



**Thought for the Week:** "Art is not a thing; it is a way" – Elbert Hubbard

**Music for the Week:** "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)" by Don McClean

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to the Summer term! I trust that you all had an egg-cellent Easter and have been enjoying some of the finer weather. We have a busy term ahead of us so please keep an eye on the calendar and our weekly newsletters for all the information that you need.

### Panathlon

Miss Scott had the pleasure of taking 11 children to Lady Lumley's School on Wednesday to take part in a Panathlon event. The children competed in teams in a range of activities including target throwing, archery, skittles and curling. All of the children did themselves and school incredibly proud; showing teamwork, enthusiasm and more importantly they did it all with a smile on their face. A big thank you to Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Harland and Mr Chilcott for supporting the event.



### Enrichment

We are always trying to develop our enrichment opportunities and before half term, we were lucky enough to have Sarah Ashworth lead an afternoon of dance sessions and Tommy Risker from Snainton run an afternoon of golf. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained so much from the opportunity to develop skills or try something new. We hope it has inspired and created a further interest in their local opportunities. Opportunities like these play a vital role in enriching our curriculum. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in supporting our enrichment programme, please do get in touch with Miss Scott via the school office.

### Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 22nd April**, it is the turn of **Miss Scott's** class for their Cookery and Forest School sessions. Your child will have already received a letter detailing what they need. All children will require ingredients and appropriate Forest School clothing that can get dirty, including a coat and wellies.

We are finding that increasingly, parents are sending their child in with money instead of ingredients. Mrs Morris holds enough supplies for her demonstration of the lesson (and a little bit for emergencies!) but we can not provide a store cupboard of ingredients. Please make sure that your child brings with them everything that they need. Thank you for your support with this.

### 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. Can we also remind all parents to return the filled Smarties tubes. Thank you.

### Nits

Unfortunately, those pesky little critters are back in school! A reminder to please check your child's hair regularly and to treat accordingly.

### Year 5/6 Cricket

The Year 5 and 6 children will be attending the cricket festival on **Thursday 23rd April** and will need their PE kit in school. Please return the slip to Miss Scott as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

### Swimming

**Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 22nd April**. 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: Rory Stephens and Jacob Collier.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Dexter Elder, Ethan Bastow, Frank Eddon, Francesca Wood, Bertie Robertson, Maddie Spink, Violet Temple and Lilly Knight.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Lily Osborne.

## Year 3 Music

On **Monday 20th April** it will be the turn of **Mrs Devine's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

## Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of lost property in school, including coats, jumpers, shoes and water bottles, none of which can be returned to children as it is unnamed. If you are missing items, you are welcome to come into school to look through the lost property. Please remember to name every item that your child brings into school, so that misplaced items can be returned to their owners. Thank you.

## Data Loggers

Thank you so much to Friends of the School who have supplied the school with new data loggers to be used in science. These will support children in making systematic and careful observations, helping them to take accurate measurements for heart rate, sound, temperature and light. Thank you, Friends of School!

## Ryedale Festival

The renowned Ryedale Festival, based here in Pickering, will be returning for the summer and will run between **10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026**. There are some fantastic concerts taking place and some wonderful opportunities for our pupils to experience some very high quality live music. Today, your child will have brought home a festival programme so please have a look through to see if there are any events that take your fancy. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, we are offering to fund their ticket and one accompanying adult ticket for a maximum of three events. Please get in touch if you would like to claim back the cost of any tickets purchased.

## Svalbard Quiz

Thank you so much to Dave Beeson for his informative Svalbard Quiz and for sharing his photos and experiences of his once in a lifetime trip. The children thoroughly enjoyed this.

## 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 **11th May 2026**.

## Year 4 Malham

Please can medical forms be returned as soon as possible. Payments can be made via **Arbor** and the final balance is due by **28th April 2026**.

## Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Please can medical forms be returned by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Payments can be made via **Arbor** and the final balance is due by **10th June 2026**.

## Year 6 London

Payments can be made via **Arbor** and the final balance is due by **18th May 2026**.

## PINS

An additional parents and carers workshop on demand avoidance with an autistic profile has been arranged for **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 4pm until 6.30pm**. Places are limited and if parents and carers would like to attend using one screen, with others, that is fine. Parents will need to input a password to get access to book. Booking Link: [PINS - PDA parent/carer workshop - Kids](#)

## After-school Clubs

After-school clubs start on **Monday 20th April**, with the last session taking place on **Friday 26th 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 **13th May**.

You should have received an in-app message in Arbor to confirm your child's place at a club.

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 note, we are unable to offer discounts for multiple clubs or multiple children at this time.

All sessions of a club must be paid for, regardless of whether your child attends all sessions, and can be paid for via **Arbor** 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 will run for eight weeks.

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

## 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.

## 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.

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**

| After-School Clubs       |                         |
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| 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  |

Mindful colouring will take place on a Wednesday lunchtime

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

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.