



Dear Parents,

Just like that, we are half way through the school year – it has gone by in a flash. The spring term is always a short, but busy term and following our successful trip to London our attention starts to turn towards our Year 2, 3 and 4 Stargazing Visit. As the days start to get longer, we look forward to the usual events in the run-up to Easter – the Spring Concert, Decorated Egg Competitions and one of our favourites – The Easter Labyrinth. We will also mark 'World Book Day' in March with our usual week-long celebration with something exciting happening each day that week – further details of all of these events will be sent home early next half-term.

The whole school have thoroughly enjoyed Art Week this week. We also had a visit from a North Yorkshire Early Years Advisor who couldn't praise the setting and the children enough; their behaviour, engagement, use of vocabulary and imaginative play were all very impressive and we are incredibly proud of them!

Have a lovely, restful weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Hello and Welcome

This week we have welcomed our new General Teaching Assistant, Miss Adams, to school. Miss Adams will be working across all classes and in Wraparound Club. She's already been made welcome

We also say 'bon voyage' to Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead who will be taking a period of leave until late May to spend time travelling with her family. After half term, we will officially welcome Mrs. Sophie Pearson who will be covering in Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead's absence. Mrs. Pearson has already visited school and met pupils.

Spring Concert

Just a reminder that our Spring Concert takes place on Wednesday 24th February at 9am. We hope to see you there. We expect the concert to last around twenty minutes and it will take place outdoors.

Year 6 SATS Information Evening

The Year 6 SATS Parent Information Evening will take place at 4.30pm on Monday 22nd February. If you can't make it, please don't worry – all information will be shared afterwards.

Change of Dates

We have had to change a couple of dates for the Easter Film Night and Easter Cooking Night. Please see overleaf for the new dates. We will send further information home later in the term.

Governors' Corner

The first half term of 2025 has been a busy one for the children and staff with lots of wonderful hands-on learning opportunities. I visited school on Monday morning, which saw the start of Art Week, and I spent time in each of the classrooms with Mr Donaldson. There was a wonderful range of activities, which enabled the children to develop different skills in each of the classes. Our youngest children were enjoying painting to music, making marks to represent what they could hear. Other activities across the school included learning about different artists and their styles with Year 1 focussing on Pablo Picasso, Years 2 & 3 were making sculptures in the style of Henry Moore, replicating his style of work, Years 4 & 5 were focussing on Monet and looking closely at his many works focussing on Water Lillies and finally Year 6 were analysing David Hockney's work using the seven elements of art. All the children were engaged in their learning and as always, they were polite and well-mannered, eager to tell me all about what they were doing.

Wishing everyone a happy half term holiday.

Andrea Peacock

Celebration Assembly

Due to our Art Workshops, there is no Celebration Assembly this week.

Mid-Year Reports

Your child will bring home their mid-year report today. Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Friday 14 th February	School Closes for Spring Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 24 th February	School Opens – Spring 2		See newsletter
Monday 24 th February	Year 6 SATS Parent Information Evening	Y6	Information sent
Wednesday 26 th February	Spring Concert – 9.00am	All	Information sent
Mon 3 rd – Tue 4 th March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent
W/C Monday 10 th March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 25 th March	Y2/3 Stone Age Day	Y2/3	Information to follow
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening	All	Information to follow
Monday 30 th March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Baking Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 th April	Decorated Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 th April	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 29 th April	Y1 Pony Trekking Visit	Y1	Information to follow
Monday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 23 rd May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): Wow, what an inspiring last week of Spring 1! The children have worked hard in creating short phrases, enjoyed creating a chocolate shop and lots of Valentines inspired activities. We have experimented with volcano eruptions, created love potions and made our own versions of the story, 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet'. During Art Week, the children have enjoyed creating outdoor art, Kandinsky inspired heart paintings and painting to music.

Robin Class (Year 1): We have been 'Creators' all week for Art Week – exploring primary and secondary colours through mix, pattern and texture. Our artist focus was Pablo Picasso; ask us where he was born! We have thoroughly enjoyed reading like artists, sharing our curriculum spine books. PE has seen us explore shapes in gymnastics, what fun we had! The Beebots made an appearance again this week in computing and we recited our SMART rules. I am so proud of all the children, working extremely hard during phonic assessments. The children have all excelled in their own unique learning journeys this term. Have a wonderful break.

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have thoroughly enjoyed Art Week, creating lots of wonderful work using clay! We started the week by investigating famous sculptor Henry Moore, critiquing some of his sculptures and having a go at creating some ourselves. We then developed our clay-skills, experimenting with a variety of tools (including our hands) to make pinch pots and clay houses. We have completed our division unit in Maths and we also finished our Geography work, exploring extreme environments such as Antarctica, considering why penguins need to 'fly' underwater as opposed to in the sky.

Partridge Class: We have had a lovely time this week, enjoying art week! The children recreated their own water lily painting inspired by Claude Monet. Then, we explored tones and shades to create three-dimensional paintings and our very own still life composition! It has been a very busy and exciting half term so enjoy a well-deserved rest!

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have enjoyed reminiscing about our fantastic time in London, whilst also moving forward with our learning. We have enjoyed concluding our geography topic – tying in everything we have learnt to discuss our own thoughts on climate change. We have enjoyed our art week, which has centred around artist studies – using famous art work to develop our paint and mixed media skills. Have a lovely half-term holiday.

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.