

Friday 6th June 2025

It's been a productive, enjoyable week here at school with children and staff clearly invigorated by the half-term break. It was lovely to hear the enthusiasm Oak class had for reading after virtually meeting one of my heroes on Tuesday: Michael Morpurgo. It's so exciting when children find such an author who can open up all of these new worlds and adventures for them. It was also lovely to see they were clearly inspired by the Curling leadership event as a group of older children have invented a new game called Howlper which I can only describe as an intriguing blend of tennis, American football and goalkeeping.

It's also been lovely to see a couple of newer faces in nursery provision this week. Their confidence in engaging in conversations with adults shows what a secure, safe and stimulating environment the team have created. Finally, I am so excited to read Acorn class's finished poems which are shaping up very nicely indeed.

Ask us About:

Acorns: Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores

Oaks: The features of European countries

We are Reading:

EYFS: Lulu Loves the Library and 10 in a bed

KS1: Space Poem

KS2: High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

Sensory Fun in EYFS!

This week in EYFS, our youngest learners explored a world of colour, texture, and scent through a range of fun sensory activities.

The children painted on a cling film wall using paint and glitter, creating sparkly masterpieces in mid-air! They also experimented with a special "gloop" made from cornflour, cocoa, and water, which was spread onto toy cars before heading off to the "car wash" for a bubbly clean-up.



With the calming scent of lavender in the air and the rich smell of cocoa, it was a full sensory experience that sparked creativity, curiosity, and plenty of giggles!



Science in Acorn Class – Animal Diets & Reptiles

This week, Acorn Class learned about different animal diets, sorting animals into herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. They also explored animal groups, focusing on reptiles and learning how to spot features like scaly skin and egg-laying.

The children enjoyed hands-on activities and had great fun discovering more about the animal kingdom!



Making a Splash – Swimming Lessons Begin!

From Reception to Year 6, all of our pupils made a fantastic start to their swimming lessons on Monday! The excitement was clear as everyone took to the water with confidence and enthusiasm.

A special shout-out to the wonderful staff at Loftus Leisure Centre, who not only made everyone feel welcome but also remembered many of our children from last year. Their kindness and encouragement helped make the first session a great success.

Well done to all our swimmers – we're looking forward to seeing your progress in the weeks ahead!

Oaks Dive into Drama

This week, Oak class brought ancient myths to life as part of their English topic on The Minotaur and King Minos. With enthusiasm and creativity, the children acted out scenes from the story, stepping into the sandals of legendary characters like Theseus, King Minos, and the fearsome Minotaur.



From dramatic entrances to tense confrontations in the labyrinth, every student took part with energy and imagination. It was a fantastic way to deepen their understanding of Greek mythology while building confidence, teamwork, and performance skills.





Come for a Souper Afternoon!

Monday 9th June | 1:00–2:30pm

Join us for a warm and welcoming afternoon featuring a selection of delicious homemade soups and fresh bread – all lovingly prepared by our talented Year 6 pupils!

This event is open to everyone, with a suggested donation of £3. All funds raised will go towards supporting the Year 6s' overnight trip to Edinburgh.

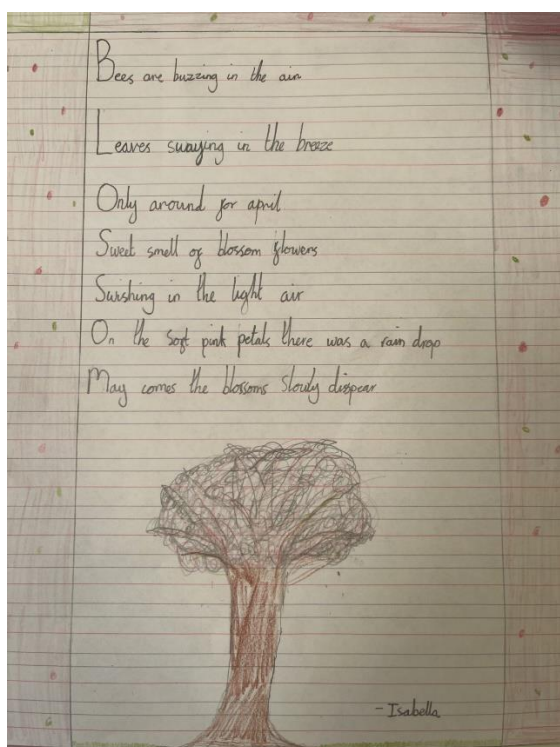
We'd love to see you there – come along, enjoy some soup, and help our Year 6s reach their goal!

Poetry in Bloom

Acorn Class have been exploring rhyming words inspired by our school garden. Their fun word play will soon bloom into a beautiful poem about a flower.

We can't wait to share their creative verses with you!

Oak Class have been blending creativity and rhythm this week as they continued writing acrostic poems inspired by the word "BLOSSOM". Each line reflected themes of nature, growth, and beauty!



Oak Class Take on the Maths Challenge!

Oak Class showed great focus and teamwork as they tackled a series of exciting maths challenges. Working both independently and in groups, the children solved puzzles, tackled tricky problems, and supported one another along the way.

It was a brilliant opportunity to stretch their thinking, practise their skills, and build confidence—well done, Oak!

Have a go, we have attached one of the challenges let us know how you do!





Safeguarding Week 16th June

It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard children.

In this week to raise safeguarding awareness there are lots of brilliant courses available for parents and families. The full selection is available by clicking [here](#) but here's a quick selection of Mr Russell's recommendations:

NSPCC: Listen up speak up Tuesday 17th June 12pm - 1pm



Half a million children suffer abuse and neglect a year in the UK. But there's something we can all do to change that. We know that, with the right support, every child can be kept safe. We can stop abuse, and even prevent it from happening. But to do this, we need to work together.

Our Listen up Speak up sessions will:

- help you understand how to listen and speak up on behalf of children
- show you who to contact if you're concerned about a child or need support yourself
- empower you to support children in your community.

Eventbrite booking link: [Safeguarding Week 2025: NSPCC Listen Up, Speak Up Tickets, Tue, Jun 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Keeping your children safe in sport Wednesday 18th June 7pm - 8pm

Course aim

To increase knowledge amongst parents, coaches and communities of the signs of child exploitation

Course objectives

People have increased knowledge and understanding of exploitation in a sports and community context
People have simple tools to have conversations

with children about it
People know different simple routes to do something about their worries

Booking Link: Booking is via the City of York booking portal (click "all other users" and then "login as guest")

Course: Safeguarding Week – Keeping Your Children Safe in Sport

NSPCC Parent online safety session Thursday 19th June 12pm - 1pm



Figures suggest that 21% of 3–to 4-year-olds have their own mobile phone. Children are active users of tech from an early age, but the internet wasn't designed with children in mind, so, like any parenting task, teaching our children to cross the road safely, for example, it is up to all of us to help our children have safer experiences online. Online safety can feel like a minefield to many parents:

75%, more than seven in 10 parents of children aged 3-17 were concerned about their children seeing inappropriate content.

These free workshops aim to help parents understand how children and young people experience the online world, share resources and tools that could help keep them safe and empower parents to guide them on their journey.

In the workshops, we cover:

The risks and benefits of being online for children

- Practical tools and resources to keep children safe online
- Online grooming
- Online bullying
- Social media
- Gaming
- Mental health and wellbeing

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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 – Italian Pasta Bake

Tuesday – Minced Beef Loaded Wedges

Wednesday – Sausage & Mash

Thursday – Chicken Korma

Friday – Fish Fingers

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.

Attendance

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

This week, our attendance has been

100%

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

Celebration Assembly

Friday 13th June 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: Matilda and Marlie

Special Award: Jennifer and Jacob

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: Eva



Dates for the Diary

June 2025

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