

# Tockwith

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



We came back after half term fully refreshed and raring to go. On the first afternoon back, as a treat to the whole school, the PTFA paid for M&M productions to come into school and perform the production of 'A Little Princess'. The children thoroughly enjoyed being together and watching this amazing performance.

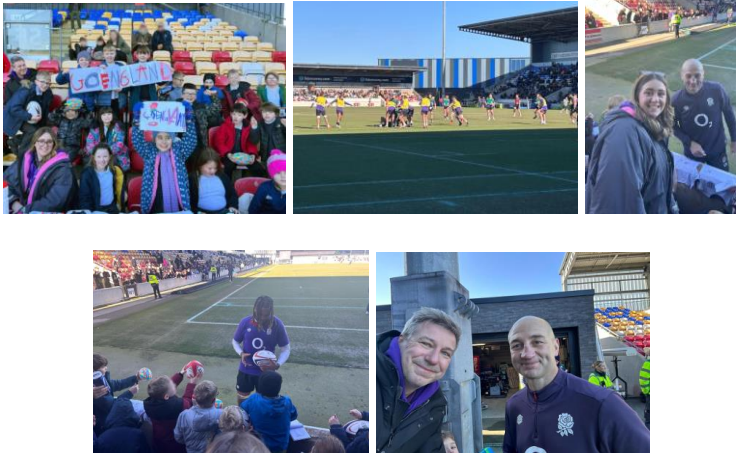


At the end of February, children in Y5 visited Catterick Racecourse to work with the "Racing to School Education Programme." This involved a day trip to Catterick Racecourse where the children took part in various activities including measuring the paddock in their silks to calculate how many horses can be safely paraded before a race, learning about distances comparing winning margins and how reflections are used to decide close races. Finally they learnt about horse welfare and how the kit keeps both the riders and horses safe. An amazing day out for all!



Children in KS2 had the amazing opportunity to watch a training session for the England Rugby team!! 27 children were randomly selected from over 50 children who registered their interest

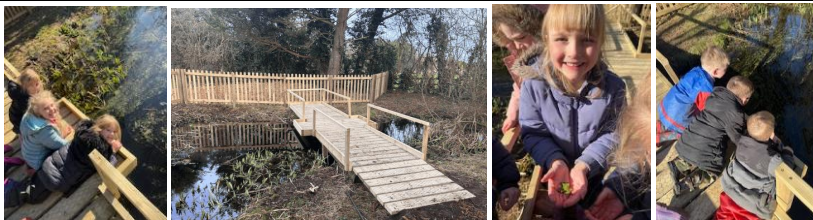
in the event. The children travelled to the LNER stadium and watched the training session. Following this they had the pleasure of meeting some of the players and getting their t-shirts and rugby balls signed – how fantastic! Many thanks to Mr Reeve, Miss Stanton and Mrs Dutton for taking the children on the trip – I think they were as excited as the children to meet the players!



We introduced a new lunch ordering system in March - Appetite. This system allows parents and children to sit together at home and order their food choices for the day, week or whole term in advance. When a child gets to the front of the dinner queue, they find their name on a new screen next to the lunch trolleys. Once their name is selected on screen, their pre ordered food option is displayed to the child to remind them what they will be eating for lunch. The cooks give the children their food and then presses a button to show that the child has received their food – this will trigger a financial charge to be made (not applicable to children in Reception, year 1 or 2, or children in receipt of free school meals). It has gone really well so far, thanks to everyone for their support!



Over February half term, we have been restructuring our wildlife area and we are delighted with the result! We have cut back some trees to make a new mud kitchen area for the children to enjoy and also added a bridge over the pond so children can safely look into the pond for exciting wildlife! Our children in Y1 had a fantastic time out there and we can't wait for our other classes to go out and enjoy this new area.



As part of their topic 'The Great Fire of London', children in Y1 and 2 welcomed the Acomb Fire Service into school. After quite a lot of manoeuvring to get into the school gates, the fire engine finally made it onto school grounds! The children enjoyed listening to the firefighters talk about the different parts of the fire engine and the children were fascinated about how much fire hose actually fit into the fire engine! The team demonstrated how several of the tools worked, including the breathing apparatus and the jaws of life!

Thank you so much to Green Watch at Acomb Fire Station for visiting the school and speaking to the children. The team at Acomb also provide free home visits where they give safety advice, please look at their website to request a visit

<https://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/fire-station/acomb-fire-station/>

