

Friarage News!



Friday 21st November 2025



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

What a week of cold and snowy weather we've had! We hope everyone managed to squeeze in a few snowball fights and maybe even build a snowman or two.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see you all and to share your children's successes and achievements with you. Your support makes such a positive difference!

We're also excited to let you know that the children will be bringing home a brand-new reading diary. To make reading at home even more fun, we're launching Friday Reading Rewards! Every Friday, children can earn three bonus Dojo points for showing us their reading diary and having their diary signed at least three times, so let's get those pages turning!

Even more exciting news... the children have now earned enough GEMS for our next whole-school reward! As a celebration, the whole school will enjoy an extra 30-minute playtime complete with music, plus a decorate-your-own cupcake activity. This special reward will take place next Friday afternoon.

Best wishes
Mrs Cappleman



Updates

PLEASE NOTE

Please ensure all young children and non-FCA pupils brought on to site before and after school are supervised at all times.

DATES

19/12/2025 School breaks up

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

09/01/2026

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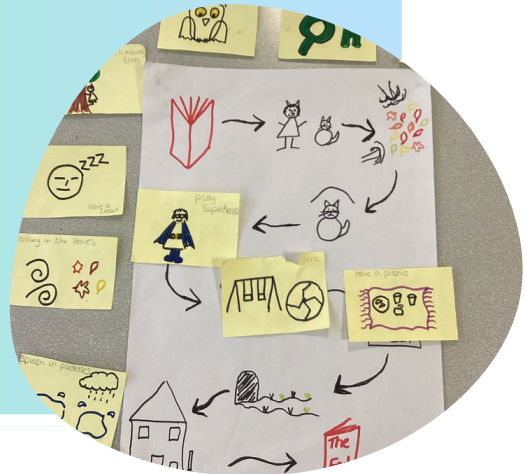
Green team

This week has been a wonderfully creative one in Nursery!

The children have been learning about our inspirational artist of the week, Wassily Kandinsky. We explored how he expressed feelings through colours and shapes, especially his famous circle paintings. Inspired by his work, the children experimented with colour, pattern, and shape to create their very own beautiful circle masterpieces.

In Talk for Writing, we have been busy innovating the story Ollie the Lost Kitten. Together, the children came up with exciting new adventures for Ollie and the other cats, full of discoveries, surprises, and lots of creative thinking. They then used their ideas to make their own versions of the story, proudly telling and retelling their narratives with growing confidence.

It has been a wonderful week of art, imagination, and storytelling in Nursery!



Reception

Blue team

Reception have had a fantastic week of learning!

In Talk 4 Writing, we have been innovating the story **Whatever Next!** by changing the settings and characters. The children have loved using their imaginations to take Baby Bear on brand-new adventures.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 4 and 5, exploring their composition and practising one more and one less. The children have been using lots of practical resources to deepen their understanding.

A highlight of the week has been receiving our new book bags and reading books, which the children are excited to share with their grown-ups at home. They are really enjoying their phonics sessions and growing in confidence every day.

Our Nursery Rhyme of the Week was Star Light, Star Bright, which led us to explore stars and space, revisiting our learning about Buzz Aldrin, our inspirational person for this term.



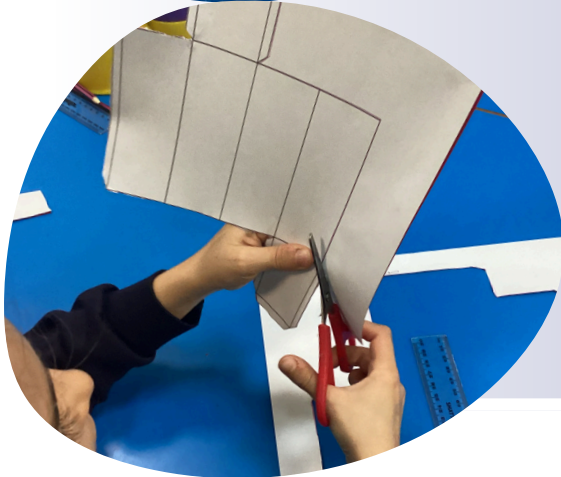
Key Stage 1

Team Haigh

It was lovely to see all the parents this week at parents evening. Sharing your children's wonderful work with you was an absolute pleasure and I am super proud of their progress.

In Science this week, we continued to explore our topic of materials. The children enjoyed identifying materials and we discussed how they felt. Some fantastic vocabulary was used and we can't wait to start experimenting next week.

In RE, we are looking at the story of the nativity and why it is important to Christians. We are also beginning to practise our Christmas performance of the Nativity. Your child shall be bringing home a letter with all the details next week.



Team Conner & Lowery

First of all thank you to all those parents and carers who came out in the inclement weather to attend parent's evening. It was lovely to meet you all and share with you your child's hard work so far this term. We are proud of them all. Don't forget we are always here if you have any further questions.

The children have been very excited about starting to read their new ELS books and are looking forward to taking them home to share with you. Please read as often as you can at home. If you sign the reading record at home at least 3 times during the week, extra dojo points can be earned!

This week in D.T., we have made nets to create a cuboid. We had to use our accurate ruler and cutting skills. We have also started out Multiplication and Division topic in Maths. Could everyone practise their 2x, 5x and 10x tables!



Year 3 & 4

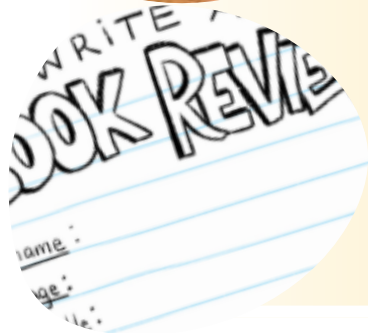
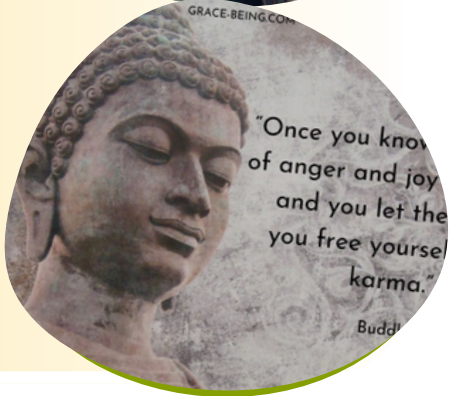
team kelly

Another busy week for our team! In Geography we learnt about Las Vegas in North America and how it has changed over time. We discussed the positive and negative impacts that these changes may have had.

In R.E, we learnt the meaning of 'Karma' and how people of the Buddhist faith use this as a guide to live their daily lives.

In D.T, we designed our own bug hotels which we will be making in a couple of weeks.

In Writing, we produced some amazing defeating the monster stories and we will writing a final story next week to show off the new skills we have learnt!



team thorpe / Newens

This week we read the final chapter of Ted Hughes' **Iron Man** and enjoyed writing book reviews and sharing them with each other. We are looking forward to finding out what we will be reading next!

In Writing, we've been busy planning our final monster story and we can't wait to start writing them on Monday. We are ready to show off all the new things we've learnt in the last couple of weeks.

We've learnt about the meaning of Karma and how Buddhists and Hindus both believe in it. We looked at how this guides them in their daily lives.

team Stevens

We've finished reading **Iron Man** this week and thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it! We are looking forward to new learning for the rest of this term including extracts from stories and Christmas poetry.

In Writing, the children have produced some excellent stories that include dialogue to move the action forward and worked hard to make sure their work is consistently punctuated.

In Design Technology, the children have been busy designing a bug hotel. These will be placed around school in the garden and playground to encourage wildlife and provide them with a shelter and safe space for the winter.



Year 5 & 6

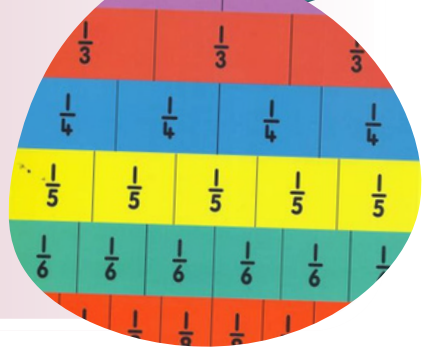
Team Robinson & Tymon

It was lovely getting to share so many positives and meeting so many of you at parent's evening this week.

We've had a busy week in Year 5. Lots of the children have earned their first few Delta Stars cards, and have proudly put them into their Delta Stars folder - ask your child which cards they have received.

In Maths, we moved onto fractions, Mrs Robinson and Miss Tymon are really impressed with how the children have tackled the first few lessons!

In Writing, the children have been breaking down the story of **Beowulf**, ready to create their own innovation next week!



Team Wendon

At the beginning of this week we enjoyed putting our first Delta Stars cards into our folders! Ask us which ones we have achieved so far.

In Art, we have planned our final piece. We sketched our design from photographs of Antarctica, then prepared our watercolour wash ready to add more detail next week.

Please remember our PE days have changed. Year 5 have swimming on Thursdays and PE on Fridays, Year 6 have PE Thursdays and Friday.



Team Copeland

Well, what a snowy and icy end to the week! Well done everyone who made it to school safely.

This week, year 6 have thought about how drugs effect the body, in our science lessons. We learnt that not all drugs are bad and medicines are a useful drug. We also looked at the effect of smoking over time.

In RE we were considering how Buddhists, Hindus and Humanists demonstrate their different beliefs in the works of charity that they perform.

We also completed a reading practise SATS test, the children are doing brilliantly! Well done!





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:

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- 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 Wendon**, who have come first this week.

Sadly our attendance has declined this week, this is disappointing after some recent week's of really high attendance

We are seeing lots of children absent with a cough and cold, mild coughs and common colds are not reasons to miss school. If your child feels well enough and has no fever, they should attend.

Regular attendance keeps learning on track!

Here is the link for NHS guidance "Is My Child Too Ill for School"

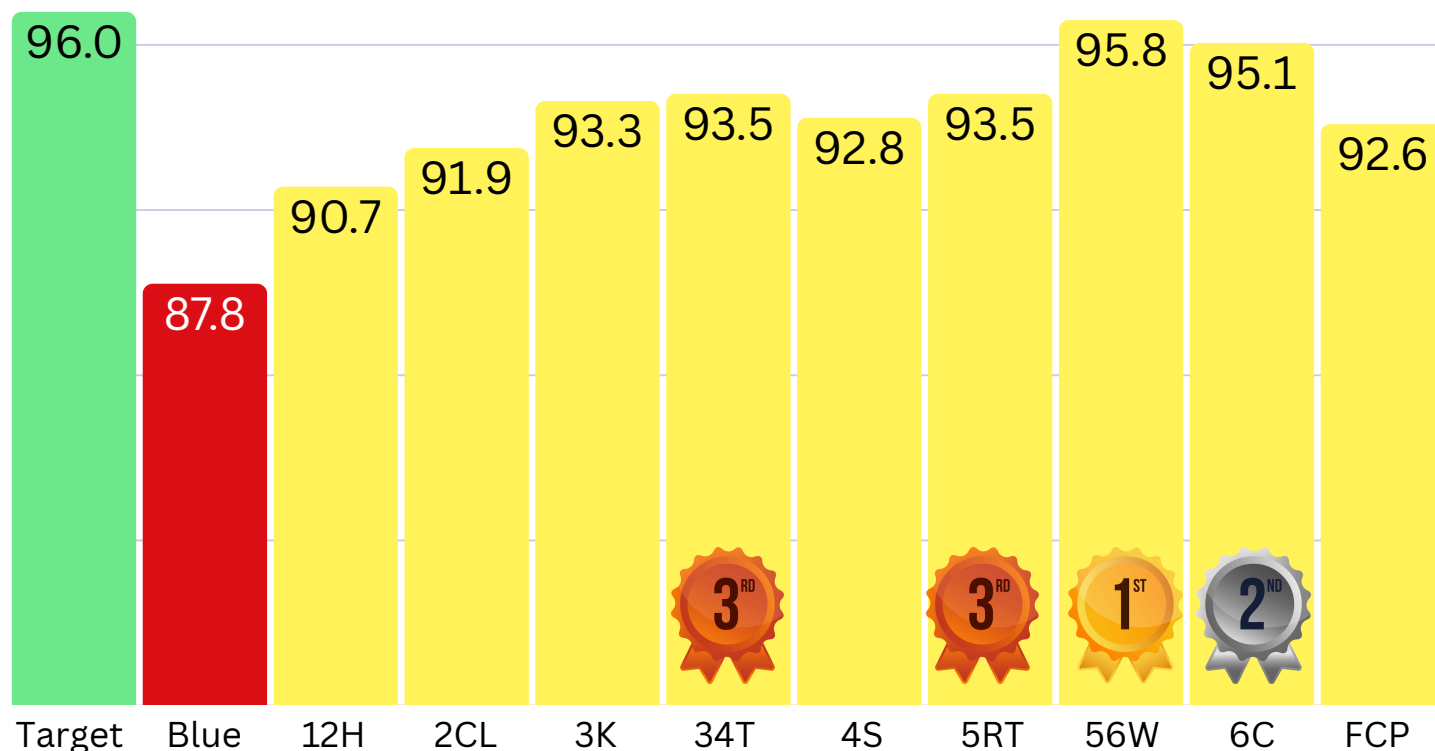
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Mrs Wardle
Attendance Officer



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