



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Spring Term ~ Issue 12~ Friday 25th April 2025

Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents/carers,

It has been super seeing all the children and staff back in school this week and hearing all the lovely things that have been happening over the two week break.

The children have all been eager to start their new learning for this term and practice their previous knowledge through various recalls. We have been able to access outdoors this week and hopefully the lovely weather will continue.

Please can I remind all parents about the importance of attendance at school as we enter the Summer Term (please see information below). This term we have our Year 6 SATs which the teachers and children in Year 6 have been working hard to prepare for. Our Year 2 children work on their SATs this half-term, although these are not statutory but as part of YCAT we continue to assess the children this way. We will also be carrying out our Phonic Screening for Year 1 and Multiplication Checks for Year 4 in June. Please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any questions with regards to the assessment processes.

We look forward to a busy term with already lots planned for the children as part of their wider curriculum offer including: KS2 Residential, Sports Events and Arts events with the Museum.

Enjoy your weekend

Miss Caygill

This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



Star Learners will return next week in our Celebration Assembly.

We look forward to seeing parents and families there.

Curriculum Overview

Attached with the newsletter is an overview of the curriculum learning taking place in each class for the summer term. We hope this supports you with conversations around learning in school throughout the term.

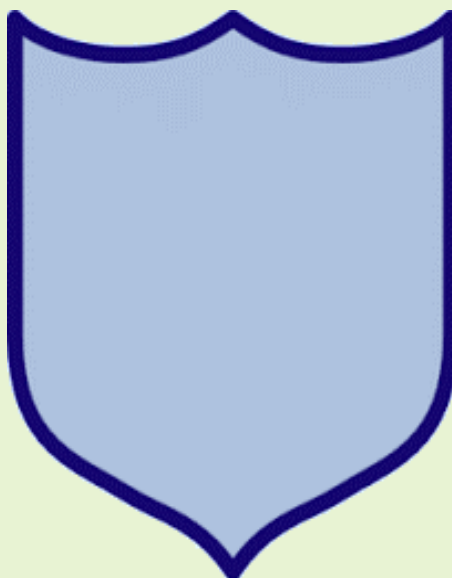
Attendance

Class 1-98.84%

Class 2-95%

Class 3-100% Well done!

Whole School-97.94%



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 30th April

- **Y4/5 STEM day at Settlebeck**

Wednesday 7th May

- **Dog Safety Workshops for all classes**

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May

- **KS2 SATs**

Tuesday 13th May

- **Governor's meeting**

Tuesday 20th May

- **Class and Year 6 photos**

CLUBS

Monday- Mindfulness Colouring 12:30-1pm & Gardening Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday – Board Games 12:30-1pm & Yoga – 3:15 – 4:30pm

Wednesday-Music -12.30-1pm

Thursday – Library Club 12.30 – 1pm & Zumba – 3:15 – 4.15pm

Friday-Multiskills 3.15-4.30

School Office Updates

Classes 2 and 3 Residential Payments

The third instalment of **£25.00 is due by 26th April**. Please can you ensure this is paid by then, if you haven't already paid. The final instalment is due by 30th May. Thank you.

School Photos

On Tuesday 20th May the school photographer is coming to take Class photos and Y6 photos. Please fill in your requirements on the form using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9sjnmWWKwt> Thank you. **Photos of your children will not be taken unless you give your consent via the link.**

Home-time Arrangements Summer Term

Please click on the link below and complete the home time arrangements form for your child/ren a,s,a,p. We are still waiting for **5 parents for Class 1, 6 parents for Class 2 and 6 parents of Class 3**. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/e/Z2WRNH5NMJ>

Breakfast Club – SATS week

For SATS week, we are hosting a breakfast club for the Y6 pupils. They may come into school from 8:30 Monday 12th May – Thursday 16th May where there will be toast and juice available.

PTFA Silver Smarties Fundraiser - Reminder

The children were all given a tube of Smarties, given to them by the PTFA. Once they have enjoyed eating the chocolate, please keep the tube and encourage the kids to do odd jobs/chores in exchange for 20p's to fill up the empty tube. We are giving them the whole of the Easter holiday, plus an extra week, so please return your tubes, with as many 20p's as they can manage, **by Monday 28th April**.

Book Club - Thursdays 3.15 - 4pm

Library club will start on **Thursday 8th May**. We will enjoy a story and a book browse as well as craft activities and a biscuit!

We love having parents at the library so if parents wish to join us you are very welcome or you can pick up at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Dancing Around the Dales

We're returning to Hawes in the week starting Monday 5th May. As well as running another workshop in the Museum on Wednesday 7th May, we're running a public ceilidh of Dales dances in the Market House on Friday 9th May. Could you please help us to advertise it? Maybe by sending it to parents? No experience needed. No partner needed. Sensible shoes advised.

Years 4 and 5 STEM Day @ Settlebeck School

All children in Years 4 and 5 will be attending a STEM Day @ Settlebeck school on Wednesday 30th April. They will leave at 9.15ish, travelling on Woofs bus and returning to school at 3.45ish. Mrs Guy will be accompanying the children. If children normally have a school dinner on this Wednesday, they will be provided with a packed lunch. Children need to wear their school uniform and bring a drink and small snack with them.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance in school and especially this term with assessments and preparations for the next academic year being crucial. After the Autumn and Spring Terms (Overall attendance 95.%), where we had a continued number of illnesses. We are working closely on monitoring our attendance across the school and have held meetings with some parents around attendance .

Through our close work within YCAT, we aim for our whole school attendance to be at least over 96%. If you need any support with your child/children around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the school to arrange a meeting with class teachers, Mrs. Marwood or Miss Caygill, so we can work together to improve the attendance and learning of your child/children alongside the learning for other children in school.

As the Summer Term starts we continue to have a growing number of parents taking children out of school on family holidays. Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress for all children.

Please note that penalty notices will be issued to parents/carers for unauthorised absence during this academic school year. See information below from NYES-Published July 2024

Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave of absence taken in term time:

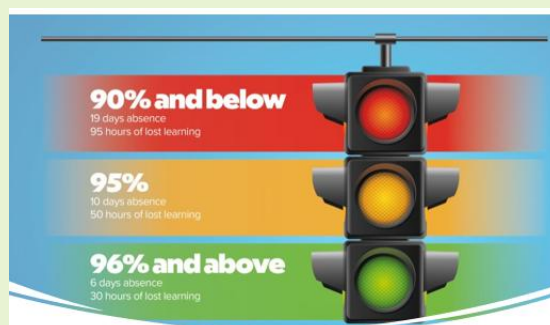
From the 19th of August 2024 only 2 Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any 2nd Penalty Notice issued within that period is charged at a higher rate:

- The first Fixed Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- A second Fixed Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*
- A third Fixed Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.*
- In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering Prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Attendance Legal Interventions.*

Medical Appointments

Please try to arrange medical appointments out of school time if possible.

We will be requesting confirmation of medical appointments etc. if they are scheduled within school time. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child/children attends school regularly in line with the government regulations.



My name is Michael Dales, and I am a Partnership Manager for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in North Yorkshire. I am writing to inform you about the support available from the DWP to help working parents with upfront childcare costs. This initiative is designed to ease the financial burden on families and ensure that children receive quality care while their parents are at work.

Outline of the Upfront Childcare Offer:

- **Eligibility:** Working parents who are eligible for Universal Credit can receive assistance with upfront childcare costs.
- **Coverage:** The DWP can cover up to 85% of childcare costs, including nursery fees, pre-school fees, and other registered childcare providers.
- **Application Process:** Parents need to apply through their Universal Credit account and provide necessary documentation to receive the support.

Further information can be found on the [DWP Childcare Choices website](#).

Best regards.

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UK Government

Help for Households

Balancing childcare and work?

There is now even more **support** for you with **Universal Credit**.

Eligibility criteria apply.

Check what help is available at:
childcarechoices.gov.uk

Childcare **Choices**