



# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## A message from our school leaders...

It has been wonderful to see a little bit of sunshine this week and the weather warming up, bringing with it more opportunities for outdoor learning as we move towards the summer months. We are looking forward to preparing some Forest School activities for the summer term, which will make way for more outdoors learning.

## Mother's Day Family Brunch

What a lovely turnout we had for our Mother's Day Brunches at the beginning of the week! The children were absolutely thrilled to invite you into school to celebrate this special occasion. A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us; your presence made it truly memorable.

## Staffing Update

After the Easter break, Miss Anderson will be leaving us to take up a full-time position in another school within the Trust. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work, positivity and commitment during her time with us, and we wish her every success in her new role.

We are pleased to share that Miss Humpherson will be increasing her teaching days and will be working full-time in Rec/Y1 after Easter.

## Early Years Donations

We are still looking for donations of Early Years resources for our prospective toddler group. If you are having a clear-out over the Easter break, we would be very grateful if you could keep us in mind. Items such as small world toys, books, puzzles, and role-play resources are especially appreciated.

## Feedback

Thank you for your feedback regarding the additional week in October. We will be analysing the responses over the coming weeks and will share further information once this process is complete.

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

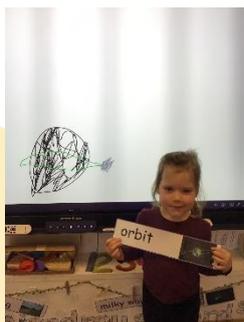
~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	100.0%
Yr 2/3/4	92.6%
Yr 5/6	99.1%



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## Nursery – Mrs Dobson

Our week, in Nursery, has been truly out of this world! The children have been exploring space through words, play, creativity, and hands-on activities. We've introduced several new wondrous words and the children have enjoyed using them in their learning:

- **Milky Way** – discovering it's not just chocolate!
- **Orbit** – learning how the moon moves around the Earth.
- **Zooming** – imagining how rockets travel through space.
- **Shooting** – talking about shooting stars and what they look like.

**Pictures of the Moon Orbiting the Earth** - the children created their own wonderful drawings showing how the moon moves around our planet. They were excited to talk about their ideas and proudly shared their artwork with each other. We loved hearing their imaginative explanations!

**Measuring Space Objects** - using multilink cubes, the children explored size and measurement by building and comparing different space-themed objects. They counted cubes, discussed which creations were longer or shorter, and practised brilliant mathematical language.

**Designing Themselves as Aliens** - to finish our space adventures, the children designed their very own alien versions of themselves! We saw aliens with sparkly antennae, extra eyes, colourful patterns, and amazing imaginative features. The creativity on display was fantastic.





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## YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

This week, our **Reception** class have been learning all about frogs and their life-cycle. They have been busy exploring all kinds of frog activities, including practicing their cutting skills and writing sentences about frogs. To end the week, we made some frogs out of plasticine, making sure to remember all the froggy facts we have learnt.

In maths, Reception have been looking at the number 10 and one more and one less. The children have sung lots of nursery rhymes to help support their learning.

**Year 1** have been busy in science this week, testing different materials to see which ones would work best to make an umbrella for a teddy bear. For this, they needed to find something strong, flexible and waterproof. Please ask them this weekend about their findings!

We all had a look at being safe and healthy online this week, and worked together to decide if different rules were there to keep us safe or healthy with our online habits.

It was also so wonderful to be able to share a fantastic Mother's Day brunch with so many of you, the children really did enjoy it.





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## Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislalie and Miss Spenceley

In our English lessons, we have been diving into the wonderful world of Roald Dahl. The children completed some fantastic research and uncovered fascinating facts about this beloved author. This exploration, combined with learning about layout, formal language and the past tense, helped us create engaging biographies that truly reflect their understanding.

During maths, Year 2 focused on multiplication facts using arrays, while Year 3 moved on to mass and capacity, exploring kilograms and grams. Year 4 delved into fractions, learning how these can be expressed as decimals, which supported their understanding around whole numbers.

In science, we investigated shadows and how they are formed. The children examined a variety of objects that were transparent, translucent, and opaque, discovering that opaque objects do not allow any light through and thus create the best shadows.

Additionally, Year 4 had the exciting opportunity to participate in an Adder Workshop with a local artist. They explored myths, facts, and cultural stories about adders through creative writing, and then studied adder bodies and behaviours to translate these into drawn patterns on graph paper. It was wonderful to see all the children so engaged and enjoying the workshop.

In DT, the children continued their topic on British food by tasting oat cakes with various toppings before designing their own creations.

As a gentle reminder, please encourage the children to practise their times tables regularly, as this will support their learning across various subjects. Thank you.





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## Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

This week, in Year 5/6, the children began an exciting new writing unit where they will be creating a five-part narrative inspired by the life of Anne Boleyn. To prepare, the class spent time researching key events from her life, gathering rich historical detail that will support their storytelling in the coming weeks.

In science, the children explored how the moon moves in relation to the sun. They acted out the movements to deepen their understanding before drawing their own diagrams to illustrate what they had learned.

Art lessons have been equally creative, with the class producing Rembrandt-style self-portraits. Using the shading skills they have previously developed, the children produced pieces with real attention to detail.

In computing, the children learned how to record data on a spreadsheet—an important skill they will continue to build on throughout the year.





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Upcoming  
Events:

	Event
<b>MARCH 2026</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair, in school
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Shakespeare Week
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> March	'Chance to Shine' Cricket Taster Day
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> + Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent's Evenings
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Tennis/Raquets Festival, Yrs 3+4
<b>APRIL 2026</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closed for Easter Holiday
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Girl's Football Competition, Yrs 4,5+6
<b>MAY 2026</b>	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri-Golf Festival, B.C. Golf Club – Yrs 3+4
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for Half Term Holiday
<b>JUNE 2026</b>	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5 Trip to Edinburgh
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Tri-Golf Competition, B.C Golf Club – Yrs 3+4
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics Competition, Bishop Auckland – Yrs 5+6
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Week
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Family Brunch for Father's Day
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders Festival – Yrs 5+6