



Thought for the Week: "The future of life on earth depends on our ability to take action" – Sir David Attenborough

Music for the Week: "Big Yellow Taxi" – by Joni Mitchell

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see some finer weather this week and the children have loved playing back out on the field and making the most of our outdoor space.

We have an exciting summer term ahead of us with lots of engaging learning opportunities for the children. Please find attached the curriculum newsletters for both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6, together with an MTC guide for parents. If you (or anybody you know) has any skills, knowledge or experience in any of the subject areas listed, we'd love to hear from you.

Staffing Update

As you will be aware, Mrs Hall will very shortly be going on maternity leave as she awaits the arrival of her second child. Until the end of this academic year, Mrs Hall's teaching commitment will be covered by Mr Bateson, one of our more established supply teachers who is well known by many of the children. Myself, Mrs Watson and Mrs Wortham will continue to serve as the Senior Leadership Team and in September, Mrs Devine will join us as our full time Assistant Headteacher until Mrs Hall's return. I'm sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Devine on this internal appointment.

Year 5/6 Cricket

On Thursday, we celebrated National Cricket Day at Lady Lumley's School with a fantastic range of activities for our pupils. The children were fully engaged throughout the day, showing great enthusiasm as they developed their skills and took part in a variety of fun, active sessions. It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the opportunity to try something new and build confidence.

Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who supported the event. We could not run these events without you.

TTRockstars

Congratulation to all children who took part in the recent inter-class TTRockstars battle. The battle was won by Miss Scott's class, with Mrs Devine's class in runner up position.

Individual congratulations to the following children who scored the most points in their respective classes:

Mrs Devine:	Lillie Plowman
Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris:	Harry Welford
Miss Scott:	Seren Jones
Mrs Hall and Mrs Wortham:	Scarlett Harland
Mrs Mintoft:	Millie Prest
Miss Holmes and Mrs Wilkinson:	Elisa Kumar

Remember to continue to practising your times tables!

Year 6 SATs Treat

A letter came home on Wednesday with the children. Please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible, and by **Friday 1st May** at the latest. Thank you.

PSHE and RSHE Policy

Please find attached a draft version of our PSHE and RSHE Policy that we are sharing with parents and carers for consultation. If you have any comments, queries or suggested amendments to this policy, please could you contact Mrs Wilkinson or myself, Mrs De Barr, no later than **Friday 12th June 2026**. Many thanks in advance.

Morning Registration

The school day begins at **8.45am** when the class teacher takes morning registration. Can you please ensure that your child arrives in class, ready to learn, by **8.45am**. We have also started to see an increase in pupils arriving at school before 8.30am. Please ensure that your child arrives between **8.30am and 8.45am**. Thank you.

Spare Blankets and Sleeping Bags

Are you having a Spring clear out? We are trying to gather together a small set of spare blankets, sleeping bags or even just slightly worn out old throws that we could take with us on our Year 3 Bushcraft trip for emergencies. Donations gratefully received.

Local Artists

As a school, we are currently looking into the possibility of working with a local artist, who may be able to deliver some art workshops to our pupils which would culminate in a display piece in school. If you know any local artists that may be willing and able to work with us, please could you send an email to school FAO of Mrs Metcalf. Thank you in advance.

Swimming

Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 29th April**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 27th April** it will be the turn of **Mrs Staniland's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Leo Simpson, Dylan Harper, Teddy Hoe, Mary Calvert and Kai Wilson.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Scarlett Harland, Aaron Connors, Rose Newton, Evie Cooper, Lilly Fisher, Charlie Allenby and Sophie Price.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Pippa Mitchell, Evie McAfee Sienna Lawrence and Lola Lyth.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached some information about an online safety session that will be taking place (online). Please contact the school office if you would like the joining code.

Cricket

Did your child enjoy your cricket afternoon yesterday? Does your child want to play more cricket? Then come down to Pickering Cricket Club on a Friday evening! We have junior teams for all ages. No equipment is needed, just wear sports clothes and bring a water bottle. £1 for a session with fully trained ECB coaches. See Mrs Staniland for more information – who will be there on Friday, too.

U9s (Year 3&4) 5.30pm-6.30pm

U11s (Year 5&6) 6.15pm-7.30pm

Year 3 Bushcraft

Please can the medical forms be returned as soon as possible. Payments can be made via **Arbor** and the final balance is due by **Monday 11th May 2026**.

Year 4 Malham

Please pay via **Arbor** with the final balance due by **Tuesday 28th April 2026**.

Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Please pay via **Arbor** with the final balance due by **Wednesday 10th June 2026**.

Year 6 London

Please can medical forms be returned as soon as possible, and by **Monday 27th April** at the latest. Please pay via **Arbor** with the final balance due by **Monday 18th May 2026**.

After-school Clubs

After-school clubs started on Monday with the last sessions taking place on **Thursday 25th June**.

Please note that due to a bank holiday, there will be no clubs on the week commencing **4th May**, apart from dodgeball which will run on **6th May**. Due to staff availability, dodgeball will not take place on **Wednesday 13th May** and golf will not take place on **Thursday 14th May**.

All clubs are charged at £2.60 per session. Parents and carers of pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding will continue to receive free places for clubs, but are asked to contribute to the cost if they are able to. Please ensure that clubs are paid by **Thursday 25th June**. All sessions of a club must be paid for via Arbor, regardless of whether your child attends all sessions, and can be paid for in advance with one payment, or on a week by week basis. However, if your child is due to attend a Summer term residential trip on an evening they also have a club, we will not expect a payment for this session. All clubs, except golf, will run for eight weeks: golf is 7 weeks.

Please let us know if your child is not staying for a club so that the register can be amended for that week.

Autumn Term Clubs

If you would be (or if you know anybody who might be) interested in running an after-school club in the Autumn term 2026, please could you get in touch with Mrs De Barr via the school office. We are really keen to further develop our range of after-school activities.

Absences/Late Arrival

Please ensure you call or email the school office **before 8.30am** if your child is going to be absent or late, and include your child's meal choice if they are going to be late. Delays in completing the attendance and dinner registers have a detrimental effect on the kitchen team's ability to prepare the midday meal on time. Thank you.

Ampleforth College Open Day

Families are very welcome to join us for our upcoming Open Morning on Saturday 2nd May, when guests will hear from our Headmaster, take a tour of the school, enjoy lunch and can spectate our Sports fixtures in the afternoon. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to discover what makes an Ampleforth education a Compass for Life; a transformative education which broadens horizons and offers so much more, not at the expense of academics.

[Register your place at the Open Day on Saturday 2 May here.](#)

Friends of School

The next FOS meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28th April at 5pm** in Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' classroom. All members, new and existing, are welcome to attend.

Please remember to return any filled Smarties tubes you may still have at home. Thank you.

The children brought home a letter on Monday about the school sponsored walk taking place on **Monday 8th June**. Please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible, and by **Friday 8th May** at the very latest. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch (free for FSM pupils) please phone or email school to order one by **9am** on **Wednesday 20th May**. As the school kitchen will be closed on this day, you will still need to provide a packed lunch should the walk be cancelled for any reason.



Calendar Dates for Summer 1

WB 27th April	Key Stage 2 SATS Mocks
28th April at 5pm	Friends of School Meeting
4th May	Bank Holiday
5th-6th May	Year 4 Malham Residential
WB 11th May	Key Stage 2 SATS
18th-19th May	Year 3 Bushcraft Residential
19th-21st May	Year 6 London Residential
22nd May	Break up for Half Term

PINS

Please see the attached flyer containing the link to the project's evaluation survey. The closing date of the survey is **Wednesday 6th May**.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs M De Barr
Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress in school. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you to support your child, for example: letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone.

“Safeguarding is Everybody’s Responsibility”

Are you worried about your own or another child’s safety?

Speak to one of these members of staff.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** is:

Mrs De Barr

The **Deputy DSL** is: **Mrs Hall**

The **Safeguarding Governor** is: **Mrs Smeaton**

Anyone can make a referral. If you believe a child to be at immediate risk, please call 999. If you believe the situation to be urgent, please call:

0300 131 2 131

Lunchtime Club	
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

After-School Clubs	
Gardening	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Song writing	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Nature Rangers	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Rounders	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Music	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Circus Skills	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Golf	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Please inform us of any changes to collection arrangements, or if your child is not attending a club this week so that registers can be updated.

	Menu
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>All Day Breakfast V All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato -various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Oaty Cookie</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>Crispy Salmon Strips V Pizza Jacket Potato – various filling Cheese Sandwich Lemon Drizzle Bun</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pud V Sausage & Yorkshire Pud Jacket Potato-various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Fruity Flapjack</p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>Chicken Korma & Rice Vegetable Korma & Rice Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Cheese Sandwich Fruit & Ice-cream</p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>Fish Fingers & Chips V Cheese Whirl Jacket Potato- various filling Ham Sandwich Doughnut Muffin</p>
	<p>Available Every Day Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>

The cost of a pupil meal is **£3.48 per day / £17.40 per week** payable at the beginning of each week. For parents/carers who would like to pay per term the cost for the Summer term is **£222.72**. Please keep your child's account in credit or with a zero balance. Please note that if your child goes home unwell after 10.30am, the school meal will still be charged for as it will have been ordered and prepared by the kitchen.