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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

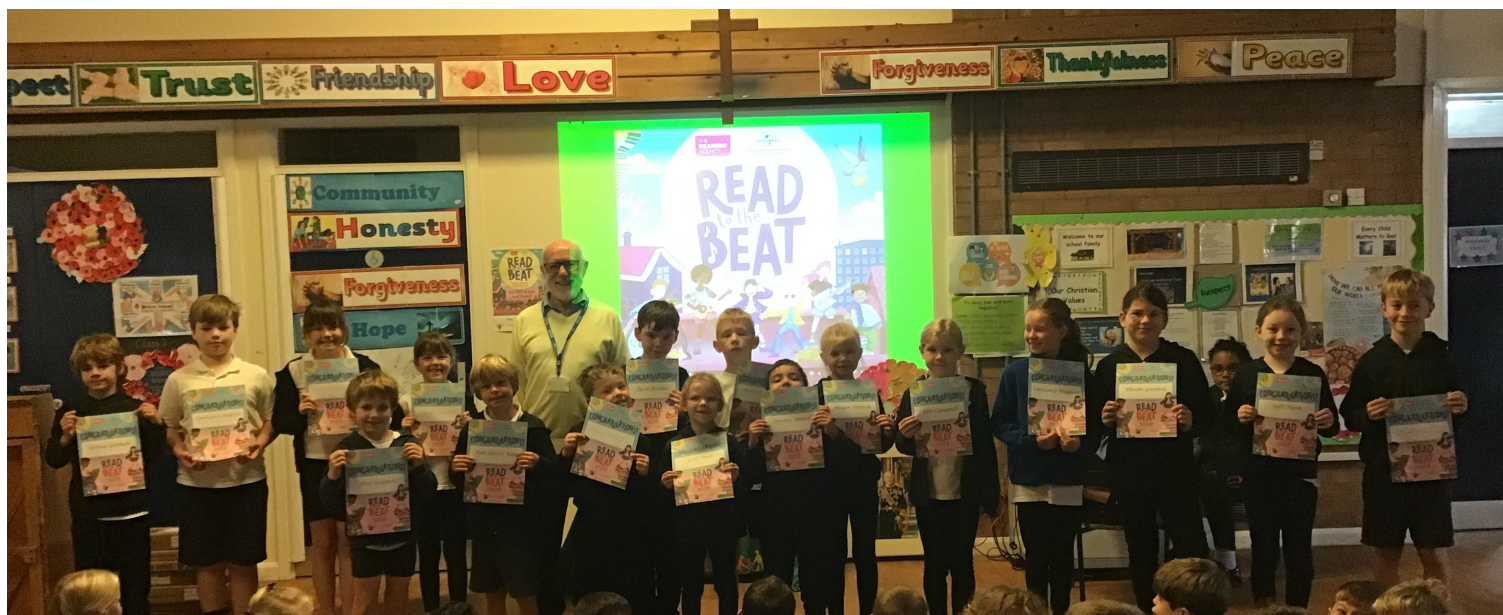
Congratulations to our KS2 Cross Country Competition runners A huge well done to our all KS2 children in Years 3-6 who represented our school in the cross country competition held at Richmond School last week. They all completed the course of 2-3km depending on age group. With about 100 children in each race, competing against local schools. we had some standout performances. A special mention to Asa who finished in 1st place for the Y4 boys, competing against about 100 Y4 boys from schools in the area.

Well done to: Ellie- 8th place for Y3 Girls; Sam-3rd place, Joshua-4th place, Edward-7th place and Max-8th place for Y3 Boys;Asa-1st place; Henry-4th place for Y4 boys; Margot Hartland-10th for Y5 Girls.

Pictured below are our Cross Country Teams



Summer Reading Challenge congratulations Well done to those children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge 2026 run by North Yorkshire Library Service. They are pictured below with their certificates presented by the librarian. We were reminded that you can visit the local library and take home books for free with a free library card.



Class 1's Parental Class Assembly Congratulations to all the children in Class 1 who performed so wonderfully this week both for their parents and to the whole school. We enjoyed their singing, rhymes, poetry and art work. A special thank you to our Year 6 buddies who were introduced to the Reception parents. We thanked them for all their kindness and support to our Reception children. Pictured below are highlights from Class 1's assembly.



School Clubs Children from Year 1 upwards can sign up half termly to attend our school clubs. **Clubs have now finished for this half term** (next week we have parent teacher consultations). There will be an opportunity to sign up for clubs running after half term later next week.

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

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 - we already have lots of unnamed uniform items.

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. **Parents/carers must accompany all children. Class 1 and 2 6-7pm. Class 3 and 4 7.15pm-8.15pm.**

Booking: Please book your child's disco place through the Friends of the School Facebook link. Any queries, please email the Chair of Friends of School, Cally Smith on foscally@outlook.com. Cost £3.50 including glow stick and juice. Offers of help on the night; please email Cally. Arrive early and help us to set up or stay behind for a short time to help us to tidy at the end of the evening.

Individual School Photographs Friday morning 23rd October **All children to wear school uniform (no PE kit).** Tempest Photography will take individual photos of each child and of family groups for children in school only. You will then have the option to view and purchase the photos.

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; the service starts at 2pm. Donations of tinned food for the Parish Open Pantry Food Bank are welcome- please bring these into school from Monday.

Harvest Charity Farm Africa –School Council have organised a competition to raise money for this charity. Details are in book bags tonight. Children in Class 1 and 2 have a paper plate to decorate with a harvest theme. Children in Class 3 and 4 are asked to design a poster with an environmental theme. Entries need to be in by Wednesday with a minimum £1 charity donation. School Council will announce winners and present prizes at our Harvest Festival Service.

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 3.25/3.30pm 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.**

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

