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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Justice'

Class Assemblies– celebrating our learning We have all really enjoyed the last four weeks of our Class Assemblies. Each class shared their learning across the curriculum with the whole school and with parents and carers from their class. We were very impressed with the high quality of the children's speaking and performing skills and all the knowledge they shared with us. **Highlights from Class 1** was their dramatisation of **Little Red Riding Hood**; in **Class 2** their wonderful **Jack and the Beanstalk** stories; in **Class 3** we went on a flight to India and in **Class 4** we explored the **Maya Civilisation of Central America**.



STEM Science Week To celebrate British Science Week we focussed on different Science activities across school. Class 3 and 4 took part in a Young Engineers Day where they learnt more about careers in engineering and built structures. They identified landmarks locally and across the world and considered the role of engineers in making these possible. **See highlights from Class 3 and 4's STEM Day on the next page.**

STEM Science Week Highlights



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.

Supporting your Year 6 child in preparation for SATs

You can support your child in preparation for the tests by practising past papers on this website:

<https://primarytests.co.uk/> All Year 6 children have an individual login for this site. Mr Ramsbottom is also able to monitor your progress on this site. There are additional practice activities on our school website/Children/Class 4.

Thank you for supporting our Comic Relief Charity Day

The children enjoyed their Joke Competition and had fun wearing red clothes. We raised £170 to support a range of charities.

Clubs have now finished and will start again the first week back after Easter.

Next FoS Pop up Uniform Shop is Friday 25th April at 3.30pm. Donations of £1 per item. We have lots of summer dresses and a selection of other items.

Easter Activities in school next week

Decorated Egg competition- decorate a hard boiled egg and enter our competition, there is a prize for each year group. **Bring your decorated egg into the school hall next Thursday morning 3rd April.**

Decorated Easter Bonnet competition - decorate an Easter bonnet and enter our competition, there is a prize for each year group. **Bring your decorated bonnet into the school hall next Thursday morning 3rd April.**

Easter Egg Tombola - bring 50p to school on **Thursday 3rd April** and take part in the FoS tombola. Everyone is a winner!

Thursday 3rd April Egg Rolling 2pm in the school playground. Bring a hard boiled egg to school for rolling (separate from your decorated egg). Parents/carers are welcome to watch the egg rolling at 2pm. There will be a prize for the egg which rolls the furthest in each year group. Refreshments and cake stall organised by FoS. **Donations of cakes requested by FoS please.**

Easter Service led by the children in St Mary's Church at 2pm on **Friday 4th April**. All welcome. All the children will be taking part in the service; singing, reading or dramatizing parts of the Easter story.

Finish for Easter Holidays Friday 4th April at 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 8th and Wednesday 9th April. 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.

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

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson



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



POP UP *Uniform Shop*



**FRIDAY 25TH APRIL
AFTER SCHOOL**

SUGGESTED DONATION £1