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Newsletter - Thursday 23rd October 2025

A message from Mrs Naylor

As we come to the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a wonderful start to the school year it has been. The children have settled brilliantly into their routines and have already achieved so much in a short time. Classrooms have been filled with curiosity, creativity, and plenty of smiles as we've explored new knowledge and celebrated each other's successes. I've been so proud to see the enthusiasm for learning, the kindness shown to others, and the sense of community that makes our school such a special place. Thank you to all our families for the continued support and I look forward to seeing you all after half term. School is closed on **Friday 24th October and reopens on Monday 3rd November.**

Early Years Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

The Ducklings and Robins had a delightful day at the pumpkin patch, exploring among the bright orange pumpkins under the crisp autumn sky. Laughter filled the air as they searched for the perfect pumpkins to take home. The trip was made even more special thanks to Browns Nurseries, whose kindness and generosity ensured that every child received a free pumpkin to celebrate the season. Their thoughtful gift brought smiles to every little face and made the visit to the pumpkin patch a truly unforgettable experience!

Halloween disco

Our Halloween Disco was a spooktacular success! The hall was transformed into a thrilling scene of cobwebs, glowing pumpkins, and twinkling lights, setting the perfect mood for an evening of dancing and fun. Children came dressed in their most creative costumes, filling the night with laughter, music, and Halloween spirit. A huge thank you goes to Browns Nurseries for their generous donation of decorations that made the event so magical. Their support and community spirit truly helped make this year's Halloween celebration one to remember!

Owls drumming workshop

Owls had an amazing time at their drumming workshop this week! Guided by a talented instructor,

the children explored rhythm, teamwork, and creativity as they learned to play a variety of percussion instruments. The hall came alive with energetic beats and smiling faces as they proudly shared their new skills during the final performance. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents who came along to support and enjoy the show, your enthusiasm and encouragement made the experience even more special for the children.



Dispatches from Robins

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

RB - Pumpkins! I drew a pumpkin. It's Autumn and it's getting colder.

EM - I've enjoyed Fred talk and I do it at home too!

CY - In maths we had to find 1, 2, 3 pictures all around the room!

VP - We went on a trip to the Church and I made a stained glass window.

RL - and we went on a trip to the pumpkin patch!

NW - And I got a really big pumpkin!

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

EM - I fell off the spinning log in the playground and it was funny!

BM - The decorations at the pumpkin patch. The witch, the skeleton, the bats and we loved the bubble and smoke machine!

What are you looking forward to this half term?

The halloween disco!!



Dispatches from Woodpeckers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

We have continued to enjoy DT, it is one of our favourite subjects! We have also loved learning about animals in Science and are looking forward to continuing this topic. In art we have been mixing primary colours for a range of activities - our favourite was lego printing and we are now experts at creating secondary colours and different hues!

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

The halloween disco was the coolest event this half term! HCP- it was the best time of my life!

What are you looking forward to this half term?

We are looking forward to finding out more in our History and Geography topics, especially as it focuses on York. We are also looking forward to taking part in another nativity and performing for our parents!



Dispatches from Owls

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

EY: I have enjoyed learning about the Egyptians in art. We learnt how to write our name in hieroglyphics!

SB: We've learnt about column addition and subtraction in maths.

MW: We had to write a speech in English about saving our planet, and some of us got to read them out!

SB: We've been planting tulip seeds in English/Science and will be watering them to help them grow! AP: I enjoyed planting seeds in English because it was exciting.

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

MW: At breaktime my friends and I fell off a tyre - oops!

AF: I fell over on the grass and my bottom got wet!

EY: I tried to do a backflip on the climbing frame... but it didn't work! I ended up stuck in a push up position.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

BC - I'm looking forward to the halloween disco. I'm also looking forward to the next history because my family originated from the Vikings.

LP - I'm looking forward to the next maths topic and the next history lesson.



Dispatches from Kingfishers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

(HG) This term I've been enjoying DT, creating swings and other structures. Fun fact - a triangle is one of the most supportive shapes. (KB) I am enjoying maths because the Y6 students are doing long division. I like that we have to use subtraction to solve the questions. (LG) I like in English how we are learning about The Island at The End of Everything as it is full of characters such as Mr Zamora who is sensitive and nasty, Bondoc who is strong but kind and Nanay who loves Ami. (AW) We conducted an eye dissection which was really cool as we got to see every part of the inside of an eye such as the optic nerve and the vitreous humour. (TN) When we dissected the eye, you were still able to see through the lense. (LG) We have looked at Rio de Janeiro and looked at

how dangerous it can be. It is a city of two halves with the extremely dangerous favelas and richer beach areas.

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

(JL) Thomas and I were running on the grass. My leg shot out and Thomas flew over it. (JS) When Mr Barker speaks with accents. (LG) When Mr Barker entertained an arm wrestle with Harry and almost lifted him into space.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

(JL) Looking forward to a team building trip sometime next half term. (KB) I am looking forward to parent's evening and I am looking forward to my mum's birthday. (LG) I am looking forward to my friend's birthday party and the Halloween disco. (AG) I am looking forward to the Halloween disco also!

Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Online Safety update

Please be aware of the Monkey App

The Monkey App is a video chat and social networking app that randomly matches strangers for a 15 second face to face video call. Once the video chat begins users have 15 seconds to decide what to do next. They can request more time to chat or end the chat and match with another person. Sexually explicit content on the app is commonplace. It has been assessed as not safe for children due to lax age verification policies, privacy concerns and persistent issues with harmful and sexual content. The UK based Safer Schools Safeguarding App released an alert calling “Monkey” extremely dangerous. There is no age verification process in place which means adults can manipulate their profiles to make themselves appear much younger.

It is an app centred around the sharing of personal information and the lowering of privacy barriers. Users cannot use the app without allowing access to their camera or microphone.

Parents Evening

Our upcoming Parents’ Evenings will be held on **Monday 10th November** and **Wednesday 12th November**. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child’s progress, celebrate their achievements, and talk about next steps in their learning journey. Letters with appointment details will be sent home, so please check your child’s bag after half term. If you have any questions or need to rearrange a time, please speak to **Miss Chaplin**, who will be happy to help. We look forward to seeing you there!

Helmets and bike safety

We are so pleased to see an increase in the number of pupils wearing bike helmets on their way to and from school, a fantastic step toward keeping everyone safe. Wearing a helmet is absolutely vital, as it helps protect against serious head injuries in the event of a fall or accident. With the darker evenings drawing in, it’s also important that children have lights and reflectors on their bikes to ensure they are clearly visible to drivers and pedestrians. We kindly ask parents to continue speaking with their children about road safety and the importance of staying alert and visible while cycling. Together, we can help keep all our young cyclists safe.

Bringing a waterbottle

As a gentle reminder, please ensure that children bring a **water bottle** to school each day. Staying hydrated is essential for concentration, energy, and overall well-being, especially during active lessons and playtimes. Having their own water bottle also helps reduce time spent leaving the classroom for drinks and supports our commitment to being environmentally friendly by reducing single-use plastics. Please make sure bottles are clearly named and filled with water only. Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils stay healthy and ready to learn!

PE kits

A quick reminder about our **PE kit expectations**: children should come to school wearing **black or blue shorts, leggings, or joggers**, along with a **plain white T-shirt**. This helps ensure that everyone looks smart, feels comfortable, and is ready to take part safely in all physical activities. Please note that **football kits or branded sportswear** should not be worn for PE lessons, as we want to maintain a consistent and inclusive appearance for all pupils. Thank you for your support in helping children follow our school PE uniform guidelines.

Class Attendance

2.9.25-23.10.25

			
Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers
94%	96%	88%	90%

We are aiming for 96% for good attendance.

Dates for your diary

Please see all important dates below. Further dates are in the process of being confirmed. We will inform parents via the newsletter when further dates are added.

Summer Term

Date	Focus	Time and place
Friday 24th October	School Closed - Training Day Start of half term	

Autumn Half Term Holiday Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November	First day of Autumn 2 Term	School
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Thursday 6th November	Kingfishers Trip (letters issued 23/10/2025)	Go Ape!
Monday 10th/ Wednesday 12th November	Parents evening (Letters have been sent out)	3.30pm-5.30pm In school
Thursday 13th November	Reception Open Evening (September 2026 starters)	Robins Class 4pm-5pm
Friday 14th November	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day (donations)	School
Wednesday 19th November	Woodpeckers' Phonics Parents' Session	9am - Woodpeckers
Monday 1st December	Non-Uniform Day - donations for Christmas Fair (information to follow)	School
Monday 1st December	Make a christmas tree decoration (information to follow)	School 3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 4th December	Christmas Fair	School Hall 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 10th December	EY/KS1 Nativity Performance	School Hall 2.30pm
Thursday 11th December	EY/KS1 Nativity Performance	School Hall 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day (donations) & Christmas dinner	School
Friday 19th December	School Closed - Training Day Start of Christmas break	

**Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December - Monday 5th January (training day)
Pupils start back on Tuesday 6th January**