



Dear Parents,

We have all started to think about changes and 'moving on' this week. The majority of Year 6 have spent time in their secondary schools, and have returned to school full of excitement about the year ahead; our wonderful new Reception children have spent their final day in school before joining us in September; and the rest of the children have spent time in their new classes with their new teachers. Our transition afternoon was very exciting and we are all looking forward to September.

We have had a very exciting end to the week as the children spent time in their castle teams for the day. Middleham ticked off one of our 'H&A36 before Y6' experiences by visiting their team's castle whilst children in Richmond and Bolton had a fun-filled day in school with all sorts of exciting activities! A great end to what has been a wonderful week as we quickly approach the end of term.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Non-Uniform Day (Bring-a - Bottle)

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 11th July in exchange for a bottle for our 'bottle tombola'. Bottles of wine, beer etc. are very welcome alongside more unusual bottles (ketchup, bubble bath etc!).

We will then hold our 'Summer Bottle Tombola' on Thursday 17th July for just £1 a go! All money raised will go back into enriching activities in school!

'Annie'

We are so looking forward to our performance of 'Annie'. The children are looking and sounding fantastic during rehearsals and we can't wait to share it with family and friends.

There are two performances on Wednesday 9th July at 2pm and 6pm – please do let Mrs. Godlee know if you would like tickets and haven't already reserved them. Children and parents from Robin Class are very welcome to join us at either performance should tickets be available – again, please contact the School Office. It would be lovely to see you at this celebration of all things creative in our school! The children from Year 2 – 6 will spend most of Monday and Tuesday rehearsing on the stage for the very first time! Break a leg!

Farewell

This week we have said 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Auger who has finished her teaching placement in Year 1. We wish her all the best for her full-time teaching role in September!

Amazon Wishlist

Did you know we have an Amazon wish list, which contains lots of exciting things to enrich the lives of our children in school? Some parents have enquired about end of year gifts, so we thought this would be a good opportunity to signpost this again! It can be found using the link below:

<https://amzn.eu/dBelK3u>

Let's Celebrate!

There is no Celebration Assembly this week due to the Middleham Castle visit. Celebration Assembly will return as usual next Friday.

Big Read

Don't forget our 'Big Read' next Friday (11th July) at 9am. We hope to see you there!

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 9 th July	Y2 – Y6 End of Year Production	Y2-Y6	Information sent
Friday 11 th July	Big Read (Parents Welcome) @ 9.00am	REC	Information sent
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 Sailing	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly @ 2.30pm	Y6	Information sent
Friday 18 th July	School Closes for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 2 nd September	Return for 2025/2026 Academic Year	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): At the beginning of the week, we were very excited to find our caterpillars had emerged from their cocoons and transformed into beautiful butterflies 🦋. We had an exciting visit from The Tooth Fairy who collected the dragon tooth we found and left us a letter. It suggested we write to our new class teachers to tell them things we like! The children were very driven and focused! On Wednesday, the children enjoyed transitioning to their new class as 'Kingfishers'. They thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon with their new class teachers and couldn't wait to tell us all about it the following day! We are so proud of them!

Robin Class (Year 1): What a lovely week in Robin Class, the sun has been shining, and we produced and delivered our very first Year 1 Class Assembly. The children were all incredible risk takers and creators; their confidence blossomed! Thank you for taking the time to come and see us. We consolidated our history topic through investigating why people visit Richmond today and we loved our visit to Richmond Castle, where we were inquisitive. Some of us managed two castle trips this week! We said a tearful goodbye to Miss Auger, who has helped us along the way with our learning journey. Transition has started to Year 2; I am so proud of all of the children, and I will miss them very much next term.

Kingfisher Class: We have certainly had an interesting week in Kingfisher Class this week! The children worked incredibly hard to complete their end of year assessments, showing off everything they have learned this year. We have spent some time rehearsing for 'Annie', which is very quickly coming around, and in class, we have continued to read and write about The Great Fire of London during English lessons. In history, we explored how the treatment of Boudica by the Romans almost cost them control of the country. The children enjoyed our transition afternoon on Wednesday, meeting their 'new' teacher and spending the afternoon in their new class as we continue to prepare for September. And finally, what a way to end the week with our 'Castles Day', with Middleham visiting their castle and Richmond & Bolton doing some castle-themed activities for the day. The children have been brilliant throughout so well done to all.

Partridge Class: We have had a brilliant week in Partridges this week. In maths, the children started their new topic of position and direction, finding co-ordinates and remembering that we go along the corridor and up the stairs! We were also journalists in English, imagining we are questioning Phillipe Petite after he tightrope walked between the Twin Towers. The children have been completing their final assessments of Year 4 and 5. They have all made fantastic progress and I am incredibly proud of them. We are getting prepared for the end of year and they all had a fabulous time in their new classes - Year 5 spending time with their new teachers and Year 4 experiencing a new class! Not long until the summer holidays!

Woodpecker Class: Woodpecker Class have had a fantastic week. They have further immersed themselves in learning about the British Empire in history, finding out why the British Empire began to decline. In maths lessons, we have continued to investigate 2D and 3D shapes – all of this alongside some fantastic 'Annie' rehearsals (which are looking and sounding fantastic). It has also been lovely to hear how much the children who have had transition days in their new school have enjoyed it so much – we are very proud of each of them and know they will be amazing when they start.

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.