



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school with our Design Technology work occupying the end of the week – see below for more information about that...needless to say it has been great to see the children embodying our curriculum aims from being 'creators', 'risk-takers' and 'inquisitive' throughout their designing, making and evaluating!

It was also great to have some Year 1 families join us yesterday for the Year 1 Phonics Information Evening. Children's reading journey certainly doesn't end in Reception and we hope families found it useful. Please do keep reading with your children at home (whatever their age!) and recording the reads in their Homework Diary. It really is the single most useful thing you can do to support your child's learning at home, and even a few minutes every day makes such a big difference.

There are lots of events to look forward to next week where we will continue to celebrate children's learning – from Parents Evening on Wednesday, to our Harvest Festival on Thursday. It would be great to see lots of you there.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Parents Evening

Your child(ren) should have brought home a slip with an appointment time for Parents Evening on earlier this week. Parents Evening will take place next Wednesday between 4-7pm. Please contact your child's class teacher if you did not receive an appointment time!

Governor's Corner

I visited school on Thursday morning for my induction meeting having recently joined the school's governing body. It was lovely to be back in the school having worked here on a part-time basis nearly a year ago. It was great to see the children busy with their DT projects using hammers, glue guns and saws to name a few! I am really looking forward to playing an active role in the governance of the school in my role as link governor for EYFS and Art & Design.

Rosey Walker
Co-opted Governor

Staff Training Day

A reminder that school is closed for staff training on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Harvest Festival

We hope you will join us for our Harvest Festival next Thursday from 2.30pm on the school playground. The celebration will take place whatever the weather, so please do make sure you dress appropriately. Donations for the food bank may be brought in on the day of the event.

Design Technology Days

We held the first Design Technology Days of the year this week. We love being able to immerse ourselves in DT over two whole days dedicated to the subject. This term, the focus was 'structures' and there have been an array of great designs and makes – from windmills in Key Stage 1; pavilions in Year 3; bridges in Year 4/5 and playgrounds in Year 6. We hope you will join us from 3.00 where the children's exercise books and final products will be shared.

Open Events

Do you, or someone you know, have a child due to start Reception in 2026? We will be holding the first of our Open Events tomorrow from 10.00-11.30. We will also hold an Open Evening on Wednesday 22nd October from 3.30-5.00pm. Please spread the word and encourage them come and see our fantastic school!

Let's Celebrate!

There is no Celebration Assembly this week due to our Design Technology Days.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 14 th October	Pumpkin Picking – Reception Class	REC	Information sent
Wednesday 15 th October	Parents' Evening – 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information sent
Thursday 16 th October	Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm	All	Information sent
Wednesday 22 nd October	Cross Country @ Richmond School (Key Stage 2)	KS2	Information sent
Wednesday 22 nd October	Reception 2026 Open Evening	All	See newsletter
Thursday 23 rd October	PTFA Halloween Disco	All	Information to follow
Friday 24 th October	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 3 rd November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Friday 7 th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	TBC	Information sent
Wednesday 12 th November	Crucial Crew	Y6	Information to follow
Thursday 13 th November	Torchlight Treasure Hunt	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 th November	Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y5/6 Netball @ Bedale School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm	REC-Y2	Information to follow
Tuesday 16 th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 6 th January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 8 th January	Y3/4 Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information sent
Thursday 12 th February	Richmond Station Art Exhibition	All	Information to follow
Friday 13 th February	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 23 rd February	School Opens	All	See newsletter
26 th – 27 th February	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Our adventures this week have seen us delve into the stories 'Room on the Broom' and 'What's in the Witches' Kitchen?' We have enjoyed using these to support acting out the stories, and making our own potions within provision in our very own kitchen. Will it be something 'delicious' or 'disgusting'? In Dough Disco, the children have been manipulating dough, to music, into different shapes to support building finger strength for handwriting! We ended the week with our whole school DT days - where we created our own junk models. We had to individually plan the resources we wanted to use to effectively make our unique junk model 'Monsters'! What fantastic creators and imaginative minds we have in our Robin Class!

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have had another hard-working week. They have continued to impress us with their writing as they put the finishing touches to their information texts about pets. In Maths, we have continued to refine our understanding of place value and solve reasoning problems. We have enjoyed ending the week with our 'Design Technology Days' where we made some impressive windmills and evaluated how successful they were.

Goldfinch Class: A 'happy and healthy' week for us! We thoroughly enjoyed our PE lessons, developing an understanding of tactics in cricket as well as teamwork and instructions in outdoor adventures. It was wonderful to see all of the children participating with huge smiles on their faces. In Geography, we created leaflets encouraging people to visit Richmond using our wealth of knowledge from our fieldwork study. Finally, we ended the week with DT, where we focused on structures; we were 'risk takers' and 'creators.' Thank you for coming along to see our work.

Partridge Class: Partridge Class have been exploring measure in Maths. We have been converting measurements of items in the classroom and even wrote a realistic recipe using grams! In RE, we explored the gospel of John and how Jesus represented himself. The children created their own 'I am...' statements, recognising different attributes they have! The week has ended with a very exciting DT topic of bridges. The children were risk takers, using saws and wood to create their own trundle bridges.

Woodpecker Class: This week in maths, Year 6 have been applying our multiplication skills to a range of problems, particularly focussing on their clear explanations using mathematical vocabulary. In English, we have been exploring subjunctive mood as we continue our work on The Inventions of Hugo Cabret whilst in Reading Comprehensions, we have been learning more about Water Aid in preparation for our Harvest festival next week. We ended the week with our Design Technology unit, which started with building our own Empire State Buildings out of straws before creating our own structures.

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.