



# Skelton

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Newsletter - Friday 16th January 2026**

### **A Message from Mrs Naylor**

As we begin the new term, I would like to warmly welcome all our pupils and families back to school. It has been a pleasure to see the children return so positively, settled and ready to learn, and I have been impressed by the calm and purposeful start to the term across the school. The new year brings fresh opportunities, and our staff are excited to build on the excellent progress already made while supporting every child to thrive both academically and personally. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a productive and successful term ahead.

### **Welcome New Staff**

We are also delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our school community this term. Miss Reed, Mr Marshall, Miss Colquitt, Mr Bains and Miss Seivewright have all joined our team and are already settling in well, bringing with them a range of skills, experience and enthusiasm that will greatly benefit our pupils. In addition, we are pleased to welcome Mr Godley from the Trust Central Team, who will be working closely with us to support the continued development and success of the school. I am sure you will join me in giving all our new colleagues a very warm welcome.



**Mr Godley**  
Trust Associate Principal



**Miss Reed**  
Owls Class Teacher



**Mr Marshall**  
HLTA in Treetops



**Miss Seivewright**  
Graduate Teaching Assistant



**Mr Bains**  
Teaching Assistant



**Miss Colquitt**  
Teaching Assistant

### Winning House Team - Autumn 2



Congratulations to our winning house team this term, **Dragons!** They earned the most house points through their consistent effort, positive attitudes and excellent teamwork, and we are extremely proud of their achievement. To celebrate their success, the team enjoyed a well deserved party, which was a fantastic opportunity to recognise their hard work and commitment. Well done to all our Dragons, and thank you to every pupil for continuing to contribute to our strong house spirit across the school.

### Curriculum Information Evenings

Join us for our upcoming curriculum information evenings, where parents can learn more about what their children will be learning and how to support them at home.

Date	Focus	Time and place
<b>Tuesday 20th January</b>	Robins Curriculum Information Evening	3:30 start in the School Hall
<b>Thursday 22nd January</b>	Woodpeckers Curriculum Information Evening	3:30 start in the School Hall
<b>Tuesday 27th January</b>	Kingfishers Curriculum Information Evening	3:30 start in the School Hall
<b>Thursday 29th January</b>	Owls Curriculum Information Evening	3:30 start in the School Hall

### Coffee and cake drop ins with Mrs Naylor

Join us on **Wednesday 21st January at 2.30-3pm** in the school hall for Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor, an opportunity for parents to meet the headteacher and hear more about the vision for our school. This informal gathering is a chance to ask questions, share ideas, and learn about the

exciting plans we have for the year ahead, all over a cup of coffee and some delicious cake. We look forward to welcoming you and enjoying a friendly, informative afternoon together.



### **Dispatches from Robins**

#### **What have you enjoyed learning about this term?**

In maths we have been learning about zero.

BR - Zero means nothing!

EM - In Jigsaw, Jenie taught us to use perseverance. That means we keep on trying. We are all trying to use perseverance when zipping up our coats and putting on our

gloves!

We've been reading The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Three Little Pigs.

RL - We made bridges for the goats.

RW - We made pigs in the dough area.

AR - We made houses for the pigs in the workshop. I made a brick house.

BM - I helped make a stick house outside. I was loving that!

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

AR - I liked it when we wore pig and wolf masks and said 'I'll huff and I'll puff!'

BM - I zoomed a car really fast and it did a flip!

#### **What are you looking forward to this half term?**

We're going to bake cakes for Little Red Riding Hood's granny!



### **Dispatches from Woodpeckers**

#### **What have you enjoyed learning about this term?**

Science - we have been learning about what is living, dead, never lived. LH 'I enjoyed going outside and categorising whether the things we saw were living, dead or had never lived'

Art - We have been making sculptures. We were using paper and the techniques of rolling, scrunching, folding, glueing, cutting, bending and twisting to create different sculptures. We have been reading Bear Under the Stairs, all about a boy and a Bear. 'My favourite bit is when Mum and William fight the bear!' - JP

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

'We came up with funny ideas for our own stories after reading bear under the stairs - the dinosaur ate some presents and pooped them out!' -LH

'DT is cool because we are making a chair and planning whether it will be the right size. We didn't want a cactus chair because it would be too spiky!!!' - CC

#### **What are you looking forward to this half term?**

'PE because we are learning new skills such as skipping, jumping' JB

'More science so that we can learn more about animals and their habitats'



### **Dispatches from Owls**

#### **What have you enjoyed learning about this term?**

OW has loved Science because she wants to be a scientist when she's older and wants to experiment.

AF has loved PE because it gets him energetic.

AP has enjoyed PE because he likes running around.

JDG has also liked PE because he likes sports.

NF has enjoyed writing because of the topic.

SB - In art we have been learning about different shades and tints.

MW - In English we have been reading and writing noun phrases and predictions about the book Frindleswylde.

LG - In Maths we have been doing column subtraction up to 4 digits.

LP - In RE we have started to learn about Hinduism.

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

JDG - At playtime I kicked the ball high up in the air and did 2 kick-ups.

AF - Threw the ball to his teammate, while playing football at break, and his teammate caught it with his feet.

LG - I was trying to do a scorpion and ended up doing a handstand instead.

#### **What are you looking forward to this half term?**

MW - Cooking.

OW - DT.

DS - Baking.

LP - Reading (in particular the book I have brought in to show the class that I wrote with my dad).



### **Dispatches from Kingfishers**

#### **What have you enjoyed learning about this term?**

(MM) I like learning about the Polar regions because I know that in the Arctic there are bears as "Arctic" means bear and "Antarctic" means no bears. (CG)

I also like learning about Polar regions as well - there are some Polar bears technically inside Europe. (LG) Biology! Palaeontology - I love learning about

new creatures and discovering new facts. It's amazing to learn that hundreds of millions of years ago there were ammonites in the sea and on land, there

were giant dinosaurs on land. (TN) We've been doing mock SATS. (KB) To be honest I've enjoyed doing the mock SATS this week because I enjoy

completing tests. (JT) I like doing art since we built installation art and made sculptures out of everyday objects. (LL) I liked art because we already created something similar but this time we

collaborated and put all of our ideas together and it was better than last time. (AW) I enjoyed art this week and I find it interesting to learn that Mr Barker may be part Neanderthal. (HG) I liked



playing benchball in PE because I like attending PE sessions.

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

(AG) I actually quite liked when AW said that Mr Barker may be part Neanderthal and we laughed because he is quite similar. (Mr Barker) several members of my wonderful class said that I looked like "human shrek" when I wore a soft, pleated olive-jumper. The best compliment of my life. (LL) Something funny that happened this week is when I and several friends went to go finish the rest of our tests in the nest, we taught Mr Maskell a funny meme off YouTube.

**What are you looking forward to this half term?**

(AW) I am looking forward to the end of mock SATS. (LG) I am looking forward to studying more palaeontology because I love science, I love dinosaurs, I love biology and I can't wait to study more. (CG) I'm looking forward to completing our DT topic of waistcoats.

**Looking ahead: key messages and reminders**

**Valentine's Disco**

We are looking forward to our upcoming Valentine's Disco, which will take place on Tuesday 10th February. The disco for Robins and Woodpeckers will run from 3.30–4.15pm, followed by Owls and Kingfishers from 4.30–5.30pm. The event will be hosted by Friends of Skelton, and promises to be a fun and enjoyable occasion for the children. Further details, including ticket information, will be shared shortly, so please keep an eye out for more information.

**Non-Uniform Day**





We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th February, and children are invited to come to school in their own clothes. We kindly ask for a small donation on the day, which will be collected in support of Martin House, a charity that provides vital care and support for children and families. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us to support such an important cause.

**Attendance**

Regular school attendance is essential to ensure children make the best possible progress both academically and socially. Being in school every day helps pupils develop strong learning habits, build friendships and feel a secure sense of belonging within the school community. Even short periods of absence can have a significant impact on a child's learning, so we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring children attend school consistently and arrive on time. By working together, we can help all pupils achieve their full potential.

## Class Attendance

6.1.26-15.1.26

			
Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers
96%	98%	89%	94%

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
<b>Tuesday 20th January</b>	Robins Curriculum Information Evening	School Hall 3.30
<b>Wednesday 21st January</b>	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
<b>Thursday 22nd January</b>	Woodpeckers Curriculum Information Evening	School Hall 3.30
<b>Tuesday 27th January</b>	Kingfishers Curriculum Information Evening	School Hall 3.30
<b>Thursday 29th January</b>	Owls Curriculum Information Evening	School Hall 3.30
<b>Tuesday 10th February</b>	Valentine's Disco	3.30-4.15 Robins/ Woodpeckers 4.30-5.30 Owls/ Kingfishers
<b>Friday 13th February</b>	Non-uniform day - collecting for	School

	Martin House	
<b>February Half Term 16th-20th February</b>		
<b>Wednesday 25th February</b>	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parent Meeting Y2 Reading Fluency Parent Meeting	3.30
<b>Tuesday 3rd March</b>	Robins Phonics Parent Meeting	3.30
<b>Thursday 5th March</b>	World Book Day	School - details to follow
<b>Wednesday 11th March</b>	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
<b>Thursday 12th March</b>	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	School Hall - EY/KS1 2-3pm
<b>Tuesday 17th March Thursday 19th March</b>	Parents Evening	School Hall - information to follow
<b>Friday 20th March</b>	Non-uniform day - collecting for Red Nose Day	School - details to follow
<b>Monday 23rd March</b>	Kingfishers Residential Information Evening	3.30
<b>Thursday 26th March</b>	Easter craft workshop	School Hall 3.30-4.30
<b>Easter Holiday 30th March - 10th April</b>		
<b>Wednesday 29th April</b>	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	Bank holiday	School Closed
<b>Month of May</b>	KS1 SATs	School
<b>w/c 11th May</b>	Y6 SATs	School
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	Non-uniform day - collecting for Child Brain Injury Trust	School
<b>May Half Term 25th May - 29th May</b>		
<b>1st June - 12th June</b>	Y4 Multiplication Check	School

<b>w/c 8th June</b>	Y1 Phonics Screening Check (including Y2 retakes)	School
<b>Wednesday 17th June</b>	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
<b>Thursday 18th June</b>	Father's Day Afternoon Tea	School Hall 2-3
<b>Friday 26th June</b>	Sports Day	Information to follow
<b>Monday 6th July</b>	Non-uniform day - donations for Summer Fair	School
<b>Thursday 9th July</b>	Summer Fair	3.30-4.30
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	Last day of school - non-uniform day	School
<b>Summer Holidays 20th July</b>		