Skelton PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Skelton Starling

Newsletter - Friday 6th March 2026

A Message from Mrs Naylor

As we begin a new term, it has been lovely to welcome everyone back and see the school full of energy and enthusiasm again. We have already enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, with the children sharing their love of reading and taking part in a range of exciting book-themed activities. Our Owls class have also begun their swimming sessions, which have been a fantastic opportunity for the children to build confidence and develop important skills in the water. We are now looking forward to welcoming families into school for our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, which promises to be a very special occasion for the children to celebrate with their loved ones. The term will also end with our Easter celebrations, which are always a joyful time in school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and we look forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 17th March and Thursday 19th March. Letters have been sent out with further details, and we kindly ask that these are returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If you require another copy or have any questions about booking an appointment, please speak to Miss Chaplin in the school office. During the meetings, teachers will share information about your child's recent assessments, discuss their progress in school and provide suggestions for how you can continue to support their learning at home. If you have any questions or anything specific you would like to discuss, please feel free to bring these with you.

Coffee and cake drop ins with Mrs Naylor

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join Mrs Naylor for coffee and cake on **Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 2.30pm.** This will be a lovely opportunity to come together informally, ask questions and share ideas. During the session, there will also be a particular focus on our behaviour chart—how it works, how it supports the children, and how we can continue to work in partnership

to promote positive behaviour. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Early Years and Key Stage 1 families are warmly invited to our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Thursday 12th March from 2:00–3:00pm in the school hall. Pupils are invited to bring someone special along to celebrate Mother's Day with them. Tickets are £2, which includes refreshments for one adult. Children will also receive a drink and biscuits to enjoy during the event. Please let Miss Chaplin know if there are any special dietary requirements.

Tickets can be paid for on Parent Pay - please do this as soon as possible to enable us to cater accordingly. Many thanks.

Dispatches from Robins

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

We have started a new topic: Ready, Steady, Grow.

We are learning about the life cycle of a bean plant and a chick.

RL - We've been growing a bean plant and mine has grown at home too. It's got roots, a stem and leaves. I've planted it in a new plant pot.

NW - A chick hatches out the egg! My chickens lay eggs.

EM - We went on a school trip to Monk Park Farm

NW - My favourite animal was the chick I got to hold!

AR - My favourite animal was the big goat, he was called Tim! He ate lots of food off my hand.

RW - We saw lots of new baby lambs...

MS - and we fed the baby cows with a bottle of milk.

CY - The calves were really strong.

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

We loved our school trip:

AR - The slides at the farm were so cool!

MS - and we went on a train there!

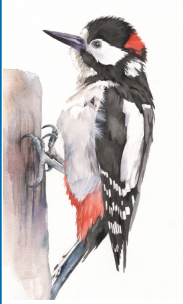
BM - Yes, it went under a tunnel!

BR - We're growing cress heads and our cress is growing so we have hair now.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

RL - I'm excited to see the chicks hatch and then hold them.

CY - I remember holding them in Ducklings. They're so soft.



Dispatches from Woodpeckers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

We have continued to enjoy learning about William the Conqueror. We have been looking at the big changes that happened during this time. We looked at the feudal system and how it worked. We also learnt that the Normans loved to build castles to show their power.

DP- We have been doing gymnastics in PE. We have enjoyed learning different shapes like a pike, star, dish, arch and straddle.

CC- We have been reading Grandad's Camper. We have been thinking of questions we would like to ask Grandad about his adventures.

IR- In maths we have been learning about equal groups.

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

EH - We were looking for ladybirds and worms and we built a bug hotel and a bug hospital for the poorly insects. In the bug hotel we checked to see if they were poorly and took them to the bug hospital to be looked after. Every break we looked to see if they were there. We placed water on a leaf for them to drink and placed leaves to give them shelter. One of them may have been pregnant!

LH - At sports club I accidentally called Mr Lamb Mr Sheep and everybody laughed. Mr Lamb laughed too!

What are you looking forward to this half term?

CC-I am looking forward to finishing our DT- building a chair for a bear.

JJ- I am looking forward to doing more gymnastics in the hall.

IR-I am looking forward to doing some reading plus.

Dispatches from Owls

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

BM - I am enjoying going swimming!

MW - I am enjoying maths and fractions! SB - We have been learning about fractions in maths.

AA - Writing about The Matchbox Diary is super fun!

JD - DT because we are building structures!

LG - We have been reading about Stitch Head.

MW - In PSHE we have been making lists about qualities in friendships and group dynamics. We have been learning about how to be kind and respectful in our friendships.

BC - In Geography we have been labelling and describing the water cycle. We were doing condensation, evaporation, precipitation and collection.

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

SB - When playing a game at break time my shoe flew off across the playground.

LG - Yesterday we found a rock that we hid 2 years ago and dug it up.

WS - Mr Barker started looking over at me at the end of assembly with a funny face.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

ERY - Swimming!
BW - Reading about Stitch Head!
NF - DT! And finishing the structures

Dispatches from Kingfishers

What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

(LG) I am enjoying learning about survival of the fittest and natural selection. It is very interesting to see how animals have been shaped by the world. (MM) I enjoy learning about our story "I am Malala" - she loves her education. (GT) I have quite enjoyed assemblies because I am learning new things and secondly it's good to know what's going on. (KB) Last week, I enjoyed maths but also reading because in our story, Malala believes in equality for everyone. (CG) I have been enjoying migration in history, learning about the French, the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Irish (who suffered famines). Fun fact, the Vikings came to Britain for more land but after, settled with the Saxons. (AG) I enjoyed what we did in art - we were choosing the artist that was mentioned and I chose Bob Ross because of his lovely landscape features.

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

(AG) Mr Barker was playing with the younger children at break time and he was having a great time running around. (EB) We think the children were imagining Mr Barker running around with a big Viking sword.

What are you looking forward to this half term?

(JT) I am looking forward to more basketball in PE. (HG) I am excited to create our final art project. (AG) I am looking forward to doing gymnastics on Friday as I do it every Saturday and it is really fun. (LG) I am very excited about learning more about adaptation! (JL) I like to learn how and why people have migrated - I want to learn about how people migrated to the UK. (CG) I am looking forward to music because we are learning how to match musical notation to pieces of music.

Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Uniform and PE kit

A polite reminder to parents and carers about the importance of children wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit each day. Wearing the correct uniform helps children feel part of the school community and ensures they are comfortable and ready for learning. Please ensure that children come to school in the appropriate PE kit on their allocated PE days. If you are unsure about the uniform requirements or need any support, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

Water bottles

Please remember to send your child to school each day with a water bottle. Children should bring water rather than juice, as this helps them stay well hydrated and supports concentration throughout the school day. Water bottles can be kept in the classroom so that children can access them easily when needed. Thank you for your support with this.

Clothing in warmer weather

As we move further into the spring term and the weather begins to get warmer, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for the changing conditions. Although the days may feel warmer, mornings can still be quite chilly, so children should continue to bring a coat to school. Lighter layers can also be helpful as temperatures may change throughout the day. Please make sure that all clothing, including jumpers and coats, is clearly labelled with your child's name so that any misplaced items can be easily returned.

Bikeability

Kingfishers class will be taking part in Bikeability sessions on Monday 9th March and Monday 16th March. This is a great opportunity for pupils to develop their cycling skills and learn more about how to ride safely and confidently. Letters with further information and QR codes have been sent home. Please ensure these are completed as soon as possible so that your child can take part in the sessions.

Class Attendance

6.1.26-6.3.26

Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers
94%	97%	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**
February Half Term 16th-20th February		
Monday 9th and 16th March	Bikeability	Kingfishers - QR codes sent home
Wednesday 11th March	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
Thursday 12th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	School Hall - EY/KS1 2-3
Tuesday 17th March Thursday 19th March	Parents' Evening	School Hall
Thursday 19th March	Pedestrian Training	Owls - PM
Friday 20th March	Non-uniform day - wear red, collecting for Red Nose Day	School

Monday 23rd March	Kingfishers Residential Information Evening	3.30
Thursday 26th March	Easter craft workshop	School Hall 3.30-4.30
Easter Holiday 30th March - 10th April		
Wednesday 29th April	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday	School Closed
Month of May	KS1 SATs	School
w/c 11th May	Y6 SATs	School
Friday 22nd May	Non-uniform day - collecting for Child Brain Injury Trust	School
May Half Term 25th May - 29th May		
1st June - 12th June	Y4 Multiplication Check	School
Wed 3rd June - Fri 5th June	Residential Trip	Kingfishers
w/c 8th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check (including Y2 retakes)	School
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
Friday 26th June	Sports Day	Information to follow
Monday 6th July	Non-uniform day - donations for Summer Fair	School
Thursday 9th July	Summer Fair	3.30-4.30
Friday 10th July	Crucial Crew	Year 6
Wednesday 15th July	Leavers' Breakfast at Hickory's	Year 6
Friday 17th July	Last day of school - non-uniform day	School

Summer Holidays 20th July

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