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## Summer Term ~ Issue 7~ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### **Message from Mrs Brown** Acting Head of School

#### Dear parents and carers,

This week was the turn of Year 5 and 6 to take their learning to other places. They worked with our experts from the Rivers Trust to explore their creativity in the context of the nature that surrounds our rivers.

After learning a lot of new techniques, they created incredible lino prints of river animals. We were all blown away by the quality of the artwork! I'd definitely urge you to go and see it once it is displayed at the museum.

KS2 also took part in a virtual author visit from writer Catherine Johnson, all about her book 'Dance of Resistance' which tells the story of dancer and WW2 spy, Josephine Baker. Learning about this lesser known story is part of the learning we are sharing through school for Black History Month.

Ks1 have been creative this week too, writing poems to enter into the Michael Rosen Funny Food Poetry competition. They were fab!

Thank you to all the parents who came to the drop in book look on Wednesday. It was lovely to welcome you into school, chat about and celebrate your child's progress so far this year, and share their work with you. It was also great to hear children talking about their learning so enthusiastically with families.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Brown** 

# This week's STAR LEARNERS

**Class 1 – Finn** for some super sentence work this week, applying everything we have learnt. **Isaac** for working so hard to learn and practice

your phonic sounds. Class 2 – Jack C for working hard as always & being polite

**Darcey** – for good understanding of using a formal method for addition.

Class 3 – Reuben – for a great effort during our Rivers 4 Life Art project.

**Lily** – For always being kind and helpful around school.

#### Attendance for the week

Class 1 - 96.97%

Class 2 - 100%

Class 3 - 96.67%

Whole School - 97.77%

## **Head of School Trophy**

Sayuni Hewa Kuttige For always being so polite and respectful and tackling every new challenge with a smile.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

#### **CLUBS**

Monday- Music/choir

-12.30-1pm

Gardening Club

-3.15-4.15pm

<u>Tuesday</u> – Mindful Colouring Club -12:30 pm

**Thursday –** Library Club 12.30pm and 3.15 - 3.45pm & Zumba - 3:15

- 4.15pm

Friday-Multi-skills with Mr. B -3.15-4.30 pm

**Tuesday 21st October – Harvest** 

Festival 10.15am Please bring a donation for the food bank.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Entries for the Carve your pumpkin happy competition.

Football - Wensleydale School -23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 – All year 5 and 6 pupils

**Swimming –** Weds 10<sup>th</sup> September until 19th November 25. Please collect children at 4.00 pm.

### **School Office Updates**

#### **Harvest Festival**

Rev Dave and Mrs Clarke have very kindly agreed to lead a Harvest Festival celebration on **Tuesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **October at 10.15am.** Families are welcome to attend. Please can children bring a donation for the Wensleydale Food Bank to school on Tuesday – tinned items, packets of pasta or dried foods, cereals etc.

#### **Carve Your Pumpkin Happy competition**

The church community are running their annual carve your pumpkin happy competition. If you would like to have a go by carving or decorating a pumpkin in a positive way, please bring your happy pumpkin into school on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for** judging. See the attached flyer.

#### **Switch from Scholar Pack to Arbor**

Over half term, all YCAT schools are making a switch from Scholar Pack over to a new administration system called Arbor. This should happen automatically and after half term parents will receive new log ins for the new system. We will keep you updated with this. Please continue to use Scholar Pack until further information is given.

#### **Yoga**

Unfortunately, Ms Scarr is no longer able to run Yoga Club so this will not be starting again after half term as we had hoped.

#### **Poppy Appeal**

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion selling poppies, wristbands and other items. Please bring a donation of at least 50p per item. They will be on sale at break time from Tuesday 21st October.

#### **Halloween Party**

The PTFA are having a Halloween party on **24**<sup>th</sup> **October 2025. 6.00pm – 8.00pm** at Hawes market Hall. Entry £3.00 per child. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

#### **PTFA Non Uniform Day**

The PTFA have organised a non-uniform day for **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.** They are asking the children to bring a chocolate donation for the very popular Chocolate Tombola they run each year at the Christmas Fayre. The PTFA play a key role in funding school trips and events so please do support them as much as you can. Also the PTFA – are also on the look out for bottles of wine (with screw tops please) for the wine & water stall.

#### **PTFA Raffle Tickets**

The PTFA are sending home tonight in book bags raffle tickets for the Christmas Draw, it would be appreciated if you could sell these to raise money for the PTFA funds, the raffle is to be drawn on Saturday 22 November 2025 at Hawes Market Hall.

#### **Bags for School**

PTFA have organised for Bags to School they are coming again on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, a leaflet will of come home in your child's book bag. It is an ideal opportunity for a declutter while helping the PTFA raise money at the same time, we thank you for your continued support, please share this with family and friends too.

#### **<u>Little White Bus Christmas Card Competition</u>**

Please see the attached information about the Little White Bus Christmas Card Competition. Let's have as many entries as we can!

#### Flu Jabs

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the NHS will be in school for Flu Jabs. Please ensure you have filled in the relevant consent form, attached again in the Flu information leaflet.

# **Photo Gallery**











