



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term ~ Issue 1 ~ Friday 11th September 2026

Message from Miss Caygill *Head of School*

Dear parents/carers,

It has been great to be back in school with all the staff and children this week. I have enjoyed catching up on news from the summer and also seeing the children engaged in their learning across school.

We have welcomed Miss Tomkins to our staff team as a TA working across school and hope that she will enjoy being part of our school family.

Our youngest children have settled into Nursery and Reception really well and I know that they will be tired after their first week back. Mrs Race and Mrs Fremlin have worked well to set up areas of interest for the children and they will continue to support the needs of all.

Our new class structure in KS2 has also got off to a positive start with all the children working on their learning with differentiation clear for the different ages. Mrs Marwood and Mrs Brown have worked hard to establish an inviting classroom for all the KS2 children and have been able to plan learning for the different children. They have been ably supported by Mrs Guy who is now working in school every day.

It has been wonderful to catch up with so many parents this week. Just a reminder I am out in the yard every morning if any parent wants to discuss anything. We can also arrange for you to speak to class teachers if this is more a class-based discussion. Please contact the school office if you would like to speak to a member of staff. Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Miss Caygill

Mental Well-Being.

After the retirement of Mrs. Metcalfe from school we are now able to share with you the news that Mrs. Race will be taking on the role of Mental Well Being Lead in school. Mrs Race has spent her summer taking part in training and planning for this new role. She has had time this week to catch up with children across school and has exciting plans going forward for this important part of our work in school. If any parent would like to discuss anything around well-being with Mrs. Race then please contact the school office to arrange a time.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Race on becoming a Nanny for the first time over the summer.



Attendance for the year

Class 1 –98.9 %

Class 2 –100%

Whole school: 99.3%

Upcoming Dates

Dates

16th September-Swimming starts for KS2

23rd September-Rob Biddulph-KS2

CLUBS

Monday- NO YOGA for Term

Tuesday – Gardening Club-3.15-4.15

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

Friday - Multi-skills-3.15- 4.30

We are sorry that Janesse can't continue with the after school yoga club on a Monday. As always, we continue to look into after school clubs to support parents. We may have to charge for any new Clubs going forward as our Sports premium Funding is coming to an end. Please contact school if anyone knows of available providers or volunteers.

Head of School
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All the children for
a super start to
school and
showing their kind,
caring attitude.

School Office Updates

Home time Arrangements

If any parent wants to change their child's Home Time collection arrangements for September, please advise the school office, children need to be in Year 6 to walk home alone. For safeguarding purposes please let us know via the school office if the children are being collected by a different adult. If anyone has any change of address, or parent contact details, please update on Arbor or let Julie know via email so she can update.

PE Days-Autumn

Children are asked to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please ensure that we have the correct PE shorts of an appropriate length for wearing for the whole school day.

Class 1 -Thursday Zumba and Friday Multiskills (including Nursery)-

Class 2 (KS2)- Friday, Multiskills,

Wednesday-KS2 Swimming-School uniform but they will need a swimming kit in a bag. Please note KS2 will not be doing Zumba during the afternoon on a Thursday this term due to swimming.

For sporting after school clubs appropriate PE kits may be worn to school

Swimming Y3-6

As part of the national curriculum our Class 2(Y3-6) children will be going swimming to Catterick Leisure Centre on a Wednesday afternoon starting 16th September. We will arrive back to school around 3:50. Can parents please pick the children up from the school yard. We are still awaiting information on grants applied for towards the cost of swimming and will update you on the cost per child in September.

Clubs

We will continue with our after-school clubs for the Autumn Term.

Tuesday-Gardening Club (all ages) up to half-term

Thursday-Street dance (Year 2-6)

Friday Multiskills through Mr. B (All ages)

We will carry forward children who are signed up for the clubs to September unless you tell us otherwise. Please let school know if your child would like to sign up to one of our clubs. Mr. B will send out his forms for his club.

We are pleased and would like to thank Steph Donaldson-Coates for offering to volunteer to help Ellie with Gardening Club up to the October Half Term.

Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children in England in households receiving Universal Credit are eligible for free school meals, regardless of household income.

How to Claim-families must still apply or confirm details through their local authority or the [GOV.UK Free School Meals Page](https://www.gov.uk/free-school-meals) unless already registered.

Please speak to Julie in the office if you would like further support with this.

Library Volunteers Wanted

We are moving the library from the downstairs classroom to our upstairs space. We have exciting plans to create a really wonderful place for the children but it is quite a mammoth task! If anyone has a Monday or Tuesday free and would like to give Mrs Brown a helping hand sorting everything she would be very appreciative. We'd like this to be a space that welcomes our families as well as the children in school so it would be lovely to have your input too. Please see Mrs Brown if you'd be keen to help.

Attendance/Illness

Attendance - Reminder

We have started the term and already received a number of requests for family holidays within school time. Please be aware that taking a pupil out of school during term time interrupts teaching and learning for all children and has been proven by research to significantly disrupt educational progress.

Our whole year attendance last year was 96.6% which is above national average. We would like to maintain this figure and build on it with all children attending regularly.

Please note that penalty notices will be issued to parents/carers for unauthorised absence during this academic school year.

These are issued by NYC and school receives no financial benefit from them.

Medical Appointments

Please ensure where possible that all medical appointments are made outside school hours. We understand that this may not always be achievable but would urge you to ensure that your child has the highest attendance levels as possible. If your child has a medical appointment during school time we may ask for confirmation of the appointment.

Illnesses-Guidance

We are very aware that children can be ill and not able to attend school. We know it is sometimes hard to decide whether your child is well enough for school so we have attached a sheet with the newsletter to help you with this.

We recognise that there will be days, following the guidelines, when you do need to keep your child at home for their health and well-being. However please remember that it is important to phone the school or nursery on the first day of absence to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason why.

A key safeguarding responsibility of every school is to follow up on pupil absence that hasn't been reported. Therefore, please note that following registration the school admin team will try to telephone all the pupil's stated contact numbers until they have ascertained the reasons for absence.

We hope the above information is helpful, especially as we go into the winter months when the likelihood of mild illnesses increases. Our school is keen to support all families in ensuring positive attendance.

Help!

In EYFS we are looking for a Tarpaulin to cover our outdoor sand pit. If any parents have a spare one or know of where we could find one please contact the school office. Thank you for your help with this.

PTFA

PTFA have attached a Preloved School Uniform Poster, this is selling school uniform for £1 an item on the facebook page, it will be kept updated regularly for parents to access and purchase uniform.