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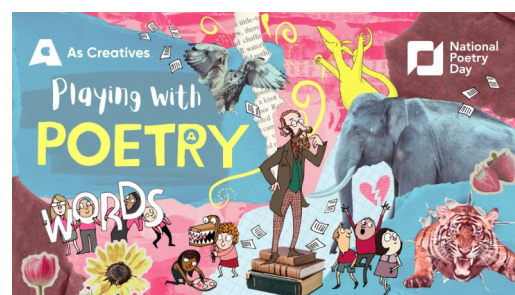
'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2026

Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

National Poetry Day 2026 Thursday 2nd October We had a wonderful day focussing on Poetry and Rhyme in our English work to celebrate National Poetry Day. The theme this year was 'Wonder' and the children loved reading and sharing their poems with their teachers and class. We even had some volunteers who shared their poetry in our whole school assembly for National Poetry Day. Learning a poem by heart helps children to build memory skills; internalise rhythm and sentence structure and engage with spoken English performance articulately.

A special well done to those of you who worked hard to learn your poem by heart. We had some impressive age appropriate performances ranging from Reception children reciting their Nursery Rhymes to KS2 children reciting poems of several verses by heart. A huge well done to everyone. Pictured below are some of our Reception children on their first Poetry Day.



A Wedding in Year 1/2 All our Year 1 and 2 children had a wonderful afternoon at St Mary's Church taking part in a wedding conducted by Rev Simon; complete with vows, readings, rings, register signing, confetti and wedding cake! We had lots of fun and learnt about a Christian Festival and belonging as part of our RE work. Pictured below are the bride and groom with their wedding guests throwing confetti and signing the register.



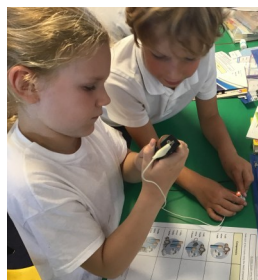
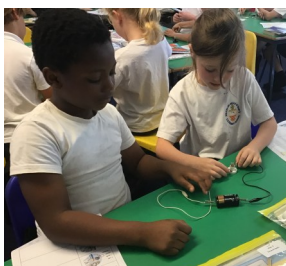
In Class 1 We have been making good progress with our Phonics, Reading and Maths. In Science we have explored seasonal changes and made careful observations. In Art we have investigated colour mixing to create autumn pictures. We have explored our school grounds on our autumn walk and everyone loves the trim trail. We are developing our PE skills and ball handling. Reception are enjoying spending time at playtime and lunchtime with their Year 6 buddies.



In Class 2 In Science we have learnt about animals and their offspring and collaborated together to discuss, match and sort these. We have also explored the life cycle of a frog. In English we are working on writing our own version of 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. In Maths we are focusing on place value and the language of greater than, less than and equal to. Pictured below are more highlights from our wonderful wedding.



In Class 3 we have been improving our knowledge of Times Tables and place value. In Science we have been excited to explore circuits in our Electricity topic. In PE we are developing our Tag Rugby skills. In our Music we have made an excellent start playing either the violin or cello and in French we are learning to greet each other, saying our name and how we are feeling.



In Class 4 we have developed our place value in Maths by partitioning numbers up to 10 million and counting in powers of 10. We have been editing and improving our descriptive writing and researching the life of Winston Churchill, his leadership style and impact on the Second World War. In Science we have studied the phases of the moon. Our Art work looks at Street Art and the skill of scaling up sketches.

Date Reminders: Key dates can also be found on our school website diary dates.

Thursday 15th October: Class 1 Parental Assembly 9.30am in the school hall. Parents and carers of Class 1 are invited.

Thursday 15th October: Reception Parent's Consultation afternoon 1.30pm to 6.30pm. Please sign up for an appointment in the office entrance area or by phoning/emailing the office. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about how your child is settling in at school.

Tuesday 20th October: Parent Teacher Consultations for Classes 2, 3, and 4 from 3.45pm to 6.30pm.

Wednesday 21st October: Parent Teacher Consultations for Class 1 (Year 1), Classes 2, 3, and 4 from 3.45pm to 6.30pm.

Booking times for these are in the office entrance area. You may ring/email to make an appointment also.

Pre loved uniform sale Thank you to Friends of School for organising this and for your donations. There will be an opportunity to purchase uniform for a small donation during our Parent Teacher Consultations on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October.

A reminder to name your child's uniform - thank you to those who do!

Friday 23rd October: School Harvest Festival Service 2pm in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale. All the children will take part in this service; singing, leading drama, prayers and readings. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us. Donations of food for the Parish Open Pantry Food Bank.

Friends of the School Harvest Refreshments: Following the Harvest Festival Service the children will walk back to school with their classes. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us in the school hall for refreshments before collecting their children at 3.30pm home time. **Please contact Cally Smith, Chair of Friends of School if you can help to serve refreshments or even tidy the hall for 15 minutes afterwards. Donations of cakes will also be welcome.**

Friends of the School Halloween Disco: Thursday 22nd October: A fun opportunity to dress up if you would like to, dance and play games. This is organised by Friends of school. More details on how to book to follow. **Parents/ carers must accompany all children. Class 1 and 2 6-7pm. Class 3 and 4 7.15pm-8.15pm.**

Friday 23rd October: Finish for half term. Return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Reception New Starters for 2027 Mrs Dobson conducts individual tours of school. Please do contact us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

Parish News: The parish of Easby, Skeeby, Bolton and Brompton on Swale holds its Worship4All Family Harvest Festival Service this Sunday 4th October at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale. This is child friendly followed by refreshments. Donations for the parish Open Pantry are welcome. A lovely way to celebrate Harvest Festival in the parish. All welcome.

