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## Acting Headteacher's Message

At Ralph Butterfield Primary School, we love to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful contributions that make our school such a special place.

### A Big Thank You to Our Assembly Guest

We are so grateful to Emilia's Mum, Mrs Castano de la Torre, who kindly came in to deliver a whole school assembly about languages. The children were truly inspired by your presentation and positivity. It was such a lovely way to help everyone appreciate the benefits of learning new languages, and to see how languages open doors to new cultures, friendships, and opportunities. Thank you for taking the time to share your passion and expertise with us, there was a real buzz of excitement around the school afterwards!

### Thank You to Our Wonderful Pupils

A huge thank you to all the children for their thoughtful views, respectful listening, and kindness during my whole school assembly on Monday. We talked about June being Pride Month, what this means, and how we can all play a part in making sure everyone feels safe, included, and valued for who they are. The children's maturity and empathy were so impressive, and it was heartening to see how they all contributed to such an important conversation.



### Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to come along to support one or both of our Sports Day mornings this week. Your enthusiasm and encouragement meant so much to the children, and it was wonderful to see so many of you cheering them on. We were so proud of all the children for their resilience, determination, and fantastic sportsmanship, they truly embodied the spirit of teamwork and trying their best!

### Congratulations



This week we have shared Phonics Screening Check results with Year 1 parents/carers and Multiplication Check results with Year 4 parents/carers. All of these children have achieved amazingly well and we are so very proud of the children and the progress they have made as a result of their determination and positive attitudes. We expect to receive results in mid-July for the statutory tests completed by Year 6 children and we will share those results with parents/carers as soon as possible after that point.

### Dates

The children will have their first transition session with their new class for 2025-2026 next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. On this day, you will also receive a letter sharing which class your child will be in. Please read the letter in full as it also contains additional important information. As always, a lot of care and thought has gone into the organisation of classes.

We also wish our Year 6 children well as they have their transition visit to their new secondary schools on the same day. We are always sorry to see these children leave us but we take joy from knowing we have supported them to be in the best possible position for starting Year 7.

We wish everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Helen Stephenson





## SUMMER FAIR

Our Summer Fair takes place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July between 5.30 - 8.00pm!** We are still in need of volunteers to spare 30 mins or 1 hour (allowing you to enjoy some Fair time too!).

It is an amazing evening of games, inflatables, prizes, refreshments and food but also a HUGE source of income for school.

**Let us know if you can help us on the night by emailing:**

[ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com)

**We really need your help!**



## Armed Forces Day

City of York Council invites residents and visitors to join in Armed Forces Day celebrations - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

West Offices will be open 10am–4pm

Come along to explore stalls and activities from:

- Sea Cadets, Queen's Own Yeomanry, Yorkshire University Air Squadron
- York Learning, Fostering York, Carers Plus Yorkshire, Help for Heroes
- City of York Community Team – fun activities for all ages
- KS2 art display created with York Garrison

### Military Heritage Trail

Pick up your guidebook at West Offices, Visit York, York Army Museum or York Castle Museum and discover York's military history at your own pace.

The first 25 people to collect from West Offices get free York Castle Museum entry!

### Exclusive offers for the armed forces community (with valid ID)

Free entry: York Minster, York Army Museum

Discounts: Mr Chippy (20% off), Florian Poirot (10% off), Love Cheese (10% off), Pairings Wine Bar (10% off)

More details at: [www.york.gov.uk/community-covenant/york-armed-forces-day](http://www.york.gov.uk/community-covenant/york-armed-forces-day)



## Sports Day



Thank you to everyone who came to support the children whilst partaking in their sports days this week. The children were amazing, they showed real determination and resilience especially in the hot weather.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to help with scoring and the organisation of the events.

Well done Ebor who won the KS2 sports day and to Jorvick who won the EYFS/KS1 sports day.

Mrs Atkinson- PE Leader



## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week, our dinosaur topic has explored fossils. The children have learnt how we know about dinosaurs today and why fossils are such amazing and important finds. During the week, the children have taken on the role of a palaeontologist while digging for dinosaur bones. They have then used them to create dinosaur skeletons. We have also created salt dough fossils by using a range of natural objects to create the fossil markings. The children have also enjoyed hearing about Mary Anning who was a palaeontologist in Dorset in the 1800s.



The vocabulary we learnt last week, has continued to be used in our understanding the world sessions and while children are discussing dinosaurs. As a reminder, we are focussing on using, **dinosaurs**, **extinct**, **prehistoric**, **fossil** and **palaeontologist**.

This week in phonics, we have read words which have a suffix added to the end of them to change present tense to past tense words. Words with an -ed suffix ending can often be pronounced in different ways. An example of this is **bumped** – this word sounds like it ends with a **t** sound and **grunted** – sounds like it ends with an **id** sound. We also continue to revise and learn how to read and spell the tricky words **the, I, go, no, you, said, so, have** and **like**.

In maths, we have continued to practise counting to support with subtraction skills. The children have explored using their fingers, sets of objects and number lines to calculate how many are left. We also determined that when we subtract a number the total gets smaller. This is an important mathematical concept to understand.



The children thoroughly enjoyed our sports day this week. We were very proud of their athletics skills, following instructions and being 'good sports'. Thank you for coming along to watch your child too. They really did enjoy showing you their skills.

### Important Reminder

Next week, **Class 1** will visit Haxby Explore library for the **last time this term**. We are happy for children to exchange their books next week but please ask that you support us by returning the books, when they are due, to any York Explore library.

Class 2 will then have their final visit to the library on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Please don't hesitate to discuss any questions or concerns with us.

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team**



This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.



Going to school **every day** is a great way for your child to make friends.

For more information on school absence in York visit [www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)





## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

What a busy and exciting week it has been in Key Stage 1. It was so lovely to see so many family members and friends come and cheer on our children on Thursday's sports day. I think we can all agree that the children were absolutely fantastic and that the whole event was enormous fun. There were sprint races, hurdles, javelin throwing, long jumps, bean bag throwing and football challenges: a huge variety of events for the children to display their skills. It was so good to see so many people, children and adults alike, enjoying the sports and cheering everyone on in such a friendly and inclusive way.



As well as taking part in sports day, Class 3 had another big event this week, as they performed their class assembly to the rest of the key stage, EYFS, their siblings and family members. Each child reflected on their year and spoke about their favourite memories and what they have enjoyed about this year. As well as that, they showcased some of the amazing things that they have learnt. The Year 2s performed songs on the recorder, whilst the Year 1 children sang and played glockenspiels to one of the songs they have learned in music. There was also an opportunity for some of the children to perform jumps that include gymnastic positions, which they have been practising with Mr Walton. They did a brilliant job and it was a fantastic opportunity for them to reflect on the amazing learning journey they have been on this year.

In PHSE, we have started to learn about money skills. This includes where money comes from, how it is spent and the difference between needs and wants. We will be learning to make good choices about what we spend our money on and how to prioritise spending and saving. This week, we learned about the different methods of paying money (cash, credit/debit cards, bank transfers, etc.) and thought about which we might use for different purposes. We thought about all of the things we would need to spend money on, including for services and utility bills.



What an amazing week it has been. We are all so proud of our wonderful Key Stage 1 children.

**Mrs Atkinson, Miss Tattersley, Miss Griffiths & Mr Merrall**





## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been another busy and exciting week in Lower Juniors.

On Monday, all of the Year 3 children have taken part in a Pedestrian Training session run by York City Council. The children learnt how to cross a road safely remembering to 'Stop, Look and Listen' before making the decision to cross. They also learnt how to cross safely behind a parked car although the instructors told them that this should only be attempted when there is no other safer alternative. Finally, they learnt how to cross at a T junction discussing expertly the potential hazards and all the directions in which you needed to look in before crossing. The children listened really carefully, asked super questions and the instructors were very complimentary about their behaviour which was lovely to hear. Well done Year 3s!



Back in the classroom, and joined by the Year 4 children, they watched an information video all about keeping safe when crossing the road. It gave them top tips to remember such as making sure shoe laces are fastened, not using their mobile phones or listening to music with hoods up. The children were also reminded about things in our communities that can help them cross busier roads safely including zebra, pelican and even puffin crossings as well as footbridges and traffic islands. Finally, the children revisited how to use an electronic railway crossing safely.



Earlier in the week, in preparation for Key Stage Two Sports Day on Friday morning, the children have been busily practising a range of events which include javelin throwing, standing long jump, bean bag throwing, sprinting and hurdles. The relay teams have also been practising their event and trying really hard not to drop the baton! On Friday, we were lucky with the weather and the children had the opportunity to showcase their array of sporting talent. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the multiple events, and although it was a house competition, all the children showed fantastic sportsmanship towards each other and were very supportive of their team mates. An additional well done to Ebor who were the overall winning house at the end of the Key Stage Two Sports Day. It was lovely to see so many adults at the event and we hoped you very much enjoyed it!



Just a quick reminder, that this coming Monday (30<sup>th</sup> June) is the Lower Junior '**Open Classroom**' event starting at 2:50pm. We hope lots of you will be able to attend and see what the children have been up to in history this term!

As always, please do come and speak with us if you have any queries, questions or would like to share any news with us.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

## Rounders Competition



Thank you to the Year 4 children that played in the rounders competition after school yesterday, against Huby and Easingwold. The children played really well and had a great time. Thank you to the parents that came and supported. Overall we won one game and lost one. Well done!

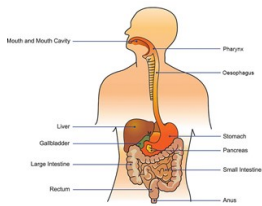
Mrs Atkinson- PE Leader





## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

After all our practise, sports day was a huge success! We thoroughly enjoyed cheering on our classmates as they took part in the various activities representing their houses. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support us all.



As part of our unit of work in science, we have been learning about the digestive system. We came to understand that, as food passes through our digestive system, it is broken down by acids and enzymes, and the nutrients are drawn back into our circulatory system to be used in different cells around our body for growth and repair.

The Year 5s were thrilled by the trip to Joseph Rowntree for a taster day. We enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including science, mathematics, history, English and French! It was a great opportunity to explore the building and surroundings, and to mix with pupils from other schools.



**ALL** costumes are due in by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, as mentioned in the costume letter, please let us know if you have any difficulties regarding this.

### Evening Performance of Wonderland - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 5:30.

Please make sure that all children (unless already notified to school staff) return to school at 5:00 pm in order to prepare for their production. All children will need to be **collected by an adult** after the evening performance at ~6:45pm.

### Reminder

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Year 6 children (unless notified otherwise) will be visiting their secondary schools. Children are to make their own way there rather than coming to Ralph Butterfield Primary School first. Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.



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JOIN US FOR

# HAXBY TOWN CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY  
12TH JULY  
12:45PM TO 5.00PM**

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE: CITY OF YORK PIPE BAND, GENERATION GROOVE LIVE BAND, PROFESSOR DAN, JOE'S EXOTICS, MINIATURE STEAM TRAIN, TOMBOLA AND MUCH MORE!

**FREE ENTRY**

ON ETHEL WARD PLAYING FIELD  
CARNIVAL PROCESSION  
12:45PM FROM GREY FIRS

ALL MONEY RAISED IS DONATED  
TO LOCAL CHARITIES

HOSTED BY  **YorkMix  
RADIO**



# NOW CHURCH

A new opportunity  
4 worship

**3pm Sunday 13 July  
St Nicholas Church,  
Wigginton**

Bringing faith to life  
through story, song and  
sketch – everyone welcome!

Followed by cake and chat

St Leonard's Hospice 

**40  
1985-2025**

# INFLATABLE 5K

The world's largest and best inflatable 5k obstacle run

**York Knavesmire Saturday 20  
September**

**REGISTER  
NOW**

Discounted charity places available!

Make every bounce count for St Leonard's Hospice.

Sign up at  
[stleonardshospice.org.uk/inflatable-5k](http://stleonardshospice.org.uk/inflatable-5k)



## School Uniform Bank

Drop off your child's clean outgrown uniform, shoes, coats and PE kit and pick up the next size a few days later.

**DROP OFF POINTS:**

**AROMA COFFEE SHOP: MONDAY 14TH JULY - 23RD JULY**

**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:**  
9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY

Pick up the next size on  
Saturday 26th July 10-2pm  
and have a cuppa and cake while you are there. It's free but any donations will go to Refugee Action York



**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON  
METHODIST CHURCH**

If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Jones our Family Worker on 07850 631168 or email at [families@hwmc.org.uk](mailto:families@hwmc.org.uk)

