

Friarage News!



Friday 13th February 2026

Term Dates

Half term

16-20/02/2026 half term
23/02/2026 school reopens

Easter Holidays

30/3-10/04/2026 Easter break
13/04/2026 school reopens

Bank Holiday

04/05/2026 May Day

Half term

25-29/05/2026 half term
02/06/2026 school reopens

Training day

01/06/2026 - school closed

Useful Info

Remember to scroll all the way through the newsletter to see useful information, events and more!

Message from the Head

Dear Parent/Carers

This half term has flown by, and we've had such a wonderful time together. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our whole school reward on Friday afternoon, a well-deserved celebration for following our academy rules or as we call them **'The Friarage Five'** - Work hard, Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful and Be Brave. Now we're busy working towards our next exciting goal of 750 gems... a movie afternoon with popcorn. How exciting (and tasty!) will that be?

This week, we also marked Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme of Belonging. Throughout the week, we explored what it means to feel part of a community; in our classrooms, our friendships, and within our academy family. The children shared thoughtful ideas about kindness, inclusion, and supporting one another, reminding us all how important it is to feel valued, heard, and connected.

Next week is half term, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest. Don't forget to enjoy some delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday too!

Best wishes
Mrs Cappleman



Nursery

Green team

This week we explored different job roles and talked about what we would like to be when we grow up. We had hairdressers, doctors, a policeman, a racing car driver, a singer, and even Spider-Man! The children enjoyed discussing how these jobs help people.

We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and the story of the great animal race, which explains the Chinese zodiac. The children made colourful Chinese dragons using a variety of materials and had lots of fun being creative. Well done for a fantastic week!



Reception

Blue team

We started the week with a special request from the tiger in our Talk for Writing text, **The Tiger Who Came to Tea**. He asked us to make him some jam sandwiches! The children learned how important clear instructions are and had a go at writing their own. Unfortunately, the tiger snuck in and ate Mrs Carver's jam sandwich!

We have also been learning about the many celebrations coming up next week, including Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and, most importantly, Pancake Day. We enjoyed sharing the traditions that are special to Scarborough. We are all looking forward to skipping on the beach and watching the ringing of the pancake bell in town! Have a great half term!



Key Stage 1

Team Haigh

The last week has brought us some enjoyable moments. The children are working hard on their Maths and thinking about comparing 2 digit numbers using tens and ones. Even though it was tricky the children are working hard to secure their number knowledge . Great job team.

In Science, we did our experiment on how strong eggs are. We placed eggs in water and vinegar and observed what happened. We were all shocked to see that the shell turned soft and rubbery but inside it was still perfect. Some super science vocabulary and team work . Well done everyone.



Team Conner & Lowery

We have had another busy week. We have finished our weaving topic and the children were proud to bring home their creations!

We continue to work with Money in Maths! Can you practise adding coins at home and giving change?

In Writing, we have been designing our own creatures and writing a description about them.

In Science, we have been looking at the importance of exercise and hygiene.



team kelly

What a fantastic week we have had!

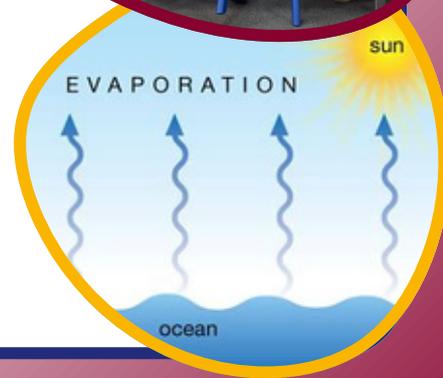
On Monday, we had a visit from the reverend to explain how Christians show their commitment during Lent. We asked lots of questions!

In PSHE, we worked as part of a team to create our own funny potato characters. We did so well in taking turns!

In Science, we have explored evaporation and carried out an investigation to see how temperature affects evaporation.

Congratulations everyone for hitting our next Gem reward for whole school behaviour. We thoroughly enjoyed our arts and crafts afternoon.

Have a lovely half term, stay safe everyone!



team thorpe / Newens

We have had an amazing final week!

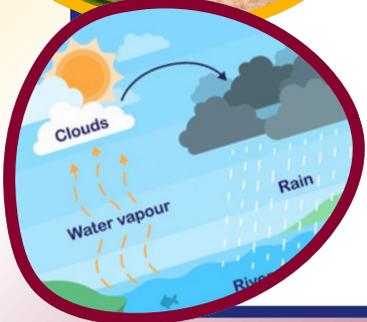
On Monday we got the chance to learn more about how Christians show their commitment during Lent and got to ask reverend lots of questions.

During Science, we have been looking at condensation and evaporation and how they work in the water cycle. We are also running an experiment to see how temperature effects evaporation.

In Geography, we looked back on all of our previous lessons about land use in Greece and made presentations which we enjoyed sharing with the class.

Well done to everyone for earning our Gem reward time for the whole school!

We have had a wonderful Friday afternoon doing arts and crafts activities and playing board games with our friends. Have a great half term!



team Stevens

The children have had a wonderful final week. They've enjoyed talking to our visitor, to further their understanding of the importance of Lent and how Christians celebrate in churches.

This week the team have written poems inspired by the works of Emily Dickinson and Edward Thomas. They've thought carefully about their choice of vocabulary and how they could personify seasons.

In Science, they've been busy completing another investigation, looking at how temperature affects evaporation. They were enthusiastic to found out if their predictions were correct and approached both lessons with a positive attitude and excitement for learning. I hope they enjoy their well-earned break!

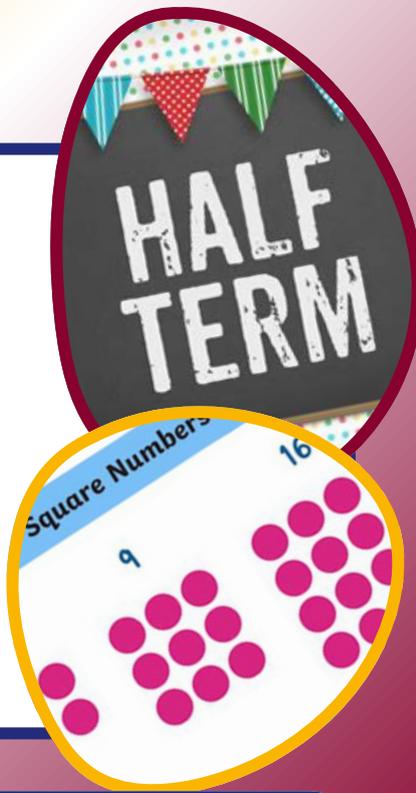


Team Robinson & Tymon

Well done Team for another wonderful half term, we hope you have a restful break next week.

This week in our foundational knowledge Maths lesson, the children explored square numbers using counters and the counting stick, please ask your child to tell you the first 12 square numbers.

On Wednesday, we hosted our charity event raising money for the Dogs Trust, we had a fantastic afternoon. Thank you to all of the children for bringing in a coin to support this great charity. The children have earned their 'Moral Development' Delta Stars card for organising the event.



Team Wendon

Another fantastic half term completed - well done Team!

We started our final week with our bake sale to raise money for Dogs Trust. It was a huge success and we managed to raise £103.85! Thank you for your support! The children have all earned their 'Moral Development' Delta Stars cards for planning and running this charity event.

In class, we completed our Science unit on light with an experiment, continued learning about the Battle of Britain in History and debated this weeks Votes for Schools question: Would you trust advice from AI chatbots?



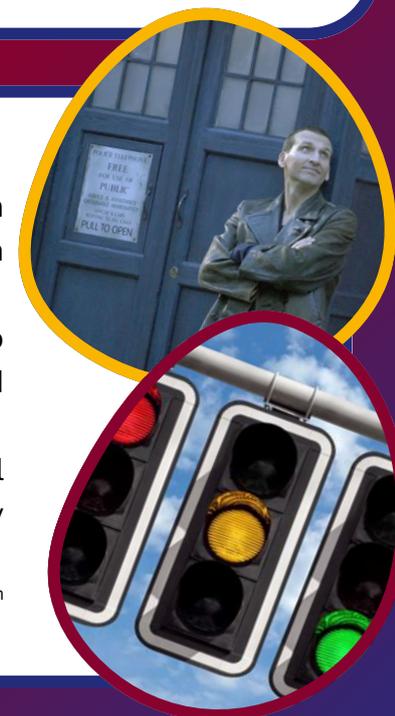
Team Copeland

We have enjoyed a lovely final week of the half term. I hope everyone can enjoy a well deserved week to relax and recharge before the next action packed half term in Year 6!

This week, children have been planning and writing their own Doctor Who inspired story. We are working hard to remember all the punctuation needed to allow readers to enjoy our writing.

In D.T. we have used Scratch to explore and consider how computers control technology, before linking this to real life technology that is used everyday around us - washing machines, traffic lights, etc..

Have a lovely week and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 16th February.



Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

PARENT GROUP!

I'd love to invite you in to school for our SEND parent group on

Thursday 12th February at 2pm.

It will be an informal chat, over a cup of tea or coffee with other parents who have children with an additional need.

If you would like to sign up, send your form to the office, or scan the QR code here:



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Miss Tymon



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Attendance



Mrs Wardle
Attendance Officer

Well done to Team Tymon and Robinson on winning this week's class attendance!

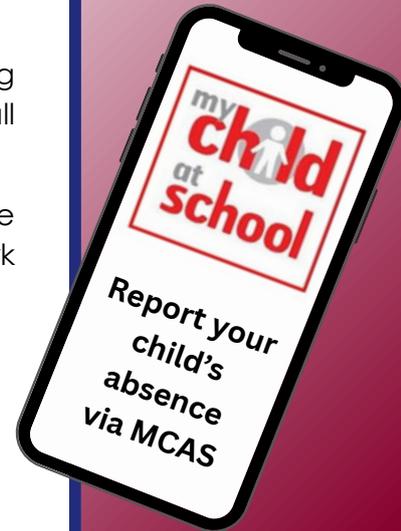
As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on our attendance. We did finish on a lower note than we'd hoped, but I'm confident this is something we can turn around together.

Our students have shown time and again that they can rise to a challenge, and improving attendance is absolutely within reach.

Good attendance isn't just about being present in school, it's about giving every child the best chance to learn, grow, and succeed. Even small improvements make a big difference.

After a well-deserved break, we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for a strong start to the next half term. Let's work together to build positive routines and make attendance a priority.

School reopens on Monday, February 23rd.



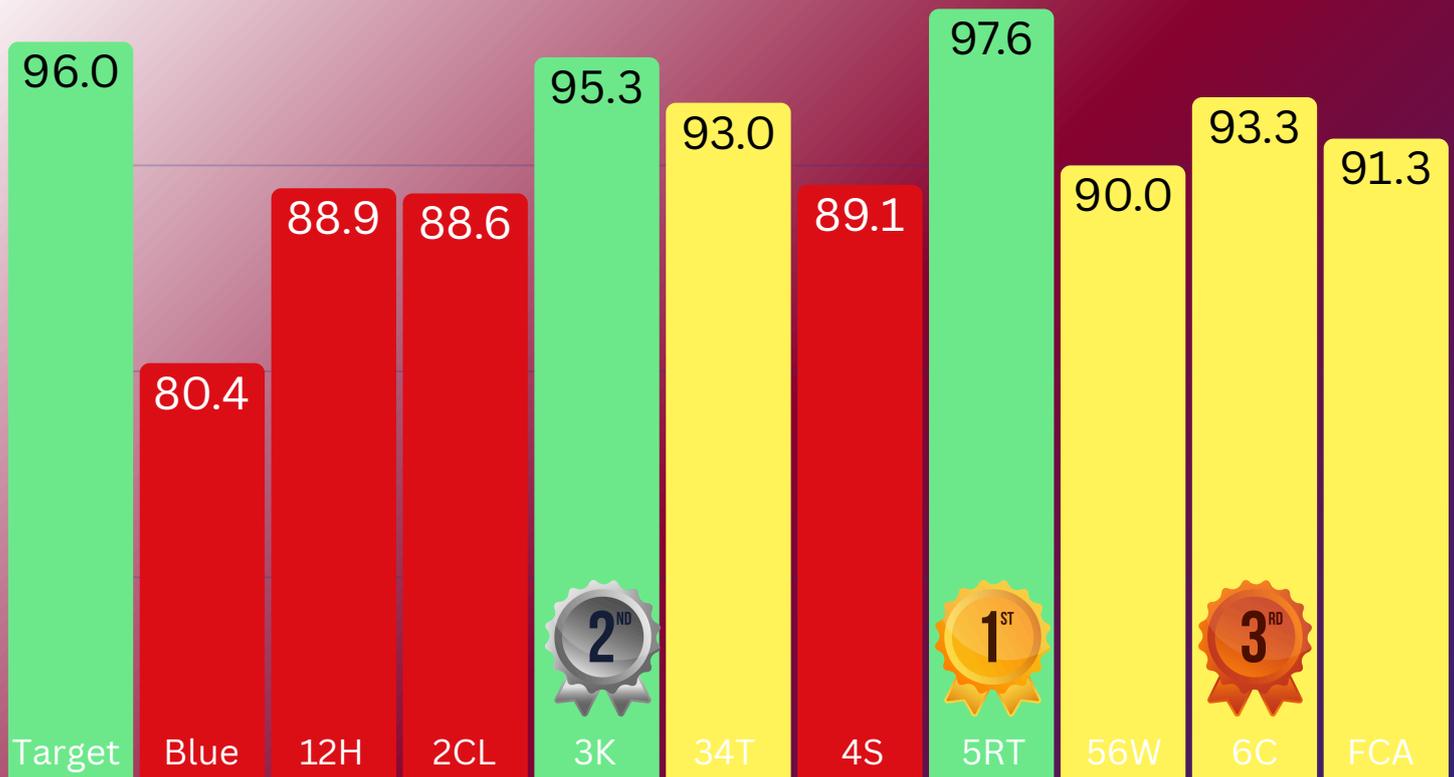
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Weekly Class Attendance

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- iPad issued to every pupil
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Tips and strategies to help children manage in-game spending



Use tools to control purchases on connected devices and gaming platforms

Agree a spending limit with your child. Using the available spending limit settings can be a sensible way to help them stick to this. It will give you the chance to have a conversation about the risk of overspending. Some good approaches to take are to either set a monthly limit or allow them to use their pocket money to purchase game credits (often in the form of a gift card).

www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles



Talk about ways to manage what children buy in games

Discussing free versus paid for games is important. Help them to understand that nothing is really free – although there may be no up-front cost to download a game, users will be paying with their time (having to watch adverts in between each level) or their data (no one reads the terms and conditions but when you agree to these in order to be able to play you may be agreeing that your data can be shared widely.)

In game tools and settings will allow parents to determine what sort of transactions their children can make. **A discussion about loot boxes is particularly important**, explaining how they work and that the likelihood of getting something worthwhile is small – yes, the videos that show a celebrity opening a box and getting something amazing exist – but think about who they are – will it be the same for the rest of us? Talk about the business model here and how it works.



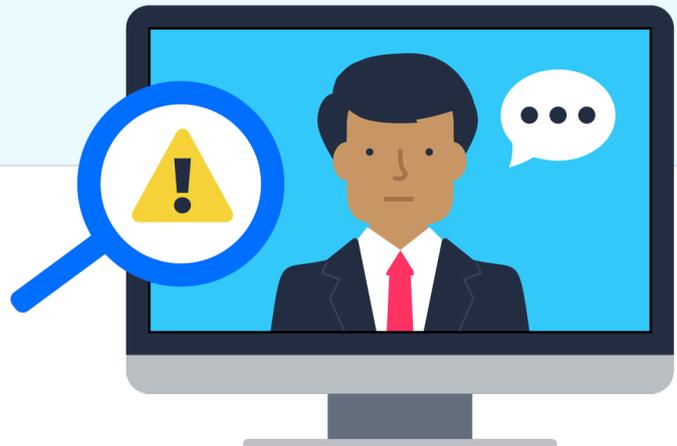
www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/response-to-the-loot-box-consumption/



Helping children spot fake news and misinformation

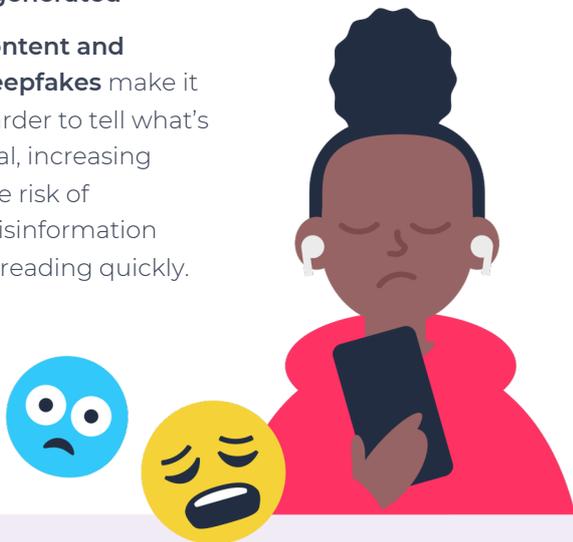
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A practical guide for parents



Why this matters

- 57% of 12–15s get news from social media; TikTok use for news has grown by 20% since 2020.*
- News often appears in feeds **without children seeking it out**, shaped by **algorithms** and **influencers**.
- 63% of children worry about fake or AI-generated news.*
- Many find **distressing news** in their feeds without warning.
- **AI-generated content and deepfakes** make it harder to tell what's real, increasing the risk of misinformation spreading quickly.



How fake news impacts children

- Can **confuse or mislead** them about the world.
- May **target minority groups** or spread hate. Can **cause anxiety or distress**, especially if violent or upsetting.

What is fake news, misinformation & disinformation?

- **Fake news:** stories that are made up, distorted or taken out of context.
- **Misinformation:** false or misleading information shared by mistake (e.g. someone passing on a story they think is true).
- **Disinformation:** false information spread deliberately to mislead (e.g. state-sponsored campaigns).

It spreads quickly on social media because:

- It grabs attention and gets clicks. Algorithms **boost sensational content**. Some content creators share stories without journalistic checks.



What is media literacy?

Media literacy is the ability to question, check, and create information responsibly. With your support, children can develop these skills.



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February Half Term

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Monday 16th February - 10.30am

'Sox in a Sizzle' Storytime

A specially designed Storytime and craft by author Sara Semple for Neurodiverse children. Please book on Eventbrite.

Monday 16th February - 2.00pm

Family February Fun Crafts

Join the North Yorkshire Adult Learning team for family fun craft activities. Please book on their website.

Tuesday 17th February - 10.30am

Recycling Craft Fun

Join the North Yorkshire Waste Prevention Team for some crafting fun.

Wednesday 18th February - 10.30am

Julia Donaldson Family Storytime

A family favourite storytime & fun.

Thursday 19th February - 10.30am

Family Sensory Storytime

Family fun with sensory toys & gentle stories



Unless indicated, no booking is necessary, however spaces will be limited on a first come, first served basis.



Weekly Activities For Under Fives*

Storytime

Mondays 10:30am–11:00am

Come and join us for stories,
rhymes, and crafts

Rhymetime

Wednesdays 10:30am–11:00am

A session packed with your favourite
nursery rhymes

Sensory Storytime

Thursdays 10:30am–11:30am

Join us for sensory activities and play

Stay & Play

Fridays 1:00pm–3:00pm

Join us for Stay and Play, a great way for toddlers
to learn through play

Sensory Stay & Play

First Friday of every month

1:00pm–3:00pm



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