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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is **'Friendship'**

National Poetry Day Well done to all our children who worked so hard to learn and recite their poems and rhymes in celebration of National Poetry Day. We shared some of these in our whole school assembly on Thursday and all the children shared their poems in class. Our Reception children are having fun learning lots of rhymes. Pictured below are highlights from our Poetry Assembly on Thursday.



Class 4 enjoyed their visit to Richmond Castle As part of their local history study of Richmond, Class 4 visited the Castle, Georgian Theatre and used OS maps and symbols to explore the town.



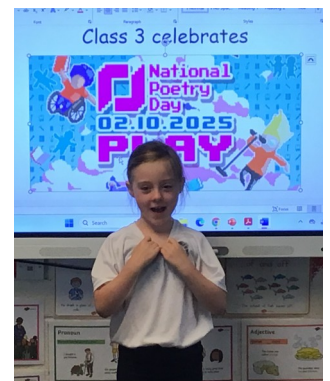
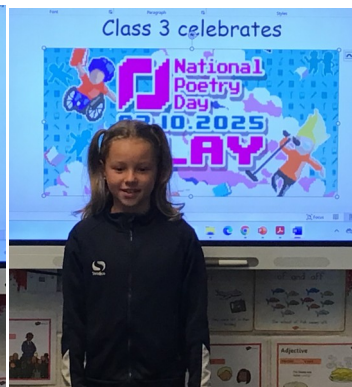
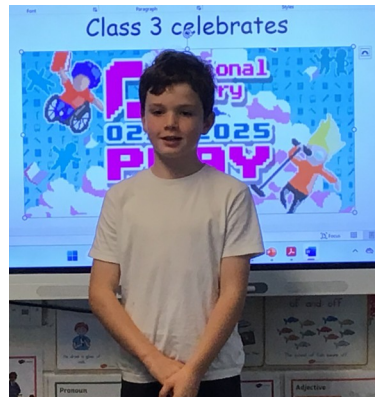
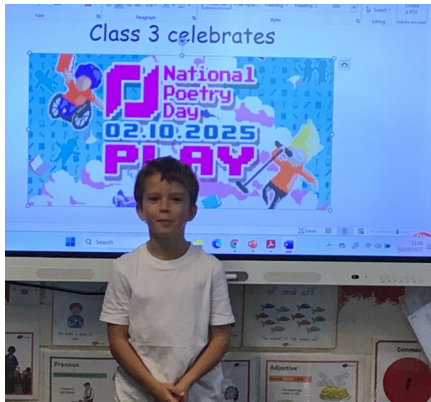
This week in Class 1: Mrs Reynolds says, 'this week we have explored Elmer stories by the author David McKee. We are developing our fine motor skills and Y1 children are working on their cursive handwriting. We are all enjoying reading in our Autumn themed book corner and have shared our poetry. In Maths we are focusing on counting and number rhymes, ordering numbers and finding greater than, less than and equal to.'



This week in Class 2: Mrs Smith and Mrs Dutton say, 'We have all done a fantastic job sharing the poems we learnt for National Poetry Day. In Maths we have found greater than, less than equal to; we have ordered numbers and subtracted on a number line. In Science we have identified and named common animals; fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds. We have enjoyed our computer programming work.'



This week in Class 3: Mrs Wright says, ' In English we are working hard creating our Viking story based on The Battle of the Viking Woman by Terry Deary, Our Maths work has involved adding and subtracting 1, 10, 100, 1,000 from different numbers. In PSHCE we used drama to look at problems and resolutions. In Science we investigated the question: Do marbles travel further on rough or smooth surfaces? We did a great job learning and reciting our poems for poetry day.'



This week in Class 4: Mr Ramsbottom says, 'This week Class 4 had a fantastic time exploring the rich history and Geography of our local area. We visited Richmond Castle, where we investigated how the Battle of Hastings influenced the development of our region. We explored why a castle was built in Richmond, with a particular focus on the physical geography of the area and how it made the site ideal for defence. We also enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Georgian Theatre, where we explored a timeline of its history and discussed how it has evolved over the years. To round off our local study, we took a walking tour of Richmond, using Ordnance Survey maps to identify map symbols and landmarks. It was a great hands-on activity that helped the children apply their geography skills in a real-world context.'



Parent Teacher Consultations These are an opportunity to meet 1:1 with your child's class teacher, see their books and find out more about your child's learning, progress and achievements. Dates and times are on our diary dates and listed below in date reminders. You can book a time now by signing the list in the office entrance area or by emailing/phoning the office: admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk
Please note, Year 1 parents in Class 1 can see Mrs Reynolds on Tuesday 21st October only.

Book Fair in School Our Book Fair is returning to school. You are invited to come in after school to browse and purchase books if you would like to. You can pay for books online using a QR code, by cheque or cash. **The Book Fair will be open after school on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th October.** Our school earns commission on the sale of books which we use to restock our class and school library.

Autumn Weather Please send your child with sturdy outdoor shoes; trainers or wellies are great for the field and allow our children to enjoy being outdoors as much as possible.

Important date reminders (please see full diary dates also)

Thursday 9th October Class 1: Parental Assembly 9.30am in the school hall. Parents/carers of children in Class 1 are invited. Please enter through the playground hall door

Tuesday 14th October Class 3: Danelaw Viking Village Visit See letter sent home

Book Fair open after school: Wednesday 15th Oct, Thursday 16th Oct, Friday 17th October.

Thursday 16th October Reception Parent Teacher Consultations: Reception parents to meet individually with Mrs Reynolds. 1.30pm-6.30pm. Please sign up in the office entrance or email/ring to book an appointment.

Tuesday 21st October Parent Teacher Consultations: Class 3 2.30pm-6.30pm; Class 1 Y1 only 3.40pm-6.30pm; Class 2 and Class 4 3.40pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October Parent Teacher Consultations: Class 3 3.40pm-6.30pm; Class 2 and Class 4 3.40pm-6.30pm

Friday 24th October: Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale at 2pm. All the children will be taking part in this and parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us in Church. **Friends of School will serving refreshments in the school hall afterwards. Children finish school at 3.30pm**

Pre loved Uniform Shop Friday 24th October This is run by volunteers from Friends of School and is a great place to pick up good quality school uniform items for a small cash donation. We also welcome donations of school uniform which can be brought to the school office at any time. **Our next Pre loved uniform shop will run after the Harvest Festival Service in the school hall from 3pm to 3.45pm.**

Shelly's Wrap Around Care Half Term Holiday Club Shelly is running a holiday club on Tuesday of half term. Please book directly with Shelly, details at the end of this newsletter.

Return to school after half term on TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER.

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 **October half term 2025**

Holiday club is based in Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's School. The club will be running on Tuesday 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
28/10/25 8am to 5pm

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, HA-MA beads, crafts
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)
3.30-5pm	Free time – Free flow outdoors, indoor activities (reading/crafts)

Your child would need to bring a packed lunch, a water bottle, sensible shoes, 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, you 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.



We are currently looking for any donations of food or other essentials. We are looking for the following items:

- Tins - soup, chopped tomatoes, vegetables, meat, fish, meals in a can (e.g. chilli con carne, curry, stew, meatballs), beans, spaghetti, fruit, rice pudding
- Jars of sauces, jam, marmalade, honey etc
- Bottles of squash and long-life milk
- Cereals, porridge (individual pots)
- Sanitary towels, tampons, baby wipes, nappies
- Bars of soap, shampoo, roll on deodorants, baby shampoo and body wash
- Washing detergent and softener
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash (non-alcoholic)
- Sweet treats - individually wrapped chocolate bars and biscuits
- Pet food - cans of meat, boxes of dried foods

Please note we can't accept the following donations for safety purposes.

- Aerosol deodorant etc
- Any medication
- Alcohol

Please drop any donations off at your school which will be past on to the Church.

