



**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Dear Families

I wanted to get the May newsletter out nice and early so the summer term dates can be shared with notice. I also wanted to share an update about class structures now school places for September 2025 have been allocated. Please see the box below for further information about this. This was a box that was relatively quick and easy to write but one that could only be written today after years of dedication, grit and endless support from staff, children and most importantly families like you! It is so positive to see school returning to the class structures it originally had and September will see Pupil Numbers reach the highest they have been since 2019. From the bottom of my heart - thank you for being the Birdsedge BEST families and for being the biggest cheerleaders for our little school. We would not be where we are without you. Miss B 😊

**After School Clubs this half term**  
**Gymnastics Starts Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**April for 3 weeks**

**Art Club with Sean Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**April, 29<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Bushcraft Starts Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**April for 5 weeks**

**Choir Starts Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**for 5 weeks**

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday  
School Closed

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** VE family  
Celebration afternoon from 2pm

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Class 1 and  
Class 2 Trip to Ponderosa

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 2-5 Cycling  
Event Scissett Middle 4pm – 5pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Class 2 Family  
Assembly

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Rec and KS1  
Fun Run Shelley College 4pm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Families welcome  
into classrooms at 3pm to share Arts  
Week Learning

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Last Day of Half  
term – school reopens on **Monday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 5 Music  
Festival

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day  
1:30pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Whole School  
Trip to Filey

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Class 1 Assembly  
3pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** 2:30pm Year 5  
Leavers Assembly

**WB 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition Week in  
school for all pupils

### Class Structures September 2025

With first choice offers now being made, we can plan more firmly for class structures in September. I'm delighted to share with you that we will continue with three classes in September 2025 and be returning to the traditional structure of two year groups per class as below:

Class 1: Reception and Year 1

Class 2: Year 2 and Year 3

Class 3 Year 4 and Year 5

We will also continue to offer a fourth class, full time, offering more personalised and specialist support and provision for those children with special educational needs or disabilities.

Our final week before the summer holidays will be transition week in school where all children will be supported to get used to any new class groupings or rooms – although most children will remain with the same peers and in the same spaces they are in now 😊

We also have some transition plans for this same week that have been shared with new families yesterday for those children who will be new to school in September.

### Staffing Update

Another positive piece of news to share with you today, is that in September we will be having a new full time teaching member of staff joining our team. Miss Laycock, who has been working in Class 3 over the year as part of her studies will be joining us as a teacher, mainly in Class 1 from September 2025. Of course, Miss Hutton remains with us 😊 however, Miss Laycock will be adding capacity around Miss Hutton's growing role as Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo. Miss Laycock has kindly written you all a letter of introduction attached to the newsletter.

As yet, I have no further updates with regards to when Mr Newing will be returning to work, however, Miss Ahmedjee remains with us and in Class 3 throughout the Summer Term in the meantime 😊

### End of Year Trip

We are so excited to let you know that with the support of Friends of Birdsedge we have arranged an end of Year trip for the whole school. In contrast to our City visit to York last summer, we will be returning back to the coast this summer term and heading to Filey for the day! A letter with more details will be out prior to the trip but for now the date for your diaries is **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – please note children will need to be in school for an earlier time of 8:15am and will return to school slightly later at 4pm on this day.