

Friarage News!



Friday 7th November 2025



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a wonderful first week back after the October half-term holiday.

I had the privilege this week of speaking with a group of pupils about how they feel our new behaviour policy is going. The feedback was very positive!

Pupils particularly enjoy the Dojo points and our new Friarage Gem rewards. They told me they feel that both the rewards and consequences are fair. One pupil shared, "The rewards balance the consequences now," while another said, "It helps us learn how to behave better."

It's fantastic to hear that our pupils are engaging so thoughtfully with the changes, a real testament to how well the Friarage community continues to grow together.

Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening appointment (19th November)! It's a wonderful opportunity for your child's teacher to share their achievements and the great progress they're making.

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 have been celebrating fireworks! We created beautiful firework pictures using forks and toilet rolls to make different shapes and patterns. We talked about what the fireworks looked like and the exciting sounds they make, such as bangs, whizzes, and pops!

In Maths, we have been learning all about the number 1. We explored what "one" means by making lunch and breakfast for number one, making sure there was only one of each item. We also made a special tray of items for number one, it was lots of fun practising our counting and learning to recognise the number 1!



Reception

Blue team

Welcome back after half term!

This week, the children were excited to receive a surprise delivery from Baby Bear, inviting them on a special adventure to have a picnic. They have been busy suggesting all the different places Baby Bear could visit and sharing their ideas.

In Maths, we have been learning about circles and triangles, exploring their shapes and properties in a variety of fun activities.

We have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the story behind Bonfire Night, exploring why we celebrate it and creating our own firework pictures. Outside, the children have been experimenting with light and discovering how some objects can cast shadows. We also introduced the artist Andy Goldsworthy and began replicating his nature-inspired art using natural materials.



Key Stage 1

Team Haigh

Literacy adventure began in Team Haigh with a Gruffalo hunt. The children enjoyed retelling the story and writing sentences about the Gruffalo and his friends.

We completed lots of writing activities and explored rhyming words. Ask your child if they know any rhyming words.

In Maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 10. Please practise at home and help your child learn them by heart.

In History, we started to look at the Great Fire of London and what could have caused it. The children really enjoyed looking at the pictures of old houses and comparing them to new houses today.



Team Conner & Lowery

This week we have started our new topic 'The Great Fire of London'. The children are all extremely excited and have been coming up with lots of interesting questions about the topic. We have decorated the classroom with flames made by the children.

As historians we predicted how we thought the fire may have started. The children had lots of great ideas!

In Design and Technology the children have learnt about the role of an architect, we also learnt about Christopher Wren and St Pauls Cathedral.

This week we have been working hard to improve our handwriting. The children have worked hard to ensure that they are sitting in a good position and have been taking their time with their work.



Year 3 & 4

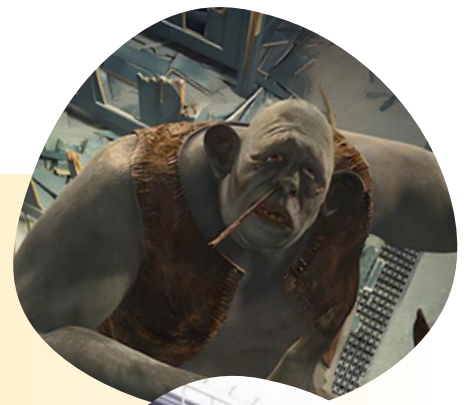
team kelly

What a fantastic first week back after half term!

In R.E, we are carrying on learning about Buddhism. This week we learnt about the 4 Noble Truths and how Buddhists use them every day.

In D.T, we had our first lesson learning about wood construction. We learnt what 'butt joints' are and what 'diagonal braces' are. Can you find any on your way home or at home?

In Writing, we have started our 'defeating the monster' unit. We are focusing on character description and using inverted commas for speech.



team thorpe / Newens

In Geography, we are learning about positive and negative impacts of changing an environment. This week, we learnt about different countries in North America and the difference between a county and a state.

In Reading, we are continuing to read the *Iron Man* book and we have got to the last chapter!

In PSHE, we are celebrating differences and understanding when we might make assumptions based on how people look.

We have an excellent discussion about impressions and how we might make judgements without knowing what the person is really like.

team Stevens

The children have worked immensely hard this week in Reading. They performed Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky with effort and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to hear and lovely to see them having a great time doing it.

They've worked exceptionally hard this week in Maths, multiplying 3-digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. The concept is tricky but they've shown how resilient and determined they are. I'm so proud of the progress you've all made!

In Geography, they are learning about North America, its location and the countries within it. We used Google Earth to explore where we are in the world too.



Year 5 & 6

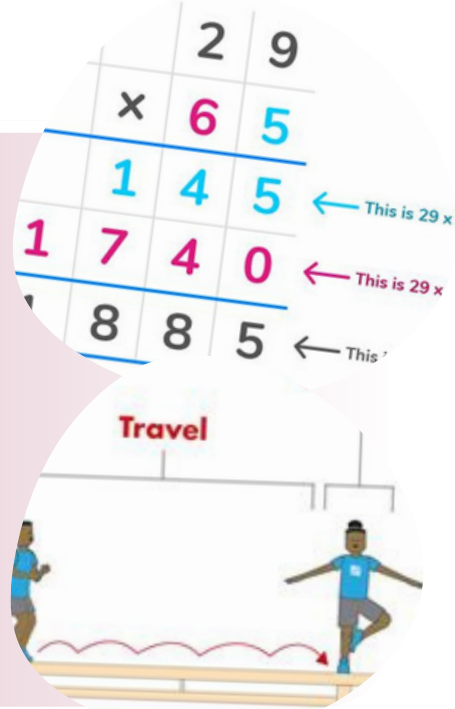
team Robinson & Tymon

Our Year 5's have settled back into school wonderfully after the half term break, it's great to see them all back!

In Maths, we have moved onto the tricky topic of multiplying 4 digits by 2 digits, the children have shown great resilience throughout the week, well done!

In Writing, we have been finishing our 'Hot Tasks' - the children had some creative ideas, ask your child about their machine and how it worked!

Finally, our topic this half term in PE is gymnastics, many children were excited to show off their talents!



team Wendon

This week our Year 6's had a virtual visit with author Ally Sherrick! She told us about her inspirations, writing process and how she became a published author, which was very inspiring! We were lucky enough that she answered two of the questions sent in by our pupils, well done Team Friarage!

In our joint lessons we have been discovering the impact of humans building research stations in Antarctica in Geography, finding out about how Humanists support charity work in RE and exploring how to use oximeters and planning experiments in Science! We have a lot to share with you this weekend!



team Copeland

What an exciting week!

Year 6 had a virtual author visit from Ally Sherrick, the author of our book Black Powder. She was able to share her inspiration for writing, how she got her lucky break and her ideas for her other books. She said to be an author needed 3 Ps: patience, perseverance and positivity.

In other lessons, we are designing our own imaginary creature to write about in writing lessons. We have planned an investigation in science, which we will carry out next week, to measure the affect of exercise on the body. We hope to measure heart rate and oxygen levels using an oximeter (see picture).



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

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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/](https://www.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?**

Parents can face legal consequences if their child's attendance is poor, though schools and local authorities will typically offer support first.

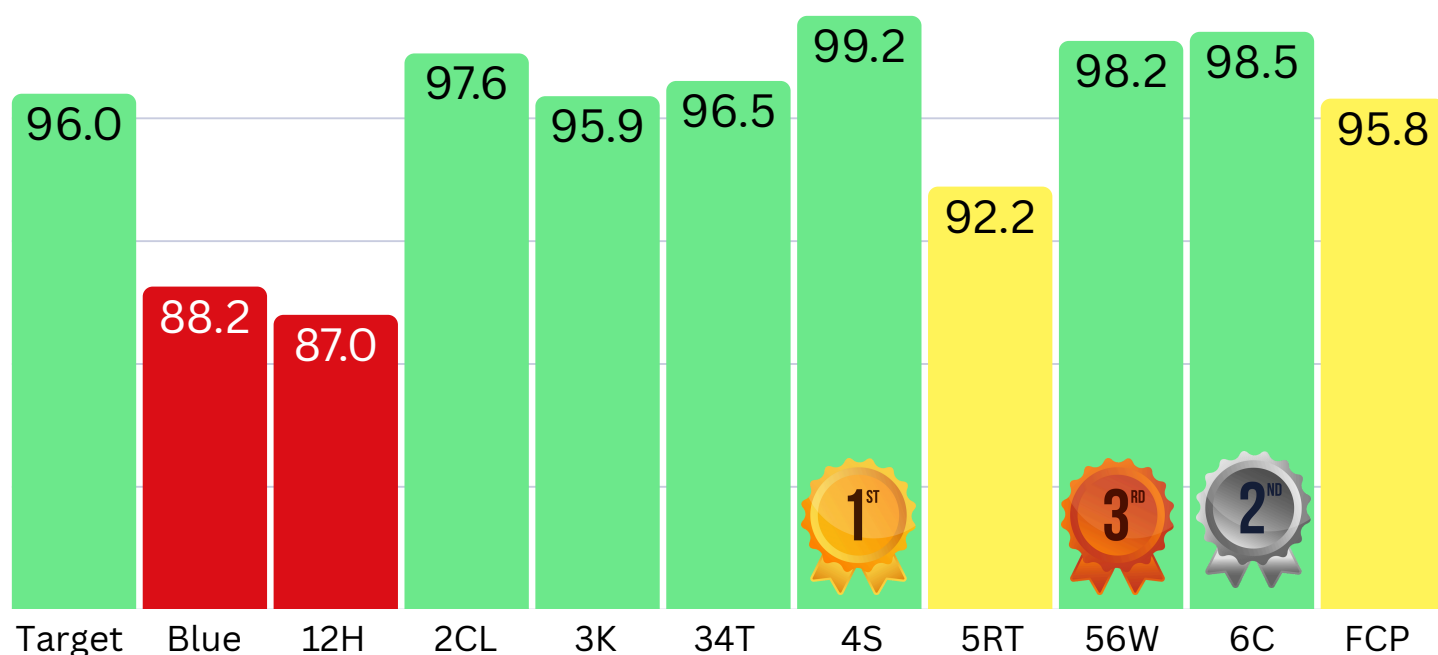
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Mrs Wardle
Attendance Officer



Weekly Class Attendance





A real community school, offering:

- Excellent curriculum from EYFS to Y6
- Part of the highly effective Delta Academies Trust
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- FREE nursery places from 3 years
- FREE Breakfast Club from 8.00am
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- FREE Y4 residential to

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- iPad issued to every pupil
- Subsidised Y6 residential visit
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