



## Spring Term 2026

### Newsletter 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the half term, we want to extend a huge thank-you to all our children for their hard work and dedication. Throughout the term, they have shown real commitment to their learning — tackling new challenges, supporting one another, and approaching each day with curiosity and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of the progress they've made and the positive attitudes they bring to school.

We would also like to thank our colleagues at Fulford for inviting our Year 6 children to watch 'Mary Poppins' earlier today. The children really enjoyed the show, and these opportunities further support the transition for those children who continue their education at Fulford.

**A polite reminder** - We would like to take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of regular reading at home. Even a short daily reading routine can make a huge difference to children's confidence, vocabulary, and overall progress.

If possible, please set aside a little time each day to read with your child or encourage them to enjoy a book independently. Your support at home really strengthens the learning they do in school, and we are grateful for the partnership.

Thank you for helping to nurture a love of reading.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter the dates for **Parent Consultation Evenings** are as follows:

Escrick – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Wheldrake with Thorganby – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

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

Reminder -This Friday is our **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.

We finish school this Friday, at the usual time and we return on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Wishing you all a restful half term and let's hope for some drier weather!

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**

**Arbor Parent App and Parent Pay Update**

We are delighted that **71%** of families have now activated their Arbor Parent App accounts and updated their details. Thank you for doing this so promptly.

If you have not yet activated your account, please do so as soon as possible. Your password and activation instructions were emailed to you on **2nd February**.

**ParentPay / Eduspot**

As previously communicated, we are moving from **Eduspot/School Money** over to **ParentPay**. We have been working hard to set up the new system and are almost ready to send out your activation details. **Please ensure that all outstanding balances on School Money are cleared by Tuesday 10th February.**

After this date, **please do not make any further payments** on School Money. Any remaining **debts or credits** will be transferred to ParentPay on **Wednesday 11th February**.



**96.3 % attendance year to date**

As mentioned at the start of this half term, we have been reviewing our school vision and values. Over the past few weeks, we have worked closely with a range of stakeholders — including staff, governors, pupils, and our Diocesan Adviser — to ensure our vision truly reflects who we are as a school and what we aspire to be. We are pleased to share that this collaborative work has resulted in a new strapline.

**Love and encourage each other.**

Our new vision paragraph is:

At Wheldrake with Thorganby Primary School, our vision is to nurture a community where we love and encourage each other as we would ourselves, leading to a safe and inspiring environment where every person can thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

This is rooted theologically in the teachings of Jesus and first Christian leaders in the New Testament:

‘Love your neighbour as yourselves.’ Matthew 22:39  
‘Let us encourage one another.’ Hebrews 10:25

### **School Meals**

Once you activate your ParentPay account, you will be able to book lunches for next term.

We are pleased to share that, thanks to the move to ParentPay, children will now have **a choice of meals each day**. All meals will still include a dessert, and fruit will always be available as an alternative.

Please note: **You do not need to book desserts separately.**

If you have any questions or need help with either system, please do not hesitate to contact **Mrs Hall** or **Mrs Gibson-Bone**.

**Polite reminder** – again please can we ask that children in Year 5/6, who walk to school themselves, do not arrive before 8.40am as the doors are not open until that time and many children are coming into school very wet and cold. Thank you.

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

***1 Corinthians 12:12-27***

The values which help us to achieve our vision are:

**Empathy**, which deepens our understanding.

**Kindness**, which guides our relationships.

**Forgiveness**, which helps us grow.

**Honesty**, which builds trust.

Next half term we will launch a competition with the children to consider a picture representation for this revised vision and values statement.

### **Enrichment events -**

Year 1/2 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9am

Year 3 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm

Year 4 - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 2.30pm

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

Year 6 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2pm

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