



Spring Term 2026

Newsletter 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

A number of parents have been asking about class organisation for September, and this is yet to be decided. The number of children joining our reception classes is not known until April. Planning and costings for different scenarios are currently being considered but until we have the final numbers, we are unable to make these decisions. We always aim to share the class and staffing organisation plans with you as soon as we can and often this is in summer term one.

A polite reminder for all parents/carers to turn their car engines off whilst waiting outside of school, thank you. We have also been made aware that there are some parents who are not following the highway code in and around the roads around both of the schools. Please can we ask you to drive at a sensible speed and park where it is safe to do so. We need to be extra vigilant and ensure that our children are safe, especially as most mornings and pick ups are wet and miserable so visibility is reduced.

Thank you to the staff teams across both Escrick and Wheldrake who took some of our upper key stage 2 children to the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena last week and thank you to those staff at school who helped with covering other classes. The children had a fantastic experience and we are sure they have some great memories from the event.

Year 6 pupils have been invited to Fulford School to watch their school show, Mary Poppins. The children will also have the opportunity to play some sport ahead of the performance on Monday 9th February. If you have not received a separate letter regarding this event, then please contact Mrs Butterfield or Mrs Hall.

This Friday is NSPCC Number Day and to recognise this the children will be taking part in some fun maths activities, linked to their current topic. Our staff always aim to make maths fun and where possible make it practical and linked to real life, lots of our children enjoy this approach to maths and it always helps their confidence.

After half term we will be holding the second parents evening of the school year. This will be the opportunity for parents to see their child's work and to discuss progress and targets with the class teachers. The dates for these are as follows:

Escrick – Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

Wheldrake with Thorganby – Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March

More details regarding times and information for booking appointments will be sent after half term.

Reminder - On Friday 13th February both schools will be holding a Plastic Recycling Day. We would like to involve the children in collecting and sorting plastic so please can we ask for the following year groups to bring plastic items as below:

*Please note that any donations MUST be washed and dry, thank you.

Rec - squash /pop bottles and lids

Y1 - yoghurt / jelly / dessert pots

Y2 - milk bottles and lids

Y3 - shampoo / conditioner / shower gel bottles

Y4 - lidded tubs e.g. - margarine tubs

Y5 - fruit and vegetable tubs

Y6 - plastic bags

Please collect your items at home and bring donations into school on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February.

With very best wishes,



Miss E E Miller

Safeguarding children – if you have any concerns for the welfare of a child please contact Miss Miller, Miss Tams or Mr Broxup.

Respecting staff – our staff are dedicated professionals. We will not accept any abuse towards our staff.



95.9% attendance year to date

Parent Forum – Following our parent forum meeting last week you should have all received some feedback from your year group reps. I would also like to share some common themes which arose, as I feel clarification on these points would be useful for all.

Reading circles – this approach to reading has a positive impact on the reading SATs and we really promote this model. Any help from parents is encouraged and parents can read the text to their children and support their child to complete their role for the week. Sometimes the roles do not require lots of work, but completion of the task is essential for the session to run well at school. So please can we ask that you support your child with their homework if they need it.

School does not open for pupils until 8.40am so please make sure any Y5/6 children who have permission to walk do not arrive earlier than this as school is not open and the children are not supervised.

Year 5 have their India Day on Tuesday 10th February – more details will be emailed to parents.

‘Every person is an individual and also part of a community.’

1 Corinthians 12:12-27



96.3% attendance year to date

Enrichment events are fast approaching, and we would love to welcome you to support your child:

Year 1/2 - Wednesday 11th February 9am

Year 3 – Thursday 12th February 2.30pm

Year 4 - Monday 9th February – 2.30pm

Year 5 – Tuesday 10th February 2.30pm (please be prepared to showcase your sewing skills!)

Year 6 - Wednesday 11th February 2pm

Tickets are selling quickly for the K-Pop Party on Friday 13th. Don't forget to book on Parent Pay! Thank you for your support, the PTA.

Pre-school have loved learning all about penguins! We explored where they live, what they eat, and why they can't fly, and we even learned the Makaton sign for penguin.

The children had great fun with our frozen-water penguin skating, exploring our Antarctic wonderland using shaving foam, ice-paint painting, and ice-rink fishing. We also enjoyed painting igloos and creating our own penguin artwork. Next week, we will be exploring our story telling skills with lots of exciting activities!

‘Love your neighbour as yourselves.’ Matthew 22:39

‘Let us encourage one another.’ Hebrews 10:25