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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Justice'

Celebrating World Book Day and our love of reading We had great fun dressing as book characters. Well done to everyone who really thought about their book character, the book they were from and the author. We also enjoyed story time with different teachers across school. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair which raised £200 in commission for books for our school and class libraries. **Pictured below and later in the newsletter are highlights from the day.**



Y6 SATS Test Dates 2025 Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025. If children are absent for any reason they would take the tests on their return to school.

Y6 SATs support Mr Ramsbottom is sending home regular practice activities as well as providing links to online websites and practice books. Please do speak with him or contact us by email if you have any concerns at all.

Clubs finish in the week of 24th March ready for Easter activities in the last week of term.

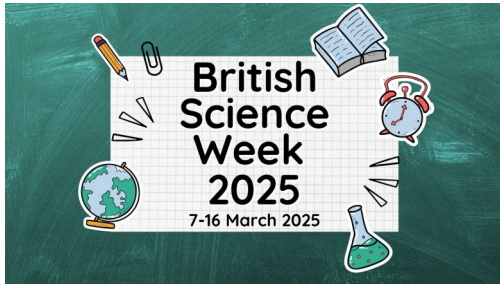
Bags 2 School Tuesday 18th March. Recycle clothing and raise money for school. Please bring items **by 9am and put them outside the main office door.** Please use your own bags. (no bedding or school uniform taken).

Date reminders and upcoming events:

Class 1 Parental Assembly Thursday 13th March at 9.30am. All parents and carers of children in Class 1 are welcome to join us.

Class 3 Parental Assembly Thursday 20th March 9.30am

British Science Week Activities To celebrate British Science Week from Monday 10th to Friday 14th March we have special activities planned. On Tuesday Classes 3 and 4 are taking part in **STEM engineering** based activities delivered by engineers from local companies. We also are taking part in **Science Farm live** streamed activities. The theme this year is 'Change and Adapt'.



Comic Relief Charity Day Friday 21st March

Comic Relief supports a variety of charities for children in the UK and overseas. School Council are organising this. Please wear your own clothes or something red. **Please donate £1 on Friday 21st March on Parent Pay.** **School Council Joke Competition** Please see the details sent home in book bags on Friday.

School Council will also be selling a limited number of this years Red Noses. **Cost is £2.00. On sale from Monday 17th March.**



Class 2 Parental Assembly Wednesday 27th March 9.30am

Whole School Theatre Performance 'The Little Princess' will be performed in school to all children by a visiting theatre company on Wednesday 2nd April.

Easter Activities

Decorated Easter Eggs and bonnets/hats are brought into school on Thursday morning 3rd April. We will also have our Easter egg tombola (organised by FoS, please bring £1).

Egg Rolling 2pm (parents/carers welcome) Thursday afternoon 3rd April (please bring a hard boiled egg for egg rolling). Refreshments and cake stall organised by FoS.

Easter Service led by the children in St Mary's Church 2pm (all welcome) Friday 4th April. All the children will take part in this service; sharing in singing, drama or readings to retell the story of Holy Week and Easter. Rev Simon, our vicar will be with us also.

Finish for Easter Holidays Friday 4th April 3.30pm.

Return to School for Summer Term Tuesday 22nd April

Shelly's Easter Holiday Club in school Please see the flier at the end of this newsletter. Shelly's Holiday Club runs in school on Tuesday and Wednesday for the first week of the holidays. Please book directly with Shelly.

Entitled to Free School Meals If you think this is something you may be entitled to, you can check on:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Please speak to Mrs Veale or me if you need any help with this.

Open Pantry in the Parish Food/toiletry items are freely available to anyone who might need them. Please visit St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale or St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday where you may freely select your own items.

Highlights and photos from our classes are on the next pages.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

Class 1 had a great World Book Day. A first in school for our Reception children. They continued their focus on traditional tales with activities linked to Jack and the Beanstalk. In RE they made Lent promises. They loved their Spring Walk and spotted lots of signs of Spring. In Science they tested different materials to see how waterproof they were.



Class 2 really enjoyed their Book Day especially story time with Mr Ramsbottom. They played a World Book Day board game focussing on traditional tales. In PE they are developing rolling skills in gymnastics. In RE they have begun to explore the Easter story. In History they started their Toys topic and thought about favourite toys and materials. They will move onto investigating old toys. If you have any old toys you could share please bring them in. We will take care of them.

Class 3 enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. In English this week they have looked at nouns, adverbs and adjectives. They have linked this to their Class reader, Mr Skip by Michael Morpurgo. In RE they have explored the Hindu story of Rama and Sita. In Maths they have been practising their formal written method for short division.

Class 3 in their World Book Day costumes



Class 4 had great fun on World Book Day. They also performed an excellent Class Assembly for their parents and carers. They shared their learning on many areas of their curriculum with excellent drama, presentation and performing skills. We heard extracts from their descriptive writing about the Spectacled Bears of Peru. In History we heard about the ancient Mayan game of Pok a Tok. In Geography we were upskilled on the countries of Central America. They shared their Science work on refraction of light. We all loved their Grammar song about homophones. The children shared their Art work and we learnt about the structure of communities and government. We were very impressed with their singing. Well done!

Class 4 on World Book Day



Characters from Lewis Carroll's, Alice in Wonderland!



Holiday Club

We will be offering a holiday club during **the first week of the Easter Holidays.**

Holiday Club is based in Bolton-on-Swale School. The club will be running on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am till 5pm. If you are interested in sending your children, please book in advance, by emailing shellyschildminding7@gmail.com



Dates of the club

Tuesday	Wednesday
08/04/25	09/04/25

Please book early as numbers are limited

Prices

£40 per child per day

Payment will need to be paid on confirmation of booking.

Activities

Our holiday club will include lots of different activities, utilising the indoor and outdoor space at the school and the beautiful village. A loose example timetable below shows what a typical day will look like:

8-9	Breakfast (if needed) – free flow outside, reading, colouring, HAMA beads etc
9-10	Walk around the village
10-12	A small snack - crafts and board games (free flow to the outdoors)
12-1	Lunch (A packed lunch will need to be provided by yourselves)
1-3	Organised games on the field (football/rounders)
3-3.30	A small snack (we will provide a light snack (sandwich/wraps etc)
3.30-4	Chill out time (children can bring in tech toys if they wish to use them during this time for a limited amount of time)
4-5	Free time – Free flow outdoors, indoor activities (reading/crafts etc)

Your child would need to bring a packed lunch a water bottle, sensible shoes, sun hat, sun cream, a waterproof coat, and a spare set of clothes.

We will provide water and healthy snacks, but feel free to bring your own too. If they have a scooter/bike, they can bring it in to use on the playground, please bring a helmet.

Please email to book your places! shellyschildminding7@gmail.com

Thank you, Shelly