

Dear Parents and Friends,

I wonder if any of you have managed to hear our children on Your Harrogate's daily feature **SCHOOL OF THE WEEK?** When they send me the sound files, I'll put them on the website and then everyone can enjoy the children's thoughts and ponderings!



The Child Accident Prevention Trust have produced some helpful resources and information to help parents prevent their children being poisoned by everyday household chemicals and substances. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Change of date! Please note that we have had to change the date of the Summer Production to **Tuesday 7th July at 6pm**. (The evening performance had previously been Thursday 9th) The Wednesday performance at 2pm remains the same. Thank you for your understanding.



If any of our Year 6 children are looking for something fun to do on a Friday evening, they can come along to the youth club at Summerbridge Methodist Church!
Fridays, 5:45-7:00pm (term time)

It's a relaxed, friendly space where you can hang out with friends and meet new people. There's something for everyone, including:

- ✨ Optional workshops - try your hand at skills including woodwork, baking and flower arranging
- 🏓 Optional weekly sports - table tennis, table football, pool, badminton, and volleyball
- 🧀 Tasty treats - make your own cheese toastie and enjoy a delicious hot chocolate. Whether you want to get creative, stay active, or just chill, you're very welcome. Come and join for a fun evening!

Some of you may have heard that the Government is seeking your views on School Meals. The Requirements for School Food Regulations 2014 (known as the School Food Standards) provide the legislative framework to ensure schools in England provide children with healthy food and drink, and to make sure that children have the energy and nutrition they need across the school day.



The existing standards have been in place for over ten years and no longer align with current dietary advice. The Government is committed to improving children's health and school food is one important source of nutrition and plays a fundamental role in helping pupils develop healthy eating habits. If you wish to take part, you can find out more [here](#).

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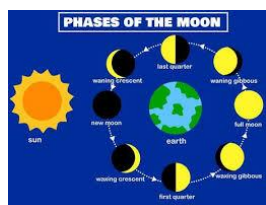


If you are missing a plate (or two) we still have some in the entrance hall which we think had cakes on for Mrs. G's Afternoon Tea Party. Do please pop along and have a look!

Mr. Jones writes, "At long last we have some sunshine, which has allowed us to take some of the maths learning outside to see how angles actually work in the real world. Class 3 spent quite a bit of time today finding examples of the four different types of angles and then thinking about whether they are man-made or naturally occurring. The work produced some really interesting conversations and it was great to see the children exploring and sharing their maths knowledge."



During literacy we have been working on a story about a little girl called Luna who has a dream. The activity is based on a short film and we have taken a lot of time to plot the story, think about grammar and vocabulary and plan before writing the story itself. I'm incredibly impressed with the work so far and I can't wait to read the finished stories.



On Thursday afternoon we completed the work we have been doing on the solar system by looking at the phases of the moon and how/why the moon appears to change shape. By a fantastic stroke of good fortune the moon was clearly visible and we were able to observe in real time the theory around orbits, light and shadow.

The final run-in to SATS is now upon us, Yr6 children are prepared and confident and the timetable has been published! I have reassured all this year's candidates that SATS are really just an opportunity to show off how much they know but if anybody has any concerns or questions then please let me know."

Mrs Stokes writes, "It has been a true joy to see the children making the most of our wonderful playground and field in the sunshine this week. There is always a tangible sense of excitement when the grass is dry enough for football with the "proper" goals, exploring with friends, and climbing on the frames; the sound of laughter across the grounds is a wonderful hallmark of this time of year. Our diligent team of young gardeners has also been busy weeding and watering our many sprouting vegetable seedlings. While we have been lucky enough to use rainwater from our water butts, the children were quite surprised by the effort required to keep everything hydrated! We would warmly welcome any parent volunteers who might be able to lend a hand with some of the tougher weeding and cutting back needed in our wildlife area."



Class 2 enjoyed a fantastic start to their week picking up the ocarinas on Friday. It was heartwarming to see the Year 3 pupils showing such kindness and patience as they helped the Year 2s find the correct finger positions and read the notes. These instruments are perfect for smaller hands, and the group managed to get through a good portion of *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* in just one session! While the rain unfortunately paused our invasion games, it couldn't stop our weekly "determination run." This exercise focuses on maintaining a steady pace and peer encouragement, and we are currently working alongside Class 3 to complete the Mini London Marathon in Schools award—though we plan to keep up the momentum long after the challenge is finished.

In the classroom, maths lessons have been focused on mastering the concept of time, while science sessions have explored food chains and environmental stewardship. This tied in perfectly with Earth Day on Wednesday, where the children discussed the small, practical ways they can make a positive difference for our planet. It has certainly been a busy and rewarding week for everyone!"



Mrs Marshall writes, "Children in Class 1 have been eagerly awaiting the sign of green leaves this week and I am glad to report we have some. The seeds that we planted last week have started to grow. In our lessons, we have been discussing how garden plants and wild flowers



differ. The children enjoyed looking at a variety of each and were amazed at how the wind and animals play a part in seed dispersal. We used a basic flow chart to categorise a selection of wild flowers and the children enjoyed following the questions and clues to find out which plant was being described.

We are continuing to look at our class book 'Me and my Fear' during our English lessons and the children have explored rhetorical questions that the character may be thinking about. Children in Reception have been using several of their new digraphs and trigraphs to make an attempt at spelling new words. We are very impressed with the resilience and determination that the children are showing.

In our PE lessons this week, we have been concentrating on 'jumping' (for both height and distance). The children were encouraged to keep their feet together, land on the balls of their feet and to bend their knees slightly to aid a softer landing."



Our new Christian Value this half term is one of my favourites - it's **Thankfulness**. We have been looking at a number of different stories of characters who wished for things they didn't have and how unhappy it made them. On Monday, we looked at the story of the Fish who could wish. A funny tale but with a serious message. So, this week's thought for the week is **"Take time to be thankful for everything that you have. You can always have more, but you could also have less"**.



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Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to!
Mrs Jo Dobbs Headteacher

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This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled
"Active April 2026".
Today's encouragement is -
"Get active in nature. Feed the birds, or go wildlife-spotting."

<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar>



Bee Safe

Continuing our support for parents with keeping their children safe and happy, this week in the Bulletin Bag there is a really helpful leaflet with lots of useful tips and links to support parents and carers with an updated guidance sheet on You Tube

To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to <https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding>

For online training go to <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school>

School Lunch Week 3 - W/C 27/04/26

Monday	Margherita or Ham Pizza & Wedges / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Tomato Pasta / Beef & Lentil Bolognese Pasta / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Chicken / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Vegetable Stir Fry / Chinese Chicken & Rice / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & Banana Brownie / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary

April			
28 th	Year 5/6 Striking Games Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Letter sent
May			
4 th	School Closed for the Bank Holiday	All Day	Parents to be aware
11 - 15 th	Year 6 SATS week	09:00 - 12:00	Y6 Parents to be aware
21 st	Year 6 Overnight Camp in School	Overnight	Letter to follow
22 nd	Swimming Gala	12:00 - 16:00	Letter to follow
22 nd	Non Uniform Day for FODBS - bring a tombola prize	All Day	Parents to be aware
22 nd	School Closes for Half term	15:15	Parents to be aware
June			
1 st	School opens	08:40	Parents to be aware
5 th	Class Photos	09:00	Parents to be aware
9 th	EYFS / KS1 Multi Skills Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Letter to follow
10 - 12 th	Class 3 to Peat Rigg Residential Trip	All Day	Letter already been sent out
16 th	Year 3/4 Trip to Ripon Cathedral	09:30 - 14:00	Letter to follow
18 th	Summer Serenade Concert	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
19 th	FODBS Father's Day Treats	09:30 - 10:30	Information to follow
26 th	Sports Day 1 (if dry)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
26 th	FODBS Barbeque	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
July			
1 st	Year 6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter to follow
2 nd	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All day	Parents to be aware
2 nd	Open Evening	15:15 - 17:00	Information to follow
3 rd	Sports Day 2 (if wet on Sports Day 1)	13:00 - 15:15	Information to follow
3 rd	FODBS Barbeque (if wet on 26 th June)	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
6 th	Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit	09:00 - 15:15	Letter to follow
7 th	Class 3 Performance	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
8 th	Class 3 Performance	14:00 - 15:00	Information to follow
9 th	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
9 th	FODBS School Leavers Disco	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
17 th	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware





Class 1	Coel Eva	For his excellent knowledge about plants in science For her great phonics knowledge and using it in her writing
Class 2	Ada Elliott	For her determination in PE and for encouraging others For his kindness and patience in helping others to learn the ocarina
Class 3	Grace Max	For her massive effort in her story writing, using great vocabulary For his consistently excellent efforts in completing his homework

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Level A	Theo
Level D	Emily S Tobias
Level E	Harper
Level F	Joey



This week's winning house
team is
Richard Snow

VX

The shortlist was

Erin
Elliott
Holly

Beau won for a great catch right at the end - plus she was a real team player and used great communication and tactics

