

Newsletter –16/10/2026

Dear Parents

I am pleased to share our weekly news below.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Mrs Barnett

Collective Worship

Continuing our half termly values theme of Friendship, this week we thought about ‘listening’ to others and what this really means. On Thursday, Reverend Nick spoke to the children about taking time to be quiet and he played his ukulele and we warmed up before we sang together. We also celebrated our bronze readers, our second silver reader of the term and our brilliant superstars of the week.



Car Parking

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school and the staff car park play an important role in keeping our families safe during drop-off and pick-up times.

We have noticed that some vehicles are entering the staff car park to drop off children or to turn around. This creates an unnecessary safety risk for everyone arriving at and leaving school through the gate closest to the car park.

Please remember that only families who have been given express permission by the school and/or those displaying a valid disabled badge may use the staff car park during drop-off and pick-up times - this is for the children's safety.



If you believe you are entitled to use the car park and have not yet arranged this with the school, please contact the school office.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us keep all of our children safe!

School Photos

Individual school photos take place on Monday 19th October Children should come to school in their full uniform but if your child has PE, please send their trainers in their bag. School sibling photos will be taken throughout the day. If your child has a preschool sibling that does not attend our school and you would like a photograph, please arrive at 8.30am

Attendance

This week we have maintained positive whole school attendance which is fantastic!

Last Week: 96.94

This Week: 96.76

Year 1 and 2 have 100% which is excellent, well done!

Where individual attendance drops below 93% is it closely monitored and at 90%, is classed as persistent absence.

Half termly attendance updates will be sent just after half term.



FoS Weekly Update

Neon Disco – What a Night!

A huge thank you for supporting our Neon Disco! The children had a blast dancing, enjoying their sweets and showing off their neon tattoos.

And a BIG thank you to our brilliant volunteers and school staff who helped make it all happen — we simply couldn't run these events without you!



Next Up... Movie Night!
19th November
PJs, snacks, friends and a movie!
Film announcement coming soon... watch this space!

Save the Date – Santa's Grotto!
Saturday 12th December
Santa and his reindeer are returning to LEH!
This year it's on a Saturday afternoon, meaning
more slots to see the big guy and plenty of time
to feed the reindeer!
Tickets & more details coming soon!

A snapshot of this week's learning...

Forest School

In their forest school sessions this week, the children enjoyed some of their usual den building, wall-making, hammock-swinging, tree-climbing fun! They also used natural materials, twigs and leaves (with a bit of added glitter!) to make autumn 'snow-globes'. They also did some weeding and preparation for planting in the new community garden.



Class 1

In Maths, our Reception children have been practising their clever counting skills! They have been working hard to count amounts accurately and match them to the correct numerals. We have been focusing on counting one item at a time and lining objects up to help us keep track and avoid counting anything twice.

The children have been busy designing their own printing tiles inspired by the Leeds skyline! We looked carefully at the different shapes of the buildings and discussed how to keep our designs simple so that they can be used to create a repeating pattern. Next week, we will bring these designs to life by carving them into polystyrene, ready for printing on our backgrounds.

This week, we have enjoyed reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. The children loved exploring all the different foods the tiger ate and had great fun writing the initial sounds of the food words. It has been lovely to see them using their phonics knowledge to have a go at writing independently and hearing first sounds in words.

Our Year 1 children have been busy writing about Autumn. They have been thinking about the changes we see during this season and adding interesting details to their descriptions. They have also been practising writing sentences using capital letters and full stops to make their writing clear and easy to read.



Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been learning how to use adjectives in English to describe characters and make our writing more interesting. In Maths, we have started our new unit on addition and subtraction, practising different methods to solve calculations. In RE, we have been thinking about how parables can help people to make good choices in their lives. In Geography, we have been comparing Egypt with our local area of Thorp Arch, exploring the similarities and differences between the two places. In PSHE, we have been discussing how we can work positively with different people, learning the importance of teamwork, listening to others and respecting different ideas. And of course, had lots of fun at the disco on Thursday!



Class 3

We have had another busy week in Class 3. In geography we have continued to focus on maps and journeys. We planned our route to church and wrote directions to follow and also created a sketch map.



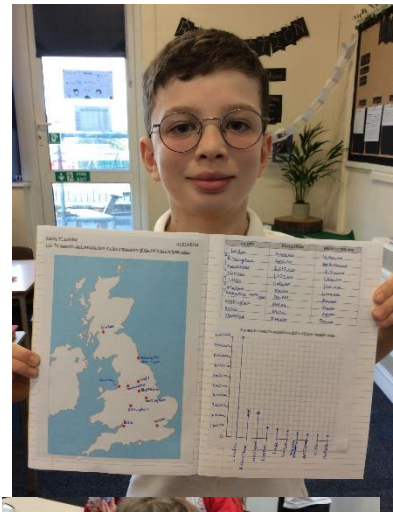
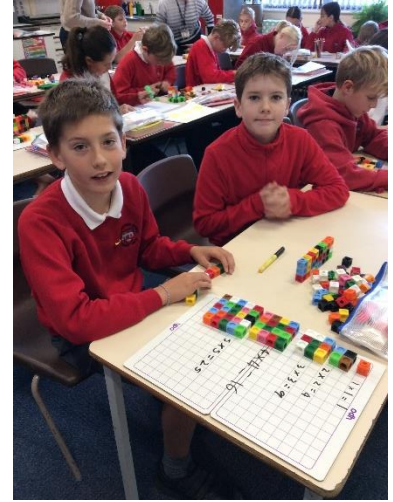


In Science we have looked at magnet use in re-cycling centres. The children have been given the homework of watching Toy Story 3 to find out more about how magnets are used when re-cycling. This week, we investigated which magnet was the strongest. We found out that the largest magnet was the strongest and moved the paper clip the furthest distance.



Class 4

In Class 4, we've had a fun packed week with some incredible learning going on. I have been blown away by the children's artwork, where they used watercolours to recreate some of Claude Monet's famous works. We have also done some excellent Geography work, interpreting maps to work out land-use across the UK, as well as consolidating our knowledge of British cities. In PSHE, we thought about how different feelings can vary in their intensity and how we can support someone who is experiencing intense feelings. Our maths learning has focused on prime, square and cube numbers, while in English we have continued our descriptive writing by looking at techniques to describe vivid settings for our readers. Add to this, fitness and football in PE, setting up a germination experiment in Science, and some Spanish, music and computing too!



School Calendar

Autumn Term 2026	
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)