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# Newsletter - Friday 18th June 2025

# A message from Mrs Naylor

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement. Your partnership has played a vital role in the many successes we've shared this year—from academic achievements and creative projects to sporting triumphs and personal growth across the school. It's been a joy to watch our students learn, explore, and thrive in so many different ways. We're incredibly proud of all they have accomplished, and we're already looking forward to the new adventures and opportunities that September will bring. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and happy summer and we will see you on Tuesday 2nd September!

#### **Year 6 Leavers**

As the end of term approaches, we've had a wonderful time celebrating our fantastic Year 6 leavers! Their journey at primary school came to a memorable close with a heartfelt Leavers' Assembly, where they shared special memories, gave thoughtful advice to their younger selves, and proudly received their leavers' hoodies. The celebrations continued with a fun-filled morning at Hickory's, where the children enjoyed a delicious breakfast, had a great time making milkshakes, and relaxed with a movie. We're so



proud of all they've achieved and wish them every success as they move on to secondary school!

(A huge thank you to Hickory's for hosting an amazing leavers' breakfast and for the free goodies to take home!)

## **Sports Day**

Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us for our recent Sports Day—it was a fantastic day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit! The students took part in a variety of point-scoring activities including bean bag toss, goal scoring, and archery, as well as exciting races such as the sprint, egg and spoon race, and the much-anticipated relay. The children showed incredible sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. A big congratulations to the Blue Team, who emerged as the overall winners with an impressive 1,340 points! Your support truly made the day special for everyone involved.

#### **Summer Fair**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Summer Fair such a brilliant success!

We're incredibly grateful to our amazing staff, enthusiastic pupils, and the ever-supportive Friends of Skelton for all their hard work in organising and running the event. Your energy and teamwork brought the event to life!

To all the families who came along – thank you for joining us and helping to create such a lovely, community atmosphere. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the games, stalls and sunshine.

A special shout-out to **Hickory's** for their generous donation of hotdogs and buns – they were a real hit and added something extra special to the day.

We hope you all had as much fun as we did, and we're already looking forward to next year!

The school raised £140 from the class stalls and games.

A message from the Friends of Skelton:

Thank You for Your Support!

Friends of Skelton raised a fantastic £388.65 at the School Summer Fair — a huge thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the event!

We wish you all a brilliant summer holiday and look forward to planning exciting events and activities for the Autumn.

# Woodpeckers Trip to Harlow Carr

The Woodpeckers had a wonderful time on their recent school trip to Harlow Carr! The day was filled with exploration, discovery, and plenty of fresh air as the children ventured through the beautiful gardens. They enjoyed learning about different plants, spotting wildlife, and taking part in nature-themed activities that linked perfectly with our science and geography topics. The highlight

for many was the guided woodland walk, where they learned about habitats and the importance of caring for our environment. The children represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm and behaviour, and we're so proud of how engaged they were throughout the day. A big thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who helped make the trip so enjoyable and memorable!

## **Robins Trip to Bridlington**

The Robins had an exciting and fun-filled day on their trip to Bridlington Beach! The adventure began with a lively coach journey, full of songs and laughter as the children looked forward to a day by the sea. Once at the beach, they enjoyed building sandcastles, paddling in the shallow water, and collecting seashells along the shore. Everyone loved having a picnic by the seaside, and a special treat of ice cream made the day even sweeter! The children were full of smiles and showed excellent behaviour throughout the trip. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make the day such a success—it was a perfect way to bring our seaside topic to life and deepen the children's understanding through real-world experience.

## **Charity Fundraising Non-Uniform Day for Lollipop**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our recent non-uniform day to support **Lollipop**, a wonderful charity that provides opportunities for children and young people with any degree of deafness—and their families—to connect, share experiences, and build lasting friendships.

Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised **£64**! Every penny will help Lollipop continue its vital work in creating inclusive, supportive communities for deaf children and their families.

Well done, and thank you for making a difference!

# **Looking ahead: key messages and reminders**

# **School Day timings**

| 8.40      | School gate opens                     |  |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 8.45      | School starts                         |  |
| 8.45-9.00 | Registration                          |  |
| 3.15      | Early Years and KS1 End of school day |  |
| 3.20      | KS2 End of school day                 |  |

### **Term Dates 2025/26**

| Autumn Term  | Spring Term  | Summer Term  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Autumn Term 1 2nd September 2025 - 23rd October 2025 | Spring Term 1 6th January 2026 - 13th February 2026  | <b>Summer Term 1</b> 13th April 2026 - 22nd May 2026 |  |
| Half Term<br>24th October 2025 - 31st October 2025   | Half Term<br>16th February 2026 - 20th February 2026 | Half Term<br>25th May 2026-29th May 2026             |  |
| Autumn Term 2 3rd November 2025 - 18th December 2025 | Spring Term 2 23rd February 2026 - 27th March 2026   | Summer Term 2<br>1st June 2026 - 17th July 2026      |  |
| Christmas Break 22nd December 2025- 2nd January 2026 | Easter Break 30th March 2026 - 10th April 2026       | Summer Break<br>20th July 2026                       |  |

# **Training Days**

Monday 1st September 2025 Friday 24th October 2025 Friday 19th December 2025 Monday 5th January 2026 Monday 20th July 2026

### Uniform

Wearing a school uniform is an important part of creating a sense of community and belonging. It helps all children feel included and equal, and encourages pride in being part of our school. Uniform also promotes a positive learning environment by helping everyone feel ready and focused for the day ahead.

### Our School Uniform:

- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or blue gingham dress
- Plain sky blue or white polo shirt or plain white button shirt
- Navy jumper or cardigan with or without logo
- Low-heeled dark coloured shoes or dark coloured trainers (open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term, for health and safety reasons)

## Long hair

Just a quick reminder to please tie back long hair before school each day. It helps keep everyone comfortable and focused, and keeps everyone safe during playtime and hands-on activities. We will encourage pupils to redo their hair themselves if it comes out during the day. Thank you for helping us keep pupils safe!

### PE days

Children will have two PE lessons each week. On these days, please make sure they come to school dressed in their school PE kit to be ready for all the fun and active learning. Nursery and Reception ensure physical development is built into their daily routines through play, movement activities, and outdoor exploration, they have a formal PE lesson on a Friday.

#### PE Kit:

- A plain white polo shirt or t-shirt
- Plain dark shorts (black or navy) or
- Plain dark tracksuits (blue or navy)
- Trainers

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                | Friday                    |
|--------|---------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|        |         | Woodpeckers | Owls and<br>Kingfishers | All classes<br>Nursery-Y6 |



**Dispatches from Robins**A Message from Mrs Crump and Mrs Hunter

As we reach the end of the school year, we wanted to take a moment to share just how much we've loved teaching Robins Class. It's been a year filled with curiosity, growth, and plenty of smiles, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every child.

For our Reception children, it has been a joy to see them take their very first steps into school life. From exploring the world through play to developing early reading, writing, and number skills, their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn have been truly inspiring. We've particularly loved watching their confidence grow—whether they were getting messy in the mud kitchen, sharing stories with friends, or proudly showing us their creative masterpieces!

As the year has progressed, it's been wonderful to see how ready the children are for the transition into Year 1. They've become more independent, curious, and engaged in their learning—asking thoughtful questions and taking real pride in their work. We're confident they'll take this next step in their school journey with the same excitement and positivity they've shown throughout Reception. It has been a privilege to teach such a kind, caring, and energetic group of children. Thank you to all the families for your ongoing support—we're so proud of what Robins Class have achieved and know they'll continue to flourish in the year ahead.

# **Dispatches from Woodpeckers**

A Message from Mrs Teasdale and Miss Fry

As the school year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of all the children in Woodpeckers Class. It's been a fantastic year filled with learning, laughter, and so many memorable moments.

Our Year 1 children have made such brilliant progress—growing in confidence, developing their reading and writing skills, and showing great curiosity in all areas of learning. It's been lovely to see how eager they are to try new things and how supportive they've been of one another throughout the year.

Our Year 2 children have shown real maturity and leadership, setting a wonderful example for their younger classmates. They've worked so hard and have impressed us with their creativity, resilience, and positive attitudes. We know they are more than ready for the exciting challenges that await them in Key Stage 2!

It has been a privilege to be part of your child's learning journey this year. Thank you to all our families for your continued support—we truly couldn't do it without you. We wish all our Woodpeckers the very best of luck for next year. We know they'll continue to shine!



# **Dispatches from Owls**A Message from Mr Maskell

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting year, I want to say how proud I am of all the children in Owls Class. It's been a real pleasure getting to know and teach such a fantastic group of Year 3 and Year 4 children.

Our Year 3s have settled brilliantly into Key Stage 2, showing great enthusiasm and resilience as they've taken on new challenges. They've grown in confidence and independence, and it's been lovely to see their personalities shine in everything

from class discussions to creative writing and topic work.

Year 4 have been fantastic role models to their younger classmates, demonstrating maturity and a real love of learning. Their teamwork, kindness, and sense of humour have made the classroom a fun and supportive place to be, and I know they'll go on to do amazing things in Year 5.

It was wonderful to return to Owls Class in the summer term and be welcomed back so warmly. I've thoroughly enjoyed our time together, and I want to thank the children for their hard work and positive attitudes. I'd also like to thank families for your continued support throughout the year.

Wishing you all a restful summer and the very best of luck for the year ahead—keep being brilliant!



# **Dispatches from Kingfishers**A Message from Mrs Windsor

As we reach the end of the school year, I want to say how proud I am of each and every one of you in Kingfishers Class. It's been a pleasure to return during the summer term and see all the fantastic progress you've made—both in your learning and as individuals.

Year 5 have shown great determination and maturity this year, stepping up to new challenges and setting a fantastic example for younger pupils. You've grown in confidence, taken pride in your work, and shown that you're more than ready to be the oldest in school next year. I know you'll be

brilliant role models as you move into Year 6!

To our wonderful Year 6s—what a journey it's been! You've worked so hard this year, especially in preparing for your SATs, and you should be incredibly proud of everything you've achieved. Beyond the classroom, your leadership, kindness, and support for one another have left a lasting impression. As you take this next big step into secondary school, remember to stay true to yourselves, believe in your abilities, and embrace every new opportunity that comes your way.

It's been a joy to be part of your journey this term. Thank you for making me feel so welcome on my

return, and thank you to all the families for your continued support. Wishing you all a wonderful summer and the very best of luck for the year ahead—you've got so much to look forward to!

# **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                   |                |  |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Focus                         | Time and place |  |  |
| Training Day - teachers only! | School         |  |  |

In class

Autumn 1 dates to follow in the first Newsletter in September!

First day back for all pupils



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**Date** 

**Monday 1st September** 

**Tuesday 2nd September**