School Hall 3.30-4.30
Tuesday 8th December	EY/KS1 Nativity	School Hall 2.30-3.15
Wednesday 9th December	EY/KS1 Nativity	School Hall 2.30-3.15
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day
Wednesday 16th December	Reindeer Rush! in aid of St Leonard's Hospice	More info and sponsorship forms to follow

Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner	Lunch time
Thursday 17th December	Non-uniform day	All Day
Friday 18th December	Disaggregated Day	School closed
Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January		
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Monday 4th January	Training Day - teachers only	School closed
Tuesday 5th January	Return to School	Classrooms 8.45
Wednesday 20th January	Story Craft Theatre Visit (kindly funded by the Friends of School)	Afternoon
Wednesday 20th January	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor PCSO Attending for informal drop-in	School Hall 2.30-3
Tuesday 26th January	Owls Trip to The Yorkshire Museum	Yorkshire Museum 9-3
Friday 5th February	Non-uniform day	All Day
Half Term holiday Monday 8th February - Friday 12th February		
Monday 15th February	Back to school	Classrooms 8.45
Tuesday 16th February	Valentine's Disco	EY/KS1 3.15-4.00 KS2 4.15-5.00
Friday 26th February	Young Voices	Year 4/5/6
Wednesday 3rd March	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day Non-uniform - Pyjamas	All Day
Tuesday 9th March	EY/KS1 Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	School Hall 2.30-3.00

Monday 15th March	Trip to the Farm	Robins All Day
Tuesday 16th March	Parents' Evening	School Hall 3.30-5.30
Thursday 18th March	Parents' Evening	School Hall 3.30-5.30
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day Non-uniform	All Day
Easter Holiday Monday 22nd March - Friday 2nd April		
Monday 5th April	Back to school	Classrooms 8.45
Wednesday 21st April	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Monday 10th May	Start of Y6 SATs week Mon-Thurs	In school Mornings
Thursday 13th May	Kingfishers Trip to Footgolf	Afternoon
Friday 14th May	Y6 Celebration Trip (TBC)	All day
Friday 28th May	Non-uniform day	All day
Half term Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June		
Monday 7th June	Back to school	Classrooms 8.45
Monday 7th June	Y4 Multiplication Timetables Check (over 2 weeks)	In school
Tuesday 8th June	Class photos	School Hall Morning
Monday 14th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week	In school
Tuesday 15th June	Reception New Starter Parent meeting	School Hall 4.00-4.30

Thursday 17th June	EY/KS1 Father's Day Afternoon Tea	School Hall 2.30-3.00
Monday 21st June	Reception New Starter Stay and play	Robins Class 3.45-4.30
Wednesday 23rd June	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
Friday 25th June	Sports Day	KS2 9.00-10.30 EY/KS1 1.30-3.00
Tuesday 29th June	Big Talk	All classes During the day
Thursday 1st July	Reception New Starter Whole school transition	All classes 9.15-12.00
Friday 9th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents invited)	School Hall 2.30
Friday 9th July	School Reports sent home	End of the day
Friday 23rd July	Last day of school - non-uniform day House Point Celebration	All day
Summer Holidays Monday 26th July - Friday 3rd September		