

Friday 16th May 2025

Acorn Class

What a wonderful week including art printing workshops and visits to see a newly born foal.

A huge **congratulations** to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who have just completed their SATs! We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, and positive attitude they have shown throughout the process. These assessments are just one part of their journey, and they approached them with maturity and confidence beyond their years.

More than just test results, they have shown us what it means to work hard, support each other, and keep smiling — even when things get tough. Well done to each of you — the whole community is cheering you on, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll go on to do!

Ask us About:

Acorns: The foals we visited on Thursday.

Oaks: Our fantasy stories that we have been writing for the last two weeks.

We are Reading:

EYFS: Car, Car, Truck, Jeep

KS1: The Secret Elephant

KS2: High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

Acorn Class had a wonderful visit to a local smallholding, where they met some friendly Shetland ponies and their adorable foals. The children enjoyed learning about how the ponies are cared for and even had the chance to gently stroke some of the animals. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that helped the children learn more about animals and life on a small farm.

Thank you again to Sarah for taking the time to share this with us.



After School Club's

Monday 3.30-4.15pm Mindfulness Crafting with Mrs Wright.

Wednesday and Thursday 3.30-4.15pm Well-being Club with Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wilson.

Places can be booked on the My Child At School App or contact the school office.

Oaks

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome the talented local artist Emily Burns into school for an inspiring lino printing workshop. As a class, we worked collaboratively to carve out our school emblem using carving tools with accuracy and precision. This hands-on experience brought to life the block printing techniques we studied last term, allowing us to consolidate our learning in a creative and engaging way.

In addition to our group project, Emily gave each of us a rubber block to design and carve our own initials. This required careful thinking, as we had to reverse our letters to ensure they printed correctly — a tricky challenge that everyone tackled with impressive focus.

All the children showed incredible resilience throughout the day, and each pupil had a unique and beautifully printed piece to be proud of by the end of the session. A huge thank you to Emily for sharing her skills and passion with us!



Lunch Menu

The lunch menu for next week is listed below. You will be notified of any changes via class dojo.

The children also have the option of Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese and Baked Beans.

Monday – Pizza

Tuesday – Pasta Bolognese

Wednesday – Chicken & Tomato Bake

Thursday – All Day Breakfast

Friday – Battered Fish



News from the PTFA

Thank you to those who joined in the Blind Card, £200 was raised for the PTFA and one lucky winner collected £200.

Watch out for more exciting fundraising!

Save the date for this years Summer Fair on Tuesday 3rd July.

We do need your help for this event, if anyone can support a stall please speak to Mrs Thompson.

We also require tombola prizes, please hand these in at the school office.

Attendance

Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of school life.

This week, our attendance has been
96.4%

This is just above our target of 96%. Maintaining this amazing level of attendance will ensure that our pupils achieve their full potential.

Celebration Assembly

Friday 23rd 3.10pm

Join us to celebrate all of the fantastic work the children have been doing and particularly these children who have excelled over the last week:

Stars of the Week: Reggie and Finley

Special Award: Rosa, Isabella, Bella, Harvey and Eddie

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: James

May Half Term

Ready for a fun-filled, action-packed May half term?

The team at North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service are gearing up to welcome young people back to their centres for more holiday activity fun and excitement this May half term. As well as their popular Adventure Club happening at both centres on 27, 28 and 29 May, there's a three-day mountain bike skills course running at Bewerley Park.

Young people will be coached by expert staff who will take their riding to the next level at some of the best MTB venues around, as well as gaining knowledge about planning a ride, bike safety checks, basic trailside bike maintenance, group riding techniques, hydration and nutrition. Suitable for ages 11-15, places are limited so get in touch if you'd like to secure a spot.

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. They'll make new friends, challenge themselves and learn a whole range of different skills. All while having lots of fun! For Adventure Club bookings there's a 10% discount for siblings or booking more than one day. Suitable for ages 8-13.

Find out more about what's on and when at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays and get ready for an unforgettable outdoor experience like no other!



There's still time to take part in Let's Talk Skills.

Please complete the survey by visiting www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk

Whether you haven't accessed learning since leaving school, or you often undertake training opportunities, we want to hear your views about the types of courses you would like to see on offer in the future.

We also want to know about any barriers to learning you might face and what motivates you to learn as an adult.

Your participation in this survey will help shape the future for North Yorkshire residents, enabling them to upskill, boost job prospects, improve mental health and much more.

Dates for the Diary

May 2025

Tues 20th – Yr5/6 Cricket at Whitby Cricket Club

Tues 20th – Yr6 Edinburgh Zoom Meeting 5pm

Weds 21st – Stay and Play 10:30-12:00

Fri 23rd – Yr6 Tennis at Whitby School Airy Hill Site

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Half Term

June 2025

Mon 2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

Mon 2nd – Swimming 10am

Mon 9th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Mon 9th – Swimming 10am

Tues 10th – Yr1/2 Quad Kids at Whitby School Airy Hill Site

Mon 16th – Swimming 10am

Tues 17th – 18th – Yr6 Edinburgh Trip

Fri 20th – Pro Ride Bike Competition

Mon 23rd – Swimming 10am

Tues 24th – Yr5/6 Athletics at Whitby School Airy Hill Site

Weds 25th – Class Photographs

Thurs 26th – Yr5/6 Rounders at Whitby School Prospect Hill Site

Mon 30th – Swimming 10am

July 2025

Thurs 4th – Bikeability

Fri 5th – Bikeability

Mon 7th – Swimming 10am

Tues 8th-10th – Yr6 Transition days to Whitby School

Mon 14th – Swimming 10am

Mon 14th – Sports Day 1.30pm

Tues 15th – Canoeing (Reception-Yr6)

Thurs 17th – Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

Mon 21st Last day of Summer Term



Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Monday 1st September – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 2nd September – Staff Training Day

First day of Autumn Term Wednesday 3rd September
2025

Oct half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
2025

Last Day of Autumn Term Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January – Staff Training Day

First Day of Spring Term Tuesday 6th January 2026

Feb half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th
February 2026

Friday 13th March – Staff Training Day

Last Day of Spring Term Friday 27th March 2026

First Day of Summer Term Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Monday 4th May 2026

May half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
2026

Last Day of Summer Term Friday 17th July 2026