



**Thought for the Week:** "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away" – Pablo Picasso

**Music for the Week:** "The Four Seasons - Spring" – Vivaldi

Dear Parents and Carers,  
It's been another busy week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their Science workshops and a very special assembly provided by North Yorkshire Music Hub.

### Science Week

Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed Science Week this week. Thank you so much to the Friends of the School who funded the workshops from Love Science Ltd. Thank you also to the parents who were able to come in and be taught by their children - we hope that you enjoyed it as much as the children did! It was lovely to see the children explaining their scientific knowledge to you. Please look out for a small flyer from Love Science Ltd which will come home with your children.



### Fidget Toys

Despite frequent reminders, we are continuing to have a number of children bringing in fidget toys/cuddly toys from home. If your child needs a fidget toy as part of their SEND provision, this will be provided by school and this will have been discussed with you beforehand. Please can you continue to check your child's bag to make sure that they don't bring in any extra things from home? Thank you.

### Healthy Eating

We are currently reviewing our Food in School policy as we have seen a huge increase in the number of crisps, chocolate bars and sweets being brought into school. We have also had to intervene when we have seen children eating 2 or 3 snacks at morning break! Until this policy has been discussed and ratified by the Governing Body, please can we ask you to ensure that your child brings a healthy snack into school for their break? From Monday, children will no longer be able to store their snack in their lunch box. Snacks will either need to be stored in the cloakroom or in the classroom. Please remind your child before school.

### Staff Car Park

A polite reminder that our school car park is for staff only between the hours of 8am and 3.30pm. We are certainly seeing an increase in 'traffic' up and down our school drive. If there is a specific reason why you need to access the school site, you need to apply for a parking permit which must be clearly displayed in your car windscreen. Please contact the school office should you wish to make an application. Thank you.

### School Planners

A reminder that **all** children need to bring their planner to school every day. This is because they are used for spelling activities and other lessons, as well as for recording reading with an adult. Thank you for your help with this.

## Comic Relief

We are very much looking forward to taking part in Comic Relief this year. This will take place on **Friday 20th March** and children are invited to come to school wearing red (which may include a red nose or the official Disney merchandise for this year). Please make a donation via: [Comic Relief-Red Nose Day 2026](#)

## ParentPay

Next week is the last week we are using ParentPay for payment of school meals and after-school clubs. Please only credit your ParentPay account with the amount you actually need to pay for meals that are required. Meals are £3.48 and you can pay any amount from 0.01p. You can see in ParentPay any credit/debt your account already has when you next log in to pay. Please ensure that there is no debt on your ParentPay account by 3.10pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. All credits and debts will be transferred to Arbor before we break up for half-term.

## House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Ralph Cook and Eliza Thompson.

## Year 3 Bushcraft

The children have been given the final letter, kit list and medical form to bring home this week. Please can the medical forms be returned as soon as possible. Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **11th May 2026**.

## Year 4 Malham

Please can medical forms be returned as soon as possible.

## Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **10th June 2026**.

## Year 6 London

Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **18th May 2026**.

## Year 3 Music

On **Monday 16th March**, it will be the turn of **Mrs Stanilands'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 18th March**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

## Arbor Parent Portal App

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to the Arbor parent portal app. It is imperative that this is done as soon as possible so that you can receive communications from school and pay for meals, trips and clubs when we move to Arbor payments on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Thank you.

## Special Mentions

Rose Newton competed at the Scarborough Swim Splash Gala that took place at the weekend. She swam for Ryedale Swimming Club and got 1st place in the girls' 50m breaststroke C grade competition. Well done, Rose!



Hollie Parkin and her pony Oscar were out showing at the weekend and won the veteran championship at the show. Well done, Hollie!



Vesper Holliday was awarded Everyone Active's Pickering "swimmer of the month" for February. Well done, Vesper!



## Friends of School—Win a Giant Egg!

Ryedale Lions Club have very generously donated a wonderful chocolate egg from Birdgate Chocolatiers. If you would like a chance to win this amazing egg, Friends of the School are running a lucky square competition. To enter please send £1 in with your child, in a named envelope and you will be assigned a lucky square on our grid in school. The egg will also be on display at our Bunny Bingo event on **Friday 20th March** and there will be an opportunity to enter here as well. The lucky square will be drawn on **Thursday 26th March**. Good Luck!



## Bunny Bingo

Friends of the School are delighted to be hosting a Bunny Bingo Night on **Friday 20th March at 5:30pm**. The event is sure to be fun for all the family. There are 4 bingo games in a book, charged at £5 a book. An individual can play all 4 games, or the books can be split between a family. There will be opportunities to win some egg-citing Easter prizes and refreshments will be available during the evening. If you would like to purchase a ticket for the event, please send the reply slip into school from the letter that came home with your child.



## Bunny Bingo Cake Sale

We would be very grateful of any donations of cakes and sweet treats, if you are able to make them and send them into school on the morning of **Friday 20th March**. Please could any donations of cakes and sweet treats be labelled with all of the ingredients used, so that allergies can be easily identified. Additionally, please ensure any containers or tins are labelled with names, so we can ensure they get back to you safely.

## 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's ability to prepare the midday meal on time. Thank you.

## Music Service Demo

Yesterday, the North Yorkshire Music Hub visited school and provided a demonstration of all the instruments that they provide lessons in. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performances and joined in enthusiastically by singing along. If your child has been inspired to take up a musical instrument, please see the attached information or speak to Mrs Mortimer, Miss Holmes or Mrs De Barr.

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**

Lunchtime Clubs	
Home Learning drop-in	Monday 12.15 - 12.45
Singing Squad	Tuesday 12.15 - 12.45
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

After-School Clubs	
Song writing	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Nature Rangers	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Music	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Chess	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Year 6 Boosters	
Mrs De Barr Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Hall Maths	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Mintoft Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wilkinson Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wortham Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

	Menu
<p><b>Monday</b></p> 	<p>Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>Tangy Tomato Pasta</p> <p>Jacket Potato-various filling</p> <p>Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Crumble &amp; Custard</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> 	<p>Hot Ham Panini</p> <p>V Pizza</p> <p>Jacket Potato-various filling</p> <p>Egg Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>Victoria Sponge</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> 	<p>Roast Gammon</p> <p>Vg Sausage Roll</p> <p>Jacket Potato -various filling</p> <p>Tuna Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>Shortbread</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> 	<p>Pasta Bolognese</p> <p>Hot Cheese Panini</p> <p>Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato</p> <p>Egg Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>Jelly &amp; Ice-cream</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> 	<p>Battered Fish &amp; Chips</p> <p>V Cheese &amp; Bean Pasty</p> <p>Jacket Potato-various filling</p> <p>Ham Sandwich</p> <p>Chocolate Brownie</p>
	<p>Available Every Day</p> <p>Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Sides</p> <p>Bread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>