



Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe we have been back at school for eight whole weeks – during that time all of our children have grown in confidence and ability and we are proud of how they have all settled into their new classes and year groups. There is such a lovely atmosphere in our school and when we visit classes it makes us very proud of all our children and staff.

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed ‘Art Week’, where they have developed their skills and understanding of drawing and colour – if you have seen some of the work on our Facebook page, I am sure you will agree they have excelled!

Towards the end of the week, we had our Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Parade; we are always enormously impressed by the children’s musical talents and their confidence and this year was no different with some brilliant performances. A big thank you for all of the food bank donations as well which will be delivered to St. Marys Anglican Church who will very gratefully distribute it to those in need around the community.

Lastly, thank you for all of your unwavering support this half-term – our school wouldn’t be the special place it is without you. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and wish you all a great half-term break.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Christmas Fair – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

We’re looking forward to our Christmas Fair at school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – we’d love you to join us after school to take part in exciting activities!

### Open Morning – September 2025

We will hold a second open event for Reception 2025 starters on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30-4.30pm. Please spread the word and ask interested parents to give us a call to book a place!

### ‘The Big Read’

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be inviting parents, grandparents and families in to join children in our ‘**Big Read**’. The event will take place from 9.00-9.30 and you will be able to share your child’s love of reading in each class. We hope to see lots you there.

### Service of Remembrance – November 2024

Our Key Stage 2 ‘Hunton Heroes’ will be representing our school at the Festival of Remembrance on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We will commemorate Remembrance Day in school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, and our Year 6’s will also be placing a wreath at the war memorial in Hunton.

### Let’s Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
<b>Above &amp; Beyond</b> <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Teddy	Arthur	James	Tai	Charlie W	Evie	Kirsty
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Theo	Aggie	Evie F		Rafe	Isaac	
<b>Aims Award</b>	Lottie	Ralph	Finn		Pippa	Max	
<b>Team Points</b>	Bolton						
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	Woodpecker						
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	Year 6 Monitors						
<b>Monarch</b>	Isaac						

### CPD Day

Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for staff training. We will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and look forward to seeing everyone then!

### Diary Dates

*Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!*

<b>When?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>How?</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens – Autumn 2	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of Remembrance – Ripon Cathedral	KS2 HH	Information sent
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 ‘Crucial Crew’	Y6	Information sent
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	‘Big Read’ with Parents – 9.00am	All	See newsletter
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening for September 2025 Starters	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair	All	Information sent
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception ‘Drawing Club’ Session for Parents	Rec	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	‘Sleeping Beauty’ @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	H&A Museum	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick’s Church – 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week, we have been busy practicing for our Harvest Festival - the children performed a wonderful poem, 'Harvest Apples'. We were very proud of their perseverance and how confident they were performing to an audience. In our whole school 'Art Week', we have been fantastic creators, exploring different media and looking closely at observational drawings - drawing fruit and vegetables for our Harvest Festival and self-portraits! The children did amazingly well at looking closely, with their 'magnifying glass eyes'! We have had an amazing half-term in Reception Robin Class and their first half-term in our school family! Well done!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** For the final week of half-term, Art Week, we expressed our way through our school 'aims' of being 'inquisitive,' 'creators,' and 'risk takers.' The children created wonderful pieces of art with a mark making focus. It was incredible to see the children really focus on our artist Frida Kahlo and express their self-portrait creations. We have consolidated our Maths topic on place value and completed numbers lines to 20 on the playground with chalk.

**Kingfisher Class:** The Kingfishers have had a brilliant final week to the half-term, where they have most certainly been 'creators'! We started the week by exploring some of the artwork of Mackenzie Thorpe, replicating some of his stunning pieces before moving on to creating our own artwork using mixing and collage skills to great effect. We were also so impressed by the children during the Harvest Festival, performing our song 'P-o-t-a-t-o-e-s!' with confidence and enthusiasm. We have been so impressed with each of the children since we started back in September and hope they have a fun and restful week off!

**Partridge Class:** What a successful Art Week! The children have showed their creative skills with a range of techniques and media; the final outcome being a collaborative power print. We have learnt all about our artist of the term, Banksy, and even created our own Banksy inspired piece. The children have been very excited to show their Makaton during their song for the Harvest Festival, they were amazing! Have a brilliant, restful half-term and I will see you in a week Partridges!

**Woodpecker Class:** What a great end to half-term. Woodpecker Class have continued to aspire and excel in all they do – last week, we were so impressed with their driven attitudes when investigating long division! We have thoroughly enjoyed our Art Week where we investigated the illustrator Quentin Blake, and designed symbolic art and imagery which represented our own personal voice. We've enjoyed rehearsing our prayers for the Harvest Festival and are ready for a well-earned rest!

### Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.