

Friarage News!



Friday 28th November 2025



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe it's December next week, though the recent weather certainly makes it feel that way! The children really enjoyed decorating (and eating!) their cupcakes as part of the whole-school Friarage Gem reward, and I had lots of requests for the extra playtime with music too.

We also have brand-new 'I earned a Friarage Gem' stickers, so you'll be able to see when your child has earned a Gem and celebrate their achievement with them. The children are already very excited about the new stickers, and they're proving to be a lovely way to share their successes at home.

We are now aiming for our next milestone of 500 GEMS. When we reach it, the children will be treated to a special afternoon filled with games or arts-and-craft activities. We're excited to see their teamwork and enthusiasm continue as they work towards this goal!

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

01/06/2026

20/07/2026



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Nursery

Green team

Christmas came early in Green Team this week as we introduced our new Talk for Writing story **Dear Santa**.

The teachers joined in the fun by wearing Christmas jumpers and hats, and we played festive music to set the scene. We also explored a special Christmas stocking filled with a few exciting surprises! The children loved listening to **Dear Santa** and talking about which presents from the story they would like Santa to bring them.

We have also been practising our cutting skills. We explored how to hold scissors safely and tried out different types of scissors. The children cut a range of materials and discussed which ones were easier or more challenging to cut.



Reception

Blue team

Last week's wintry weather gave us such a magical start to the season. We've included a picture of the children wrapped up warm and exploring the snow. Although the snow has now melted, we have continued thinking about winter through our Nursery Rhyme of the Week: "**Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush.**" The rhyme helped us talk about the colder days, the winter clothing we need, and the changes we can see outdoors.

We were also very excited to begin our new Talk for Writing text: **Stickman**. The children discovered Stickman lost in our classroom! This sparked lots of discussion, and together we created maps to help him find his way back home. The children showed wonderful imagination and great early mapping skills.

We hope the children have been enjoying reading their books at home. Thank you for sharing this special time with them, it really supports their growing confidence and enthusiasm for reading.



Key Stage 1

Team Haigh

A tricky week in Maths this week with understanding teen numbers and making 20. The children are working with counters and starting to use mental strategies. Well done team.

The children enjoyed the treat of decorating cupcakes as a reward for collecting gems for outstanding work and behaviour. The children gave them a big thumbs up . Absolutely delicious.



Team Conner & Lowery

We have had another busy week in Year 2. In Writing, the children have planned and started writing some amazing stories. Their monster descriptions were wonderful.

In History, we have learnt more about the Great Fire of London. The children had great fun deciding which special items they would bury to try and save from the fire.

In Design and Technology, the children the children have created their own miniature houses. The children worked in pairs to complete their models. We had lots of fun decorating them

Remember to listen to your child read 3 times per week to win extra Dojo points 😊.



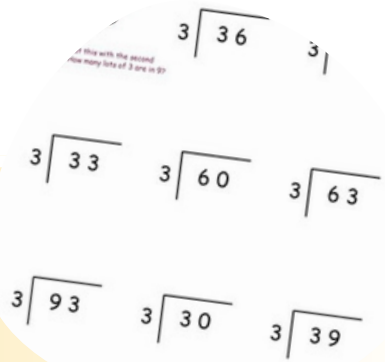
team kelly

In Geography this week, we have finished our North America unit, we have learnt lots about where North America is, some popular destinations in North America and how it has changed over time.

In R.E, we learnt the story of Moses and how this impacts how Buddhists live their daily lives.

In Maths, we have been learning how to divide 2 digit by 1 digit numbers using flexible partitioning and the basic method of bus stop division.

In D.T, we experimented using bench hooks and saws safely to cut pieces of wood in preparation for making our bug hotels.



team thorpe / Newens

A busy week this week for our team!

In Writing, we wrote our hot task pieces for a defeating the monster story and I can say they are amazing!

In Reading, we have studied different poems and have focused on the structure of these.

In R.E, we learnt who Moses was and how he helped many lives and changed the way of life for Buddhists.

In P.E, we have been focusing on gymnastic skills and have thoroughly enjoyed this.

We ended the week with an extra play time and cake decorating as a result of reaching our next Friarage Gem goal!

team Stevens

It's been another action-packed week in 4S! The children have worked exceptionally hard writing and publishing their monster stories and I've thoroughly enjoyed reading them.

In Design Technology, the children have learned the importance of health and safety using a hacksaw and why a bench hook is an essential piece of equipment. The children were all able to successfully measure and saw a piece of wood.

It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves on Friday afternoon, decorating their well-earned cupcakes and having fun during their extra playtime.



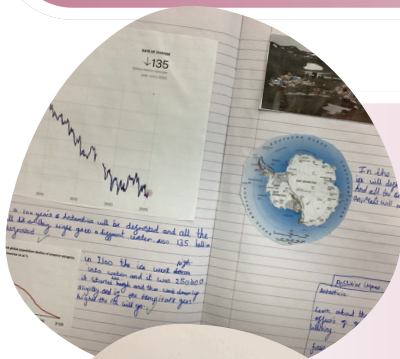
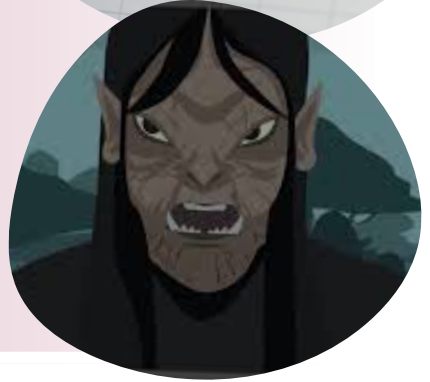
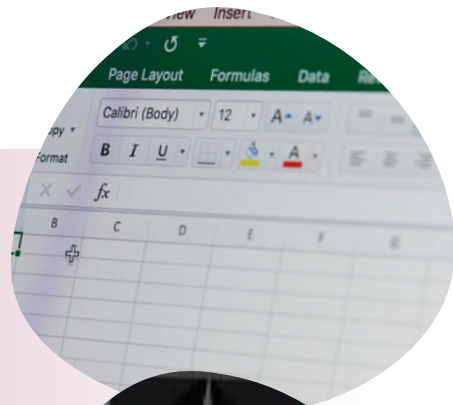
Year 5 & 6

Team Robinson & Tymon

Well done 5RT, you have worked very hard this week. We have finished our 'innovate' writing, telling the tale of Grendel's Mother and how she was defeated by Beowulf.

In Computing, we have explored spreadsheets and have begun using formulas to complete mathematical operations.

In Maths, we completed our DELTA arithmetic tests and the children have worked very hard. Well done Team!



Team Wendon

Firstly, well done to our Y6s who have completed another round of mock SATs. You are making great progress and I'm so proud of your resilience and determination!

As our 56W team we have finished our Geography and Art units about Antarctica. The children worked hard to create a double (and some even wrote a triple!) page spread about what they thought Antarctica would be like in the future. They also used the skills we learnt in Art to create a fantastic final piece representing Antarctica with watercolours.

Well done on another fabulous week!



Team Copeland

This week, Y6 children have been completing a number of mock SATS tests. All of the children have worked incredibly hard and are making excellent progress. Well done team.

In Art, as you can see, we have been using water colour paints to create paintings of Antarctica. We have been inspired by Edward Marsden, who travelled to Antarctica with Shackleton on his expedition to the continent in 1914.





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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- 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

Attendance has slightly improved this week, but I am hoping we can reach 96% next week.

We have had a lot of absences this week where parents have not informed school. This is a safeguarding issue and home visits will be carried out which follows our attendance policy.

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

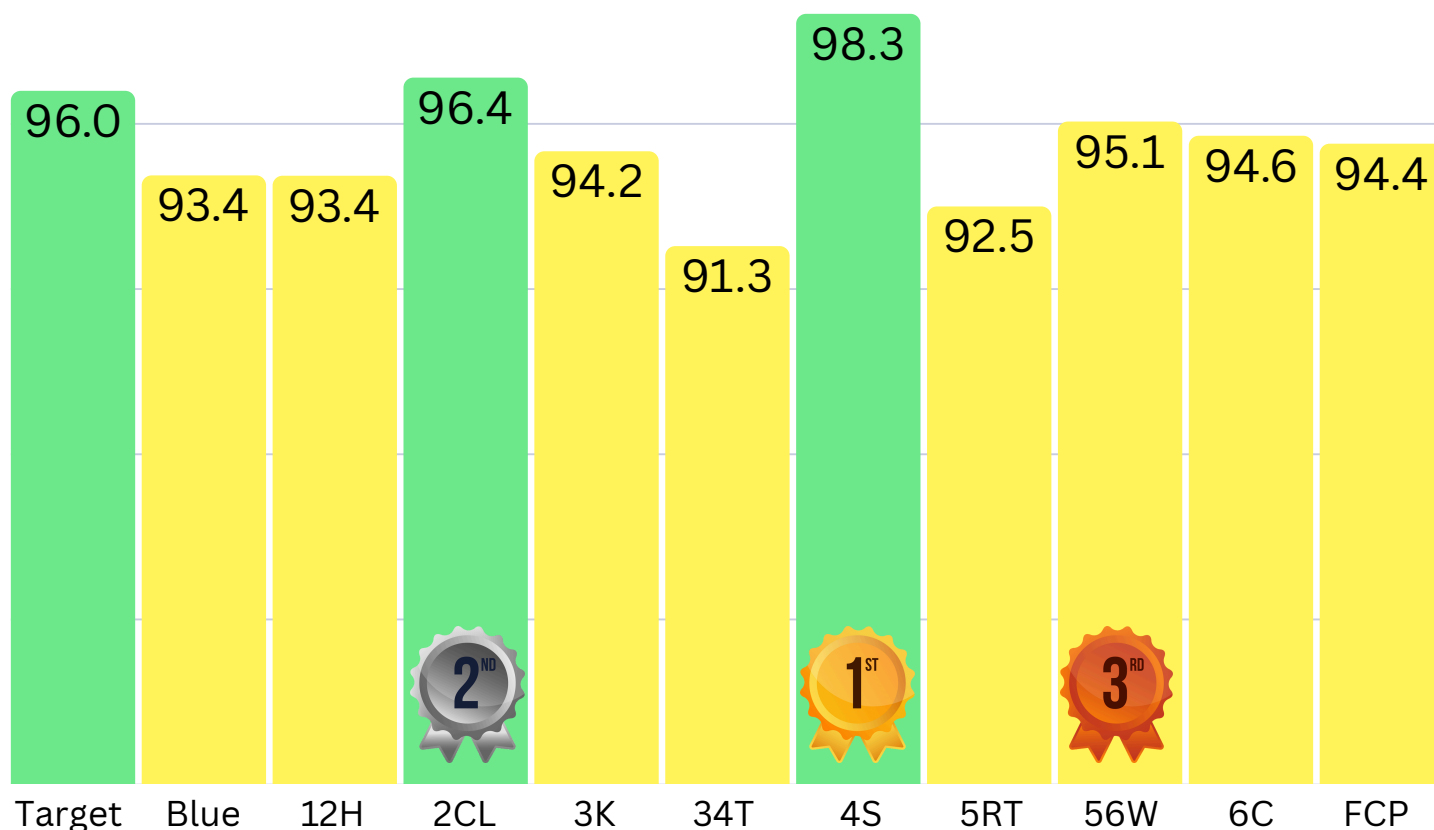
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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Attendance Officer



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