



Spring Term 2026

Newsletter 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of this spring term and I do hope that you have all had a lovely half term holiday. This part of the school year is an important opportunity for pupils to **work hard, stay focused, and make the most of the rich learning experiences** available to them. Our staff have planned engaging lessons, exciting activities, and meaningful challenges that will help every child grow in confidence, resilience, and independence.

We are encouraging all pupils to:

- **Give their best effort** in every lesson.
- **Stay organised** with homework and have the correct kit/equipment for lessons.
- **Take pride** in their progress and achievements.
- **Ask questions, stay curious, and enjoy learning.**

Your encouragement at home makes a tremendous difference, and together we can help every child thrive in our care.

Times Tables - Learning times tables is essential because it provides children with the strong mathematical foundation they need to succeed in more complex areas of maths. When pupils know their times tables securely, they can solve problems more quickly and confidently, freeing up their thinking for higher-level concepts such as fractions, division, algebra, and multi-step reasoning. Automatic recall also boosts accuracy, reduces frustration, and helps children feel more positive about maths. Most importantly, strong number fluency supports everyday life skills—

from telling the time to handling money—making times tables a vital part of every child’s learning journey. We ask that you support your child with their times tables and especially those children in Year 4 who will have their multiplication times tables check in the summer term.

At the end of last half term, the children had a great time making various models from plastic and this activity enabled us to share with the children the importance of **caring for our planet** and the world in which we live. We aim to teach our children the importance of sustainability and recycling and through these opportunities we hope our pupils will grow into thoughtful, responsible young people.

Ensuring children come to school with the correct kit for their **forest school sessions** is essential for their safety, comfort, and enjoyment outdoors. Weather in the UK can change quickly, and having sturdy footwear, warm layers, waterproofs, and gloves helps children stay dry, warm, and able to fully engage in hands-on exploration. When children are appropriately dressed, they can focus on learning, teamwork, and adventure rather than feeling cold or uncomfortable. Equally if your child has come to school in their forest school clothes then please make sure, they have their uniform, including shoes, to change into after their session. Thank you for supporting us in making forest school a positive and enriching experience for every child.

I look forward to the term ahead and as always, if you wish to meet with me to discuss anything then please contact Mrs Butterfield (Wheldrake with Thorganby) or Mrs Hall (Escrick).

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
97.2% attendance today

Parent Consultation Evenings – these are at the end of this half term and are an opportunity to look at your child’s books and to discuss your child’s progress and attainment with you. There will be a new booking system and information will be shared with you. The dates are Monday 23rd March 3.30 – 5.30pm; Tuesday 24th March 3.30 – 6pm.

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



96.2% attendance year to date
98.8% attendance today

Parent Consultation Evenings – these are at the end of this half term and are an opportunity to look at your child’s books and to discuss your child’s progress and attainment with you. Confirmed dates are Tuesday 17th March 3.30 – 5.30pm; Wednesday 18th March 3.30- 6pm

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

There is a separate letter regarding the introduction of a parent forum group and if you have any questions then please catch me or ask Mrs Butterfield who will pass them on to me, thank you.

Love and encourage each other.

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

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