



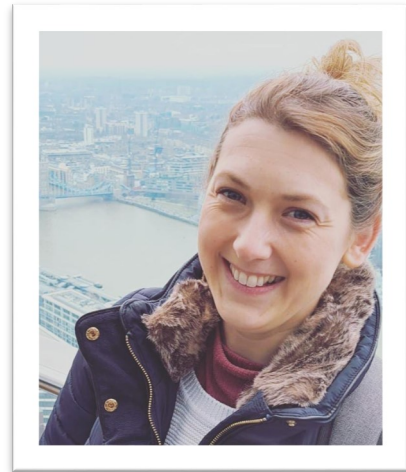
Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so lovely to see the sun shining again, fingers crossed this will continue into the Easter Holidays. The aim of this newsletter is to share all of the amazing things that are happening at our school. Also, it gives updates on school initiatives or changes that are happening in the school.

We are excited to let you know that Mrs Emily Darley will be joining us September as our teacher of Year 6 and as our English Lead. Mrs Darley is an experienced Year 6 teacher and English moderator and she is currently working in Selby. She really impressed us in our interviews for the post. The children were an important part of the interviewing process and their views were listened to in the selection process. Thank you also to our governors for being a really important part of the selection. Our aim is for Mrs Darley to join us for transition week, where she will be able to meet the current Year 5 children and also spend time discussing them with Mr Goodacre. She will also have the opportunity to speak to Mrs Perry to ensure a smooth transition.



Speaking of Mrs Perry, we are delighted to share with you that Mrs Perry will be covering Mrs Jenkins maternity cover from September for 3 days a week in an HLTA role. She will be teaching PPA across the school and also covering teachers when they are monitoring their subjects. We would also like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Jenkins.

As I have mentioned before, at the end of this term Hannah Spurr will be moving to her promoted position of Operational Business Partner and Sue Cook will now become the Senior Administrator. When you return, a new face will be greeting you at the office. We would like to welcome Kayley Spence, who will be joining us and will be your first port of call when you come into the school reception area.

As you are aware the school is growing in numbers. The numbers joining us in September in reception have not been confirmed yet so we cannot make any concrete plans for Key Stage 1 yet. In addition to this budgets are still being finalised. Sadly, in all schools budgets are tight as 'efficiencies' are being encouraged by the government. We are not able to confirm staffing until next half term.

That said, we are able to confirm that next year that we will be moving to 3 classes in Year 3 and 4 due to the high numbers in Year 2 and 3. These will all be mixed year 3/4 classes and the classes will be picked based on teaching observation and knowledge, children's voice, social emotional, behaviour and learning needs. We are currently shortlisting for this position and we will be appointing at the start of next term. There will be a transition week in early July so they will get to know their new class.

I hope you have a restful Easter and enjoy the sunshine and the time with families.

Justin Reeve
Headteacher

Easter Services

This year, we had 4 Easter Services and the children were amazing. It was lovely to see the different performances from Team Grainger, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. I loved watching the enthusiastic singing in Mrs Grainger's class and the mix of singing and narrating in Key Stage 1 which was performed perfectly.

In Key Stage 2, the children told the story of Easter through our Christian Values in our school. The children were incredibly professional and produced an amazing 40 minute performance which really impressed the audience. I had many comments after all services about how amazing the children and the staff were. I, of course, agreed - what a team!

Thank you for the donations to the church, they really support us and work closely with the school and I know the additional finances will be much appreciated.

This year, our Easter performance was amazing. We sang joyful songs full of peace and remembering our purpose of sharing the Easter story with our community. Our schools also performed four short events over the period of Easter such as palm, Maundy Thursday and him resurrecting. Our conclusion of it all is that Jesus spread the word and gave his life for us—year 6



M and M productions

On our first day back at school after the February half term, we were delighted to welcome M&M Theatrical Production into school. The children were treated to a performance of 'A Little Princess' in the school hall and it was amazing! The children had a fantastic time watching the production. We are so lucky to have an amazing PTFA who funded this for the children. M&M Productions are the UK's largest and most respected provider of theatre-in-education, specialising in Classic Literature Adaptation, Cinematic Theatre in Education and Pantomime Productions for Primary and SEN Schools and family audiences (<https://www.magicoftheatre.com/>).

From year 6: We loved watching the little princess and all the other pantomimes before that. These productions are really fun to watch and I think it is cool that they come to our school. The people that act are really good and I love how they make it funny. I like that it is always a happy ending and we are really going to miss these fun pantomimes when we are in secondary school.

What a great way to start the new term! The theatre company really brought the story to life and we were all entertained with the singing, acting and even a little bit of audience participation. Thank you so much to the PTFA for bringing some live theatre to our school. From Mrs Perry.



University of York St John

A few weeks ago, it was world wide mathematics day so we had the pleasure to visit York St Johns because they had invited us to celebrate maths. As we walked, we got a tour from Mr Wilson (the principal of York St Johns). There were many fun activities. Each group was assigned 3 training teachers, who were very nice and kind. We did algebra and coding and so much more! But our personal favourites were, the shapes task where we created different shapes and had to figure out how to make a net of a cube in different ways, then did whatever we wanted with the nets to make different shapes!



Year 3 and 4 visit to York Minster

On the 26th of March, Y3 and Y4 had the amazing experience of going to the York Minster to sing with St Lawrence's school. We had practiced with Miss Bell for only 4 weeks but we still sounded really good. We sang two songs: 'My Mum's One in a Million' and a latin song called 'Ave Maria'.

We set off from school on the bus. Everybody was really excited! After about 30 minutes, we arrived. As we walked in, everybody gasped. The York Minster was huge - we had never seen anything so big and beautiful before. The ceiling was white and gold; it was stunning. After we had taken in all of the wonderfulness of the Minster, we started to rehearse. Soon, our family and friends came and we started the performance. It sounded amazing with all of the soloists and everybody singing together. We will all remember that trip for the rest of our lives.

Written by Amy WC in Y4



JRSO update

Hello, we are the JRSO (junior road safety officers) and we are here to check that everyone is safe on the road. We do all kinds of activities from using speed guns to logo competitions as well as talking to our governors about different things we can do to help. Our main focus this term is whereabouts people park making sure that no-one is parking on the zig zag lines. Also later on in the year we will be checking for speeding around the village with a speed gun and some more fun things like that to. We are doing this so everyone in the village has safe speeds and is following the car laws. Amy and Gigi

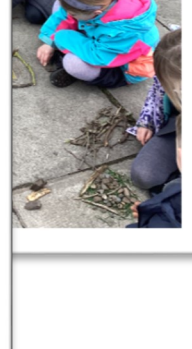
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Maths Day

The whole school celebrated International Maths day by spending the day taking part in lots of different maths activities. From shape hunts around school, taking maths into Forest Schools and measuring, doing treasure hunts, using marshmallows and cocktail sticks to make 3D shapes to working in teams to escape a Year 4 Escape Room, lots of fun was had. As part of the day we explored different mathematicians and explored the importance of maths in our everyday lives.

We have a whole school maths competition- 'Get Caught Doing Maths'. We would like the children to take a picture of them doing any maths activities in creative ways and share these on Seesaw with their class teacher. The closing date is the 16th April and there will be two prizes for Reception/ KS1! And KS2, a family ticket to enjoy at Mathscity in Leeds.

Mrs Williamson



Year 5 Catterick races

Our Year 5 class embarked on an exciting educational trip to Catterick Racecourse, participating in the Racing to School programme. This immersive experience brought our classroom learning to life, demonstrating the practical application of maths and literacy within the professional horse racing world. We explored how measures, weights, and distances are crucial for race analysis, and even tried our hand at writing a racecard, understanding the importance of clear and concise communication. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly witnessing a real horse race, providing a thrilling and tangible connection to the concepts we'd learned. Mr Goodacre



Year 5 Litter Pick

In year 5, we did a community litter pick around Tockwith. We split into 3 groups and went around different parts of the village picking up litter. The National Young Leaders planned this and we managed to pick up six full bags in total.



National Young Leaders Group

In our National Young Leaders group our children have been concentrating on the word flourishing. They particularly enjoyed the session on Flourishing in the community and decided to move to action. Who better to speak to about the community than Sue Corbett! The children were displeased by the amount of litter in the village and as a class they turned discussion into action with a community litter pick. The children were also perplexed by the placement of dog poo bins in the village and how useful they are. Sue was able to share some great work a member of the Tockwith Together team has done regarding the placement of poo bins and potential better sites for them. They are due to meet again at the start of the next term and they have some great plans. Year 5 young leaders thinking of a design for a board or litter picking station for areas that need it.



Stone Age day Year 3 and 4

Lower Key Stage 2 had a Stone Age Day where they were invited to dress up! The day was filled with a range of activities! From making jewellery and weapons to campfire songs. The children had a wonderful time imagining what it might have been like to live all those years ago!



Mr Crilley's Bands

This term we were rocked out by Mr Crilley and his Year 5 and 6 bands. They were super impressive, confidently playing 2 songs each. They will be performing at our Summer fair and the Poppleton Festival. The children really enjoy learning music with Mr Crilley and he still has spaces. Also, we are able to offer keyboard, classical guitar and flute tuition in school. If you have any questions please ask at the school office.



Boromi in the Early Years

Thank You for Joining Our Boromi Stay and Play!

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Boromi Stay and Play session. It was wonderful to welcome you into school and share our exciting new scheme designed to support your child's learning across all areas while providing fun opportunities for families and the wider community to enjoy together.



Yoga at Tockwith

Hannah Butterill has been delivering yoga sessions as part of our PE sessions in Years 5 and 6 on a Friday afternoon. We've been practicing our balances, breathing and stretches and having great fun in the process. It's also been really helpful and beneficial with our mental health and well being and provided us with a space to relax, reflect and take on some positive affirmations. It really has been the best way to unwind after a busy week and prepare ourselves for the weekend. From Mrs Perry

Breathing Techniques for Calm & Focus

☐ Balloon Breath (Deep Belly Breathing)

- Sit comfortably and place both hands on the belly.
- Inhale deeply through the nose, feeling the belly expand like a balloon.
- Slowly exhale through the mouth, imagining the balloon deflating.
- Repeat 5–10 times to bring a sense of calm.

☐ When to use it? Before bed, in the morning, or even on the way to school!

Five-Finger Breathing (For Instant Calm)

- Hold out one hand, fingers spread.
- Use the other hand to trace up each finger while breathing in.
- Trace down each finger while breathing out.
- Keep going until all fingers have been traced.

☐ When to use it? Before an exam, when feeling overwhelmed, or any time nerves kick in.

☐ Bumblebee Breath (To Quiet a Busy Mind)

- Inhale deeply through the nose.
- As you exhale, make a soft humming sound like a bumblebee.
- Close your eyes and focus on the gentle vibration.
- Repeat 3–5 times.

☐ When to use it? Before bedtime or any time your child needs to feel grounded.

Comic Relief

On Friday 21st March we saw our children and staff dress down in 1980's gear in support of Comic Relief! This year it's the 40th year that Comic Relief has been going so we supported it with dress down and a Tockwith Primary Academy joke book! Year 5 did some 80s yoga and the staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and embracing the 80s! We've been selling the joke books for £1 and still have some left if anyone wants to purchase one - please ask at the school office! So far we've raised an incredible £200 for comic relief - thank you for all of your support.



PTFA

Wonka Bar Event

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our recent Wonka Bar event was a resounding success! The excitement around school was palpable as children eagerly unwrapped their chocolate bars, hoping to discover that coveted golden ticket.

And discover them they did! We had a fantastic number of lucky winners who claimed their wonderful prizes. These included the highly sought-after opportunity to take our beloved school dog, Neville, for a walk, the promise of a delicious ice lolly treat for their entire class, some much-deserved extra playtime, and a host of other fun and exciting rewards. The joy on the children's faces as they revealed their golden tickets was truly priceless.

We extend a huge thank you to everyone who purchased a Wonka bar!

Easter Fair

Our recent Easter Fair was another triumph, raising an amazing £1000 profit for our school! There was a real buzz around the school with lots of fun to be had, from the ever-popular rainbow raffle and delicious refreshments to the exciting chocolate tombola and much more!

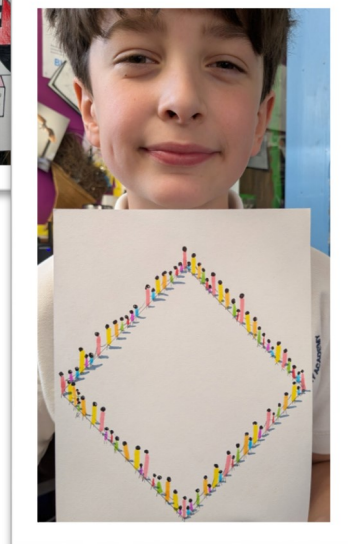
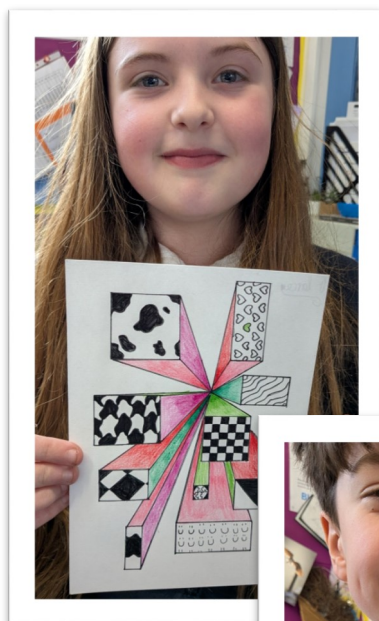
We were also delighted to see some budding entrepreneurial spirit in action! Our talented students in the art club, with the help of Mrs Starr, created and sold lots of wonderful goodies. Not to be outdone, our Year 6 pupils also ran a fantastic stall selling their own handmade jewellery. And of course, a special highlight of the fair was a visit from the one and only Easter Bunny, who brought smiles to many faces! Thank you once again for making our Easter Fair such a fantastic and profitable event!

Mrs Gould



Art Club

What a busy few weeks we've had creating our wonderful masterpieces in Year 6. The popular Egg Box Animals look very characterful, the One Point Perspectives are striking and not forgetting our clever Circles of Friendship. All of the children have beavered away producing such brilliant results in a relatively short space of time. I look forward to working with the lovely Year 4's again, after the Easter break Mrs Starr



York Minster trip Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 got to go to York Minster and onto the bar walls of York.

York Minster

The pupils explored the minster and learned about the people who brought the Minster to us such as king Edwin and Queen Ethelburga.

Here are some of the activities we did: we explored the Minister and learnt about the history of it and went on a tour of York. In York we saw the museum gardens and where the monks used to live. We also saw Constantine's statue outside of the Minister; Constantine was one of the main people and he also brought Christianity to Britain.

The bar walls

One class at a time went around the bar walls learning about the history that came with it. We also went through a place where the Romans used to shoot arrows out of little holes to defend themselves from the enemies.

Conclusion

In total, we recommend this trip for a school: it was fun, entertaining and very factual.

Sienna, Abbey and Holly



Wildlife Area

We are delighted with our new wildlife area - we have cut back some trees to make a new mud kitchen area for the children to enjoy. We've 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.

