

Newsletter –25/09/2026

Dear Parents

I am pleased to share our news for this week below. Thank you to everyone who either provided cakes and buns or came to see us today at our coffee morning for Macmillan. We are still counting the donations but the total raised so far is looking great.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Barnett

Harvest

Our Harvest service is on Thursday 8th October with our rehearsal on Tuesday 6th

We heavily rely on parent helpers for the walk (run ahead road crossings) to church in line with Leeds ratios and to keep the children safe. If you can support us on the following dates, please let the office know:

Tuesday 6th October- 1pm at school (rehearsal)

Thursday 8th October – 9am at school (service)

We can promise you either a sneaky peak on rehearsal day or a reserved bench in church on service day as a thank you!

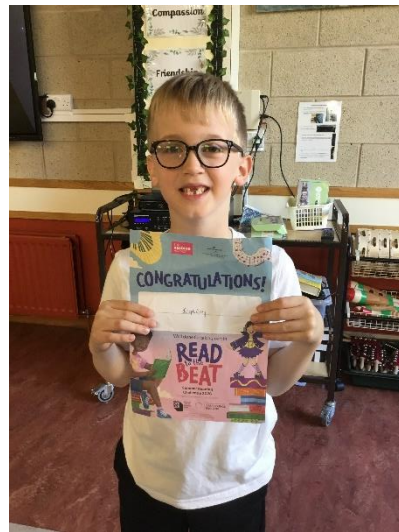
We are collecting items for Wetherby food bank as part of our harvest festival. If you would like to make a donation, please place these in the entrance foyer.

Many thanks for your support.



In our collective worship this week we continued thinking about friendship and in particular the quote: **We can't all be best friends but we can notice everyone, be friendly to everyone, make room for everyone, root for everyone, listen to everyone's ideas, thoughts and suggestions and treat others as you want to be treated."**

On Thursday Marcus came in and talked to us about the Bible and the many different versions – he brought in a giant bible which the children were really interested in. We also celebrated our brilliant stars and our last library challenge winner. I wonder if some of the children will begin to get their 25 reader certificates soon...



Attendance Matters



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£5 includes a sweet pack + drink.
Tickets coming soon!

7 November – Thorp Arch Bonfire

Find us there selling everyone's favourite... CANDY FLOSS!

19 November – MOVIE NIGHT

Straight from school, snuggle up with friends, snacks and a movie!
PJ day? Absolutely. Bring your favourite soft toy to school too!

12 December – SANTA'S GROTTTO

Save the date! Santa and his lovely reindeer are coming back to LEH for our second Grotto!
Ticket details coming soon.

17 December – HOT CHOCOLATE!

We're ending the year in style with a free hot chocolate for every child at the end of the school day.
Cream and marshmallows? Of course!

Want to Help?

If you can volunteer at any of our events, please let one of the FoS team know. Even an hour makes a huge difference!

A snapshot of this week's learning...

Forest School

Out at Forest School this week, we enjoyed building and lighting the fire so we could make some delicious hot chocolate! Some of the children enjoyed being crafty and making some mosaic patters using dried beans pushed into dough. We also learnt how to use some of the tools to upcycle some old scraps of wood into new and useful objects. We also enjoyed carrying on with some of our existing, ongoing projects, such as our mini ponds and our wall building.





Class 1

This week, we have been enjoying Jill Murphy's lovely story *Peace at Last*. The children have had lots of fun bringing the story to life by retelling it and acting out different parts in our classroom. We used our bedroom, kitchen and outdoor area, just like the settings in the story.

The children particularly enjoyed repeating Daddy Bear's funny phrases and dressing up as the main characters. Mrs Hardcastle even got into character as a very grumpy and tired Daddy Bear! Reception have been working on their understanding of the story by sequencing pictures in the correct order. They pegged the pictures along a washing line outside and then used them to orally retell the story, helping them to remember what happened first, next and last.



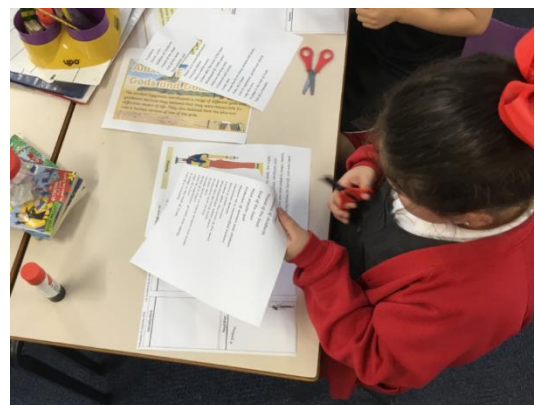
Year 1 have also been sequencing pictures from the story and then writing sentences to match each picture. We are encouraging the children to say their sentence aloud first before writing it down. This week years 1's focus has been on using finger spaces between words and using Fred Talk to sound out words using the sounds we have already learned.

Year 1 children have also begun to learn how to edit their writing using a purple pen, checking their sentences carefully and looking for anything they can improve or correct. It has been a lovely week of storytelling, acting, speaking and writing!



Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been busy learning lots of new and exciting things! In PE, we have been developing our agility and speed through invasion games, working on moving quickly and changing direction. In Art, we have been inspired by William Morris and have been exploring drawing with symmetry. In Geography, we have been researching the River Nile in Egypt, learning about its importance to the people. In RE, we have been learning about the Ten Commandments and discussing how they can help Christians and Jewish people make good choices. In English, we have been researching Ancient Egyptian gods, including Ra, Osiris, Nephthys and Tawaret, ready to use our research to write our own information texts.

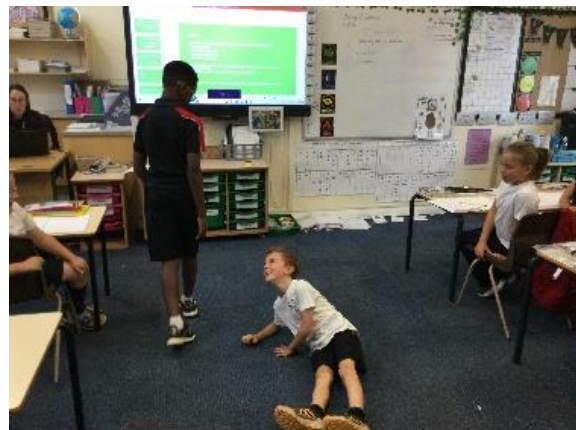




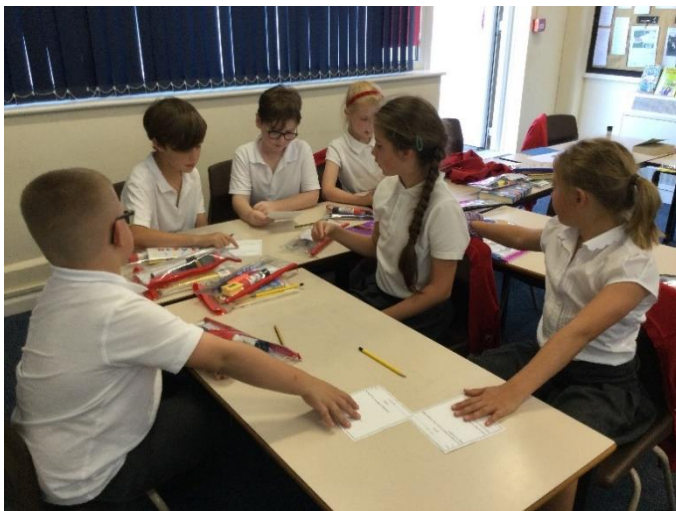
Class 3

We have had a lovely week in Class 3 and we've all been working very hard!

In RE, we have been continuing our learning on 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?'. This week, we focused on the story of the Good Samaritan to help us. We 'freeze-framed' the different scenes from the story and did some thought tracking for the injured Jewish man, the priest, the levite and the samaritan. We learnt that the fruits of spirit shown in this story were: kindness, love and goodness, which we thought were all qualities that Christians would be inspired to achieve in their own lives, and that they would want to help others, regardless of differences.



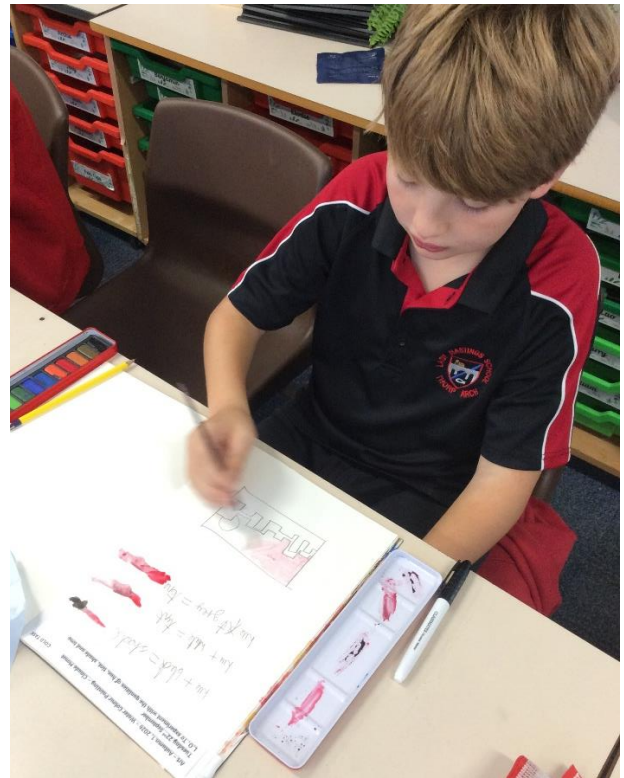
In computing, we have been learning about the internet. This week, we imagined we were different computer networks with a switch. We learnt that a switch can send messages within its own network, but to reach a different network, it has to go via a router. This is how we can connect with people all over the world. We also looked at what the switch may allow and what it might block from our network and why.



Class 4

The children in Year 6 have worked really hard this week and have produced some excellent work. In our writing, we have been writing a diary recount in the first person, including: time adverbials, compound sentences, and adjective choices that will really help our readers to imagine the scene. Maths has focused on rounding numbers up to 10 million to different degrees of accuracy, as well as working with negative numbers, especially in calculations that cross the zero boundary. In PE we have focused on keeping possession of the ball through turns and passes, while in art we experimented with watercolours creating hues, tones, tints and shades. In RE, we have continued our learning about Judaism and learnt about some laws that guide Jewish people's lives, including Kosher food rules. We have also created graphs of mammals' gestation periods in Science, done music, Spanish and computing; we've even designed some Christmas Cards which you have the option to buy!





THORP ARCH VILLAGE SOCIETY

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

If you would like to contribute wood to the bonfire please contact

Tom Kilby
07778 354367

Do not leave wood without permission

School Calendar

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 6 th October	Harvest Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest Festival in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Monday 19 th October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 15 th October	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Thursday 15 th October	Neon Disco – after school FOS
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 5 Transition Experience at Boston Spa Academy
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 23 rd October	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 2 nd November	School open to all pupils
Saturday 7 th November	Thorp Arch Bonfire
Monday 9 th November	National Child Measurement Years R and Y6
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Evening for prospective parents 2027 (Y6 tour guides)
Thursday 19 th November	Movie Night FOS
Wednesday 25 th November	Class 4 Worship (Mr Hesketh) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 1 st December	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Wednesday 9 th December	Class 1 Nativity (Reception/Y1) 10am and 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	All pupils pantomime @Harrogate Theatre – Sleeping Beauty
Saturday 12 th December	Santa's Grotto
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 18 th December	School closes at the end of the school day
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 th January	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 10 th February	Class 3 Worship (Mrs Hope/ Tait) parents welcome @2.45pm
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Monday 22 nd February	School open to all pupils
Thursday 25 th March	Easter Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 26 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday 29 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Friday 2 nd April	School closes at the end of the school day
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 19 th April	School open to all pupils

Wednesday 26 th May	Class 2 Worship (Mrs Stather) parents welcome @2.45pm
Thursday 27 th May	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 28 th May	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 7 th June	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8 th June	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 9 th June	Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park
Friday 18 th June	Sports Day – Parents invited from 1.15pm
Wednesday 30 th June	Class 1 Worship (Mrs Bell/ Hardcastle) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in School – 9.15am
Wednesday 21 st July	School closes at the end of the school day
Thursday 22 nd July	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)