

Friarage News!



Friday 24th October 2025



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a fantastic Harvest Festival this week. The Reception children truly stole the show with their wonderful retelling of The Little Red Hen story.

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous food contributions which will be sent to the Rainbow Centre, who do an amazing job of supporting families in need within our local community.

A Polite Reminder About Parking

Please do not park on the pavements outside school. This causes families and children to walk into the road and around parked cars, which is not safe. We ask everyone to park considerately and help keep our pupils

Half Term

We wish all our families a lovely half term holiday!

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, 3rd November.

Best wishes

Mrs Cappleman



Term Dates

03/09/2025 - 24/10/2025

Autumn 1 half term

03/11/2025 - 19/12/2025

Autumn 2 half term

05/01/2026 - 13/02/2026

Spring 1 half term

23/02/2026-27/03/2026

Spring 2 half term

13/04/2026 - 22/05/2026

Summer 1 half term

02/06/2026 - 17/07/2026

Summer 2 half term

Training Days

01/09/2025

02/09/2025

09/01/2026

01/06/2026

20/07/2026



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Nursery

Green team

This week in Green Team, we enjoyed exploring the story **Meg and Mog**, a tale about a witch and her cat. In the story, Meg accidentally turns her friends into mice and says she'll change them back next Halloween! The children thought that was a bit mean, so we created our own spell to turn them back. Everyone had fantastic ideas for the ingredients, including spiders, a shark's tail, slugs, a snail, someone's teeth, crocodile feet, and even a butterfly! Our magic words were Pazaz and Bippity Boppity Boo. We added our own twist to the story, turning the mice back into witches in pink dresses with a special magic brew. To finish, we dressed up as witches and made potions in the water tray that transformed people into princesses, Spiderman, and even a crocodile!



Reception

Blue team

This week in Reception, we have been innovating the story **Owl Babies** by changing the characters and settings to create our own exciting versions. We also started Drawing Club, where we are learning new vocabulary and practising our fine motor skills through drawing. This week, we drew the character Uncle Scrooge and his vault, thinking about what we would store inside and how we would protect it. The children had brilliant ideas, from trap doors and falling nets to clever robots, all designed to keep their treasures and families safe!

In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 1, 2, and 3, thinking about one more and one less, and examining how each number is made up.

We also learned about how and why our friends celebrate Diwali, creating beautiful rangoli patterns and mehndi designs to mark the festival of light.



Key Stage 1

Team Haigh

Spooky things happening this week in Team Haigh. We are enjoying exploring Halloween words, and team building games.

We also had some calm time drawing pumpkins and examining autumn leaves and conkers. We love the colours of autumn and seeing the seasons change.

We also had a visit from Scarborough library who showed us many wonderful books. Joining the library is free and can be a fantastic resource for your child. We enjoyed listening to the stories and talking about our favourites. For those that borrowed a book, they are due back on 11th November.



Team Conner & Lowery

What a fantastic half term we have had in our class. The children have worked so hard and are ready for a well deserved half term break.

This week we enjoyed a lovely visit from Scarborough Library. We got to look at a range of books and talk about what is on offer at our local library. It is a fantastic place to visit. For those that borrowed a book with their new library card, they are due back to the library on 11th November.

Enjoy next week, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you after the holiday!



team kelly

In History, we finished our double page spreads, explaining the similarities and differences between certain ancient civilisations. I

was so impressed with how much the children remembered!

In Maths, we finished our addition and subtraction unit but we will continue to practice these skills during our arithmetic lessons.

We have had a super busy week with PSHE, learning about the importance of democracy. We also voted for our school council and our new Young Interpreters were picked.

On Thursday, we had the PCSO's in, teaching us how to be safe during Halloween. Enjoy your break everybody and stay safe!



team thorpe / Newens

In PSHE this week we have been learning about the different ways we are part of our school community. We talked about how we have a say in what happens in the school by voting for the school council member for our class, and how we are all a part of democracy. The children enjoyed voting for the member in the class and we were very excited to take part.

During History, we summarised everything that we know about the ancient civilisations we have been learning about. We considered the similarities and differences between them and organised this information on a double page spread.

team Stevens

In Writing, the children have been writing newspaper reports about the **Iron Man**. The articles detail all the things he has been up to: the damage he has caused; the picnic he disrupted; and how he was temporally trapped in a pit. The children have worked hard to answer all the questions the reader might have and included quotes from those affected in the village.

In RE, they have been designing their own game and playing with peers to showcase all the things they've learned this half term. It has been lovely to see all their hard work displayed and shared with each other.



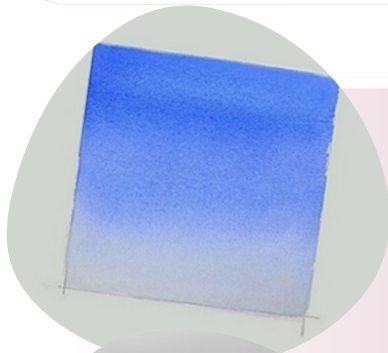
Year 5 & 6

team Robinson & Tymon

Well done 5RT, we are so proud of you completing your first term in Y5!

We have had a great term! We have been learning all about Shackleton's journey to Antarctica. We've also just started exploring the art work of George Marston who travelled with Shackleton! We've been exploring using watercolour paints.

In Writing, we have been writing our innovate stories about magical machines! Ask your child about what they have written.



team Wendon

Another great week to end the half term - well done 56W!

This week we discovered that we will be collecting Delta Stars cards and have already earned the British Values card by voting in our school council elections this week! Well done to our nominees who were so brave standing in front of the class to share their ideas.

We also experimented with new watercolour techniques in Art, discovered the challenges faced by Shackleton's team in Antarctica in Geography and have worked hard to improve our Arithmetic scores in Maths.



team Copeland

A super end to a lovely half term. Well done team!

This week, we have been thinking about charitable acts of giving, through time, belongings and money in our RE lesson. A very thoughtful discussion was had, with children sharing their ideas about what was more important.

In Geography, we have thought about some of the struggles posed by the Antarctic biome - mountains of land under mountains of ice.

Also this week we have held our school council elections. Well done to those who have stood for election. We look forward to finding out who our representative is.



DELTA STARS

Reach for the (Delta) Stars

We are pleased to announce that this week we have launched **Delta Stars**. This is our new Personal Development offer. Our aim is to provide all children with a range of opportunities, activities and experiences during their time at Friarage Community Academy, that go above and beyond the academic curriculum offer.

The opportunities are set out across 16 strands and build on content from Early Years to Year 6. Completing activities, such as attending an after school club; being a Young Interpreter; or going on a school visit will earn the children a **Star Card**.

For each task your child completes, children will receive the card and place it in their folder. If a child earns 6 cards, they will be awarded a bronze certificate at the end of the year. If they earn 9 cards, a silver certificate will be awarded, and a gold certificate if they earn 12 cards.

This week the children took part in a democratic vote to elect the next school councillor for their team. As a result, all children have been awarded their first card: **British Values**. This half term the children have also been on trips or welcomed visitors to the school. These have included:

- Year 5/6 Spa trip to explore how Maths, DT and Science in school can lead to jobs in science and engineering.
- Y3/4 trip to the Buddhist Centre to support their understanding of Buddhism.
- Y1/2 a visit from the library, celebrating books and making them aware of the library and what they have to offer.
- EYFS a visit from a dentist teaching them how to brush their teeth and why it is so important.





Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

GRADUATED RESPONSE!

In the next few weeks, you should expect a phone call or meeting with your child's teacher if they are on the SEND register.

They will talk you through their targets for the rest of the Autumn term and you will have a chance to discuss your views and concerns.

If you have any worries or would like to discuss things further, ask your child's teacher to arrange a meeting with me.

Best wishes,

Laura Tymon

SENDCO

OUR SERVICES!



We are pleased to continue working with Seaside SaLT (Speech and Language) and Sandcastles Play Therapy services.



Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an optician, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost**.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**

Attendance

Well done to **Team Stevens** you have an amazing **99.2%** this week!

Please bring your children to school **every** day.
If they become unwell while at school the school office will contact you.

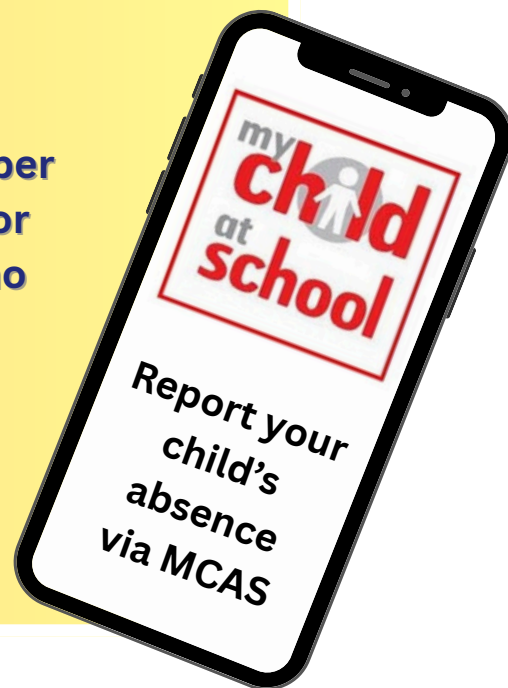
**Being off school really damages your future...
Did you know?**

Students who miss 10% of school (that's 20 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

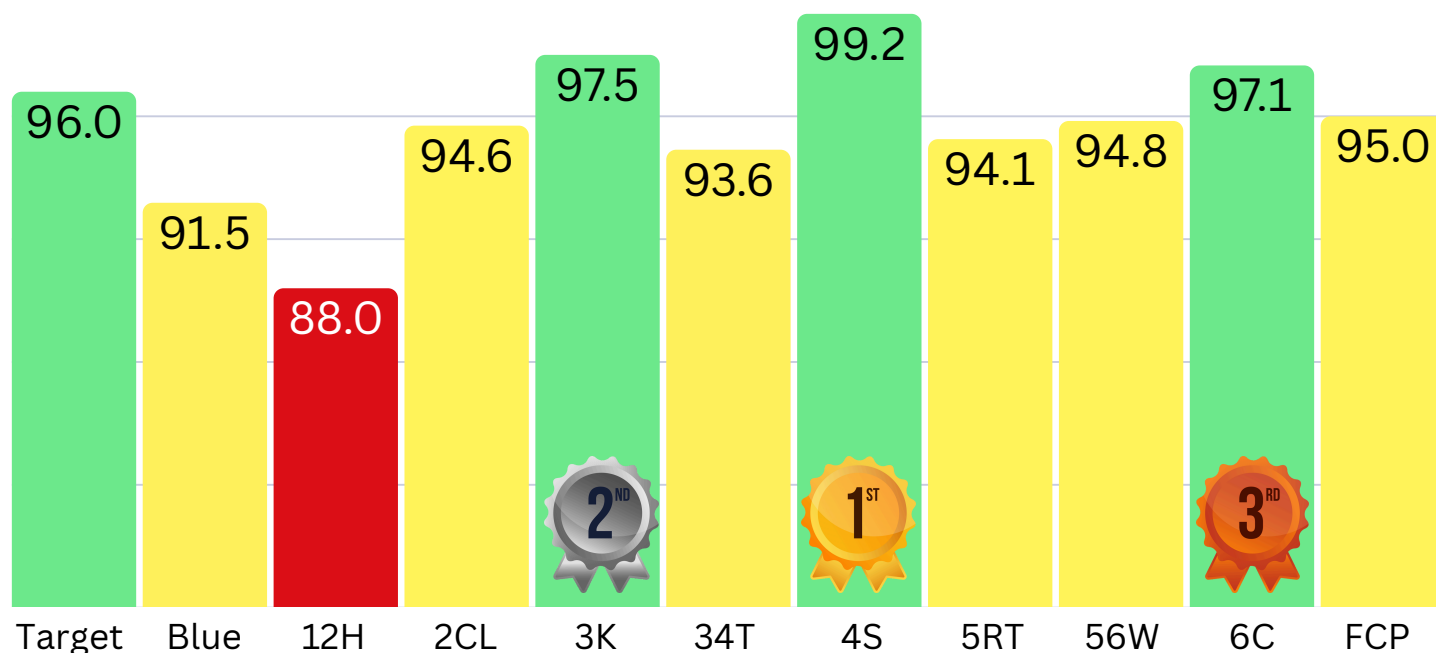
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Mrs Wardle
Attendance Officer



Weekly Class Attendance





A real community school, offering:

- Excellent curriculum from EYFS to Y6
- Part of the highly effective Delta Academies Trust
- FREE school uniform and PE kit
- FREE nursery places from 3 years
- FREE Breakfast Club from 8.00am
- 'Friars Inn' after school club until 6.00pm, just £8
- FREE Y4 residential to

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