



Dear Parents,

It has been so lovely to continue to see signs of Spring as we enter March. Wraparound Club have planted some spring bulbs in the planters at the side of school, which are certainly helping, remind us that the warmer weather is on the way. This week has also been full of brilliant reading activities as we celebrate 'Book Week' - please see below for a full recap!

This week, we have welcomed teaching colleagues from the Swaledale Alliance. They spent some time in classes yesterday watching our PSHE curriculum in action and were very complimentary of our curriculum and the attitudes of our pupils – we are very proud of them for their ongoing hard work and for how well they represent our school – from the youngest children in Reception up to Year 6.

We hope you all have a restful weekend and hopefully the sun will continue to shine!

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Relationships & Sex Education

Last week, we held a parent drop-in session linked to the new Relationships & Sex Education Policy. All stakeholders (parents, pupils, governors and staff) have now been consulted and the governing body have now approved this policy from September 2026. If you have any questions related to the RSE curriculum, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Book Week

As 'Lifelong Readers', we have really enjoyed our World Book Week activities. It started with some amazing 'Bake Off' entries – well done to everyone who entered! And a big well done to our Reading Ambassadors who led a 'Poetry-themed Story Time' on Wednesday, reciting some of their favourite Allan Ahlberg poems. Another great week inspiring our children to be 'Lifelong Readers'.

Year 3 Roman Visit

Just a reminder that Year 3 will be visiting the Roman Fort at Piercebridge on Monday morning as part of their topic based on the Romans. They will return in time for lunch, but please ensure they have a waterproof coat and any medicines with them. Please remember to make a voluntary contribution via Parent

Let's Celebrate!

There is no Celebration Assembly this week due to our 'Big Read'.

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice! Please note the Music Morning will now take place in the summer term.

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 9 th March	Y3 Visit to Piercebridge Roman Fort	Y3	Information sent
Friday 13 th March	Non-Uniform Day (Easter Eggs)	All	Information sent
Monday 16 th March	Easter Film Night	All	Information sent
Wednesday 18th March	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 7pm	All	Information sent
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Treasure Hunt	All	Information sent
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information sent
Friday 27 th March	Decorated Egg Competition	All	Information sent
Friday 27 th March	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 th April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATS Week Begins	Y6	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 th May	Whole School Visit – Himalayan Sculpture Garden	All	Information to follow
Thursday 21 st May	Year 6 Theatre Visit	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 1 st June	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 End of Year Production – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information to follow

Easter Events

You should have received a letter earlier in the week with details of all of the exciting Easter events coming up. From Film Nights to our famous 'Easter Labyrinth', there is a lot to look forward to. If you didn't receive the letter, or would like further information, please let us know.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening letters were also sent home on Wednesday. Please return these by next Wednesday to allow teachers to allocate slots for meetings; you will then receive a reply slip, which, informs you of your time. We look forward to celebrating your child with you.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, we have enjoyed our key text 'The Three Little Pigs'. In provision, we have been re-telling the story, creating some mini versions of the story and trying to help save the pig across the obstacle course! We have also been looking at patterns in number, counting on from 20 and noticing the pattern in the ones. Our 'Curiosity Cube' was full of interesting objects and pictures of toys (present and past), which sparked conversations and discussions about toys today, and toys from the past. The children particularly enjoyed looking at, and comparing, a teddy from when Mrs Webster was little to one we have in class.

Kingfisher Class: Another busy and brilliant week in Year 1 and 2. In Maths, as well as investigating temperature, we also have started to learn about shape – beginning by investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have enjoyed using conjunctions to create sentences linked to 'The Great Fire of London' and learning more about dance in our PE lessons. We also continue to make great progress with our foundational skills – developing our handwriting, number and phonics to help us to read. Well done Kingfisher Class!

Goldfinch Class: Where do I start? Book Week has been wonderful - we've shared many favourite class texts, viewed the delicious, creative 'Book Bakes,' recited poems and ended with the 'Big Read!' In Maths, we've been working on shape – 2D, 3D, angles and turns. We have been inspired by our Science, participating in an experiment about cleaning - ask us about pepper and soap! Our History lesson, 'How did Britons respond to the Roman invasion?' allowed us to have a debate using some sentence STEMS to support our ideas and we are looking forward to our trip out on Monday to the Roman Fort in Piercebridge.

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a very History-filled week! We have learnt about Anglo-Saxon settlements and created an advertisement for a Tun. In English, we have started our new focus text: 'Beowulf' and wrote a letter to the warrior king, persuading him to protect Heorot from Grendel! We have also explored Chinese dancing in our PE lessons whilst in Maths we have started to explore the properties of 3D shapes. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Week activities, which of course will end with some of our parents joining us for a Bog Read on Friday.

Woodpecker Class: The Woodpeckers have applied themselves brilliantly this week, completing a set of practice SAT papers in Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar. They have shown great attitudes throughout and it has been really helpful in identifying what we need to practice more in the coming weeks. In Maths, we have continued working on calculating with decimals, in History we have explored reasons why Britain wanted to expand its empire whilst in PSHE, we have been exploring 'Fake News' online. Well done to all of the children!

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.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned