



**Thought for the Week:** "Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles." - Martin Luther King Jr.

**Music for the Week:** "Smalltown Boy" - Bronski Beat

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2026! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children. Please refer to the calendar dates section of this newsletter and keep an eye on our school website, too.

### Parents' Evening

Our parents' evenings for the spring term will take place on **Tuesday 20th January** and **Thursday 22nd January 2026**. Letters have gone out so please use our online booking system to make your appointment.

### Young Voices

Singing Squad members will have brought home a Young Voices letter this week. Please return the slip and make the payment via ParentPay by **Wednesday 14th January** if you would like your child to take part.

### Miss Scott's class Murton Park Visit

**Miss Scott's Class** will visit Murton Park on **Tuesday 13th January**. Children will need to wear suitable footwear and warm clothing as they will be outdoors all day. They do not need to wear full school uniform, just their usual red jumper/cardigan. Children will need a waterproof coat, hat, gloves, scarf and a packed lunch and water bottle.

### After-School Clubs

After-school clubs and Year 6 boosters will start week beginning **Monday 26th January** and your children should have brought home a letter today. Clubs are issued on a first come first served basis so please return the slip as soon as possible. You may wish to put siblings on the same forms so that places can be allocated together. Club places will be confirmed via text message. Please note that your child will not be allocated a space at a club if you have not paid for last term's clubs.

### Fidget Toys

Over recent months, we have seen an increase in the number of children bringing toys/fidget toys into school which can sometimes disrupt the children's learning. Unless your child is on the SEND register and has a fidget/cuddly toy identified as part of their provision, (on their 'All About Me'), they should not be bringing in items from home. If you have any queries about this, or the type of fidget toy your child is using, please discuss this with Mrs Watson or your child's class teacher.

### TT Rockstars

It's a new year and we have a new whole school TT Rockstars Battle commencing today! Good luck to all the children!

### Year 3 Music

On **Monday 12th January**, 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.

### Swimming

**Miss Scott's Class** continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 14th January**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

### House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Jack Simpson.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Lily Osborne and Willow Norman.

### Attendance

Our current school attendance is **95.1%** and our aim is to have attendance of **97%** by the end of this term. Please support us by ensuring that your child comes to school every day possible and that they arrive by 8.45am.

## Friends of the School

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts that would be suitable for tombola or raffle prizes for future FOS events, please send them into school for Mrs Metcalf. Thank you.

## Dinner Money

Please regularly check your ParentPay account ensuring that there is no dinner money or after-school club debt on your child's account. Dinner money accounts should always be in credit or have a zero balance. Thank you.

## Calendar Dates

9th January	Botham's Trip
13th January	Murton Park—Miss Scott's Class
20th January	Parents' Evenings
22nd January	Parents' Evenings
WB 26th January	Clubs and Boosters to start
28th January	Murton Park—Mrs Devine and Mrs Metcalf/Mrs Morris' Class
3rd February	FoS Discos
4th February	Visit from Imran Kotwal
9th February	Cyber Workshops for Y5/6
10th February	Safer Internet Day and Year 6 SATS Information Evening
11th February	Young Voices Concert
WB 16th February	Half Term
23rd February	World Thinking Day
27th February	Malham Information Evening
5th March	World Book Day
7th March	Music Matters Concert @ St Peter and St Paul's Church
WB 9th March	Science Week
18th March	Carlton Lodge Information Evening
20th March	FoS Bingo
27th March	End of Term

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 DSLs** are: **Mrs Hall** and **Mrs Mintoft**

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**

	<b>Menu</b>
<b>Monday</b> 	Chicken Burger (VG) Veg Burger (VG) Diced Potatoes Ham Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Oat Cookie & Cheese
<b>Tuesday</b> 	(V) Crunchy Topped Mac & Cheese (VG) Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry & 50/50 Rice Tuna Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
<b>Wednesday</b> 	Roast Gammon (V) Leek & Potato Bake (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (V) Cheesy Bean Jacket Potato (V) Chocolate Sponge Cake
<b>Thursday</b> 	<b>Pizza Party</b> Cheese & Ham Pizza Sub (V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Sub (VG) Crispy Garlic Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (VG) Chocolate Dipping Pot
<b>Friday</b> 	Fish Star (V) Cheesy Bean Pasty (VG) Chips (V) Cheese Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Lemon Drizzle Shortbread
	Available Every Day Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt