



Hensall Community Primary School

7th April, 2025

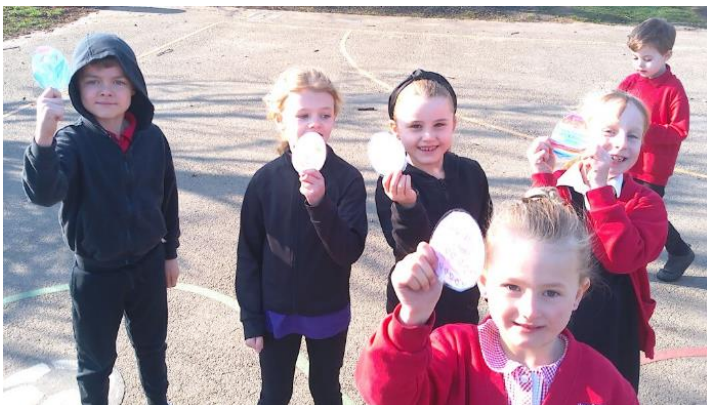


Dear Parents and Carers

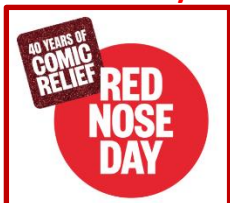
Welcome to the last newsletter of the Spring term. Here you can find lots of information on the things we have been doing during the last few weeks, together with things that are planned for the Summer term. Please remember to check the future dates at the end of the newsletter for events that will be taking place during the summer term, we will add the Leavers' events during the first week back. We hope you all have a lovely, safe Easter break and look forward to welcoming you all back in to school on **Tuesday 22nd April, 2025.**

Easter fun!

On the last day of term, every child decorated their own egg shape and these were hidden around the school and outdoor areas to put together a massive Easter Egg Hunt. We managed to catch some pictures of Oak Class in action. Each child received an Easter treat to enjoy over the Easter break, **with huge thanks to the FHS Team** for organising this. At the end of the day, we even had a visit from the Easter bunny! Happy Easter everyone!



Red Nose Day



To celebrate the 40 year anniversary of Red Nose Day, we held a non-uniform day in school. Thanks to all your amazing donations we managed to raise **£106.50** for this amazing cause! Thank you!

Feast Activities throughout Easter

Visit the North Yorkshire together website to find out about the Feast activities taking place during the Easter break. All children and young people can join in and those children receiving benefits-related free school meals are automatically eligible for free places at FEAST activities. There is information shown below or you can visit the website to find out more here: [What's on?](#)



feast
Free activities
for
children and young people
this school holiday.

Packed with sport, art, fun and food, there's something for everyone

Everyone in North Yorkshire can join in, with FREE places for those from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Discover what's on offer at feastNY.org

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SELBY DISTRICT **feast**
EASTER 2025 HOLIDAY
ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

- SELBY ABBEY**
Arts and crafts, trails and creating food together
- RICHARD SHEPHARD MUSIC FOUNDATION**
Enjoy a day of singing and music in a relaxed environment
- SPARKLES WRAPAROUND CARE**
Get involved in everything from lego to outdoor activities
- TADCASTER AND RURAL CIC**
Crafts, cookery, music, games, sports... and FUN!
- EFFECTUS THEATRE**
Unlock creativity and confidence with this Play in a Week
- PREMIER EDUCATION**
Multi-sports camp. Play dodgeball, tennis, basketball and more

Book your FREE space now!

These are just some of the FEAST activities available in your area. FEAST is for all children and young people across North Yorkshire, with free spaces for those who receive benefits-related free school meals.

feastny.org

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Thalia Waste Management and North Yorkshire Rotters

On Thursday 3rd April, Laura from **Thalia Waste Management** and Jeff and Ian from the **North Yorkshire Rotters** held an assembly for all the children. Laura and the team, talked to everyone about the importance of recycling and reusing. Following the assembly, the children from Rowan, Beech and Maple Classes took part in a workshop making a pot from paper and planting seeds. Many children got to have a go on the smoothie bike with the Rotters and sample the smoothie they had made.



NSPCC Visit

This term we took part in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme. The first stage involved an age appropriate virtual assembly for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 that were age appropriate, with a guest appearance from the famous duo, Ant and Dec. During these assemblies, the children learnt about different forms of abuse and the support that is available.



We then followed this with each class taking part in an NSPCC lesson. The children were able to recognise and share who their safe adults are, knowing who they could confide and share worries with.



To finish the programme, volunteers from the NSPCC visited school to do workshops with Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children. During the workshops, the children reinforced what they had learnt from the classroom lessons and virtual assemblies. The children were engaged throughout and were put to the test with scenarios and questions. They were polite, sensible and gave some great answers. We were extremely proud of them all.

Power Down Pete visit



Maple Class had an enlightening visit from Power down Pete, who demonstrated the power consumption of various electrical equipment and the effort required to generate that power using his special bike. We discovered the importance of energy conservation and learned that small actions by everyone can lead to significant environmental benefits. For instance, did you know that you would need to cycle for 800 minutes at a high intensity to power a tumble dryer for just one hour? This eye-opening experience has inspired us all to think more critically about our energy use.

The Deep Visit for Key Stage 2

As part of our geography studies on oceans, we had an incredible visit to The Deep. We participated in a workshop focused on plastic pollution and learned how we can all contribute to preventing micro plastics from



entering the food chain and causing harm to our oceans and ourselves. We were fascinated by the diverse marine creatures we observed up close. This experience also connected to our previous science lessons on Living Things and Their Habitats. Highlights of the visit included the ice wall and the underwater tunnel and lift.



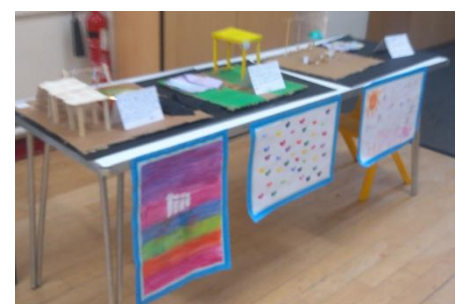
Y6 Samba Workshop

Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to assist Sophia, a student from York University, with her research on how Samba music can enhance the music curriculum. The students experimented with various instruments and explored musical elements such as dynamics, tempo, and pitch. Ask your child if they remember what these terms mean!



Y6 DT: Structures

Maple Class has had a fantastic time designing and creating playground structures that are both fun and safe. Drawing inspiration from existing playgrounds, we thoughtfully crafted new designs using recycled materials and wood pieces. We exercised great care and safety while using saws and glue guns to bring our prototypes to life.



Bag2school Collection



Our next Bag2School collection will take place on **Thursday 24th April, 2025**. If you are planning to clear out any cupboards during the Easter break, would you like to donate the following items for reuse? Good quality adults and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. Unfortunately, we cannot accept duvets, pillows, cushions, logo'd uniform or work wear. Filled bags can be placed in the bike sheds up until 9:00 am on Thursday 24th April and our School Fund will receive money for every kilo we collect. Thanks for your support!

Swimming for Year 3 and 4

Children from Year 3 and Year 4 will start swimming lessons at Selby Leisure Centre on Thursday 12th June for 6 weeks, the final lesson being 17th July, 2025. More information will follow in a separate letter following the Easter break.

Bikeability for Year 5 Children



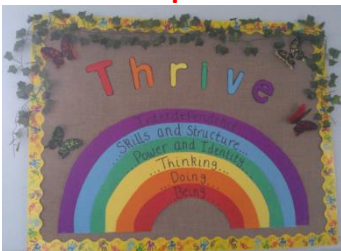
Bikeability Training take places from Tuesday 22nd April, 2025 for children in Year 5. Please see the separate text/email for details of the group your child will be working in and the dates they will need their bike and helmet in school. We can arrange to store bikes safely overnight, if needed. Remember that bikes need to have been checked first and have two working brakes. Full face helmets are not appropriate.

Eat Them to Defeat Them

80% of children don't eat enough vegetables. Veg Matters! If you are worried about your child's mood, behaviour and learning, a good place to start is their diet. Studies have shown that the best diet for good mood, behaviour and learning is one that includes a regular eating pattern and a variety of food with 2 to 3 handfuls of vegetables per day. 48% of parents say they struggle to get their children to eat vegetables. Children will have brought home their resource packs for the campaign this week. Enjoy your mission.



Thrive! An update from Mrs Whitehead.



The Thrive room is now complete and is being used to its full potential. Some children have been participating in face painting in the Thrive room. The children get to pick their design, they also get to do a design on me! This Thrive activity encourages social skills and eye contact with children, developing trust and positive relationships with key adults.

The classrooms have been embedding Thrive throughout their lessons. Maple Class have used movement with their bodies in response to music, recognising the body signals that the music is creating and building the vocabulary to explain the emotions that the body signals are creating. This is strengthening the Thinking strand.

Beech Class have been doing body scans, again encouraging children to recognise how emotions can affect different parts of their bodies. This is strengthening the Thinking strand.

Rowan have been exploring different social scenarios and discussing how they would resolve these situations. This builds resilience and confidence in being able to handle challenging social situations in an appropriate manner. It also develops their social skills and helps to strengthen the Power and Identity, Skills and Structure and Thinking strands.

Oak Class have been creative in drawing their feelings, describing how their feelings look and feel, building up the language to support communicating their feelings and needs. This is strengthening the Thinking Strand.

Willow Class have been focusing on developing their listening skills, which will help them within social situations, being able to listen to their peers and adults alike. This will enable children to start to hold conversations for longer, responding appropriately and within context. This is strengthening the Thinking strand.

Head Lice

We have had reported cases of Head Lice in school. Please can we ask parents to be vigilant, check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Please reports all cases to school in confidence. More information can be found here: [NHS - Head Lice and Nits](#)

Online Safety

Here is a link to an online safety training session for parents: [Online Safety for Parents](#)

Dates for the diary

(New dates added in red)

- Tuesday 22nd April, 2025 – School reopens to all pupils
- Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 25th April 2025 – Y5 Bikeability
- Thursday 24th April, 2025 9:00am – Bag2School Collection
- Monday 28th April to Tuesday 29th April – Y4 Residential to PGL, Dearne Valley
- Monday 5th May, 2025 – Bank Holiday, school closed
- W/C 12th May, 2025 – SATs Assessment Week
- W/C 19th May, 2025 – Walk to school week
- Friday 23rd May, 2025 – School closes for half-term
- Monday 2nd June, 2025 School reopens to all pupils
- **Monday 2nd June to Friday 13th June, 2025 – Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**
- Monday 2nd June to Wednesday 4th June - Y6 Residential to PGL, Dearne Valley
- **Thursday 12th June, 2025 – Swimming starts for Y3 and Y4 for 6 weeks**
- Wednesday 2nd July to Friday 4th July – Year 6 Snaith School Transition Days
- **Thursday 17th July – Y6 Crucial Crew Event in Selby (more details to follow)**
- Friday 18th July, 2025 – School closes for the Summer
- Monday 21st July, 2025 – Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 22nd July, 2025 – Staff Training Day

Dates for the diary for Academic Year 2025/2026

(New dates added in red)

- Wednesday 17th September to Friday 19th September – Y6 Residential to PGL, Dearne Valley
- Wednesday 24th September, 2025 – Individual and Sibling (Family) photographs
- Tuesday 11th November, 2025 9:00am – Bag2School Collection
- Wednesday 8th July to Friday 10th July, 2026 – Y6 Transition Days at The Snaith School

Useful Links:

Homework Policy: [Homework Policy](#)


Term Dates 2024-2025: [Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

Attendance Policy: [Pupil Attendance](#)

Behavior Policy: [Behaviour Policy](#)

The school has many policies and procedures; you will find some of the more important ones listed on our website here [School Policies](#). If you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the school office.

Local News and Events:



LITTLE KNIGHTS CHESS CLUB



Eggborough Village Hall
57 Selby Rd
Eggborough
Goole
DN14 0LJ

Every other Friday 6:00pm - 8:00pm

All ages and abilities welcome!

£3.00 per player
Refreshments provided
All under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times

Please follow Little Knights Chess Club on facebook for the dates and times of club meetings



Pop Up Inspire Youth Mobile Youth Club

Find us in SELBY:
Thursday 10th and 17th of April 2025,
11.30-2pm @ Barwic Parade, YO8 8DL
3-5pm @ Selby Leisure Centre, YO8 4BL


Offering Easter arts, crafts, games, PS5, sports and other activities alongside information, support, a safe space, (and much more!) for young people provided by qualified youth workers

All welcome aged 8-14 free to attend

Refreshments included for all attending, see you there!

SAFE SPACES

NO BOOKING NEEDED - JUST TURN UP



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Under 10s (Year 5)

Looking for players for the new 25/26 season 9-a-side team

Train Thursdays Matches Saturday

Contact Adrian: 07976556790

