



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

END OF TERM

Today we finish for the Easter break. Although it has only been a short term, it has been as busy as ever. I hope that you enjoy reading about the things that have been going on. Hopefully, by the time the new term starts, the weather will be nicer. I think we could all do with some sunshine and warm weather!

Have a fantastic break and we look forward to seeing you all after Easter.

SURVEYS

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the two surveys that we have carried out this last half term. The survey about our RSE Policy was closed last week. There was only one question raised - asking why the children have to learn about these things so young. This isn't a school decision - it has come from Government guidance. WE are obliged to follow this guidance as all schools in the country have to. Staff make sure that they deal with things as sensitively as possible.

The survey about the October half-term holiday was overwhelmingly in support of moving to two weeks. In fact, 88% of those who replied supported the idea. We really hope that this will allow parents who want to book holidays to do so without getting a fine. The dates have now been changed on our website.

HOUSE DAY

Yesterday was our first House Day. Children from up and down the school worked together on a project and enjoyed some team building activities. Children from Reception to Y6 worked in mixed groups - all from the same House. Moving all the children to the right room was a challenge - and the Y6 children helped with this. The work produced is going to form a display in the gym.

We are hoping to do more of these days in the future.

~ Mr. Chamberlain

ECO-TEAM

The eco-team from Years 3, 4 and 5 had the chance to show off their green fingers by taking part in a tree planting activity at Hardy's Recreation ground. We worked with the council and All Things Good and Nice community group, supported by Jim the canoe river cleaner who jointly organised the event. The aim was for the trees to suck some of the excess water from the soil so it would not get as muddy and waterlogged on the football pitches. We planted cherry trees and are looking forward to seeing them bloom!

~ Mrs. Rabbetts



POP-UP PLAY VILLAGE

Reception and Nursery had an exciting visit from Pop-Up Play Village as part of their topic, 'People Who Help Us.' The children enjoyed exploring a variety of important job roles including healthcare workers, emergency services, vets and many more!

~ Miss Wilkinson





FAMILY HOMEWORK WINNERS

Our family homework winners for their entries into the World Book Day bookmark competition were:

- RE Maisy
- RMH Ayisha
- RW Nevaeh

- 1/2F Evie-Marie
- 1/2FH Lily
- 1/2K Rory
- 1/2M Ahmed
- 1/2YH Winter

- 3/4B Libbie
- 3/4RS Rupert
- 3/4RT Zoe
- 3/4SB Lillie
- 3/4SW Meghan

- 5C Kacey
- 5CL Jasmine
- 5R Kaiba

- 6CT Emily
- 6K Lillian
- 6L Olivia



WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! The children loved dressing up and we saw so many amazing characters. We would like to say the biggest thank you to everyone for the effort that went into the costumes - it really helped make the day special and everyone looked fantastic. As part of our celebrations, we also wrote a whole school story which you can read on the opposite page. Our family homework challenge was a great success, with a winner from each class who was awarded a brand new book from Mr Chamberlain. The day was filled with other fun activities too, including library visitors, reading visitors to classes and exciting book quizzes. We had a wonderful time celebrating the joy of reading together!



~ Miss Keyworth and Mrs. Lester

RED NOSE DAY

We raised a fantastic £182.71 on top of the sales of the official Red Noses! Thank you for your generosity.

2026/27 TERM DATES

Following consultation, some of our term dates for the 2026/27 academic year have changed.

Our term dates for 2026/27 are now as follows:

	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>
Autumn Term 1	1 Sep	16 Oct
Autumn Term 2	2 Nov	18 Dec
Spring Term 1	5 Jan	12 Feb
Spring Term 2	22 Feb	25 Mar
Summer Term 1	12 Apr	28 May
Summer Term 2	8 Jun	23 Jul

MINI POLICE

Our Mini Police have been busy learning about the Phonetic Alphabet and discussing safe strangers and how they keep us safe.

We also had a special visit from our Lollipop lady, Gill, who talked to the children about road safety and how to cross the roads safely.

~ Miss Muscroft





MURSULA MURKLE'S MAGICAL MISHAP

Once upon a time in a kingdom far away, stood a giant, spooky castle. The castle had a black, wooden door that creaked when the wind blew. In the castle lived a witch, her name was Mursula Murkle. She had light pink hair and wore a black pointed hat. Her shoes were covered in spiders and in her hand, she held an ancient broom. The broom looked old and rusty, like it had been around for 100 years. Behind the creepy witch stood her black, spooky cat, staring with big black eyes. A few spooky hours later, the witch started to make a potion. In the potion she put blood, poison, dinosaur fossils, frog slime, spider's eyes and cobwebs, and then it bubbled and fizzled horribly. Suddenly a large bubble popped all over the witch. She noticed fur growing on her arms and she started to shrink! She tried to yell, "Help!" but it was only a squeak. She looked at the cat and the cat licked its lips. She had turned into a mouse! Frantically, she searched around for somewhere to hide but she couldn't see anything that would help her. Suddenly, out of the corner of her eye, she spotted a small mouse-hole nestled in the skirting board on the other side of the room. Would she make it across safely? There was only one thing left to do: run! As quick as a flash, Mursula raced towards her only

hope but suddenly, she felt something silky but strong wrap itself across her whiskers and eyes. Panicked, she tried to run away but it was too late, the thin steel-like strands had tied themselves across her face and body. She was held captive by one of the cobwebs that had fallen onto the floor. Being held prisoner by the web and unable to move, she tumbled over, landing on her side. Realising the cat would be closer and closer, she began rolling over and over, trying to get nearer to the mouse-hole. Unfortunately, she then rolled into a sticky blob of frog slime. Now, she was not only tied up but stuck to the floor as well. Meanwhile, the cat advanced closer and closer... In the background the potion continued to bubble and fizzle like embers from a fire. Drops of the magic formula fell to the floor. The cat's head turned to the sound of dripping and because the bubbling potion resembled milk, and because the witch hadn't fed the cat for days, the cat padded towards the potion and lapped it all up. Moments later, the cat's body shook frantically, and the mouse closed her eyes in fear. When she opened them again, an ancient wizard dressed in a heavy, indigo cloak that looked like it had survived centuries, loomed over her. Mursula squeaked in shock at the sight of the old wizard. Was he going to help her or harm her? The terrified mouse peered up at the wizard, her tiny body trembling. Something about his face made her pause. What was that? Just above his lip, barely visible, was a delicate pair of... whiskers! Her heart dropped. The cat had become the wizard. He stepped forward in a single, towering stride and raised his hand. A flash of light burst from his fingertips. 'Poof!' A cloud of silver smoke exploded around the mouse, swirling and curling like a tiny storm. The smoke thickened, then slowly began to fade. Where the trembling mouse had stood only seconds before, the air shimmered faintly, and the last wisps drifted up into the night. The wizard lowered his hand and smiled to himself.

~ The pupils of Welholme Academy



Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP (PGL)

Our Year 6 children had an amazing time on their recent residential trip to PGL! From the moment they arrived, it was non-stop fun and adventure. They had a go at everything from archery and abseiling to laser tag, zip lining and even the giant swing (which was definitely a favourite!). There was lots of teamwork during raft building and orienteering, and plenty of laughs along the way. It was fantastic to see so many children trying new things, building their confidence and cheering each other on. They came back tired but very happy, with lots of great memories to share!

~ The Year 6 Team



INDOOR ATHLETICS FINALS

Our Y5/6 indoor athletics team did incredibly well to qualify for the 'develop' final in March following the heats before Christmas and we are very pleased to be able to say that they won! The children competed against seven other schools from across our area in up to 4 track and field events each, with their results earning points for the team.



Also, at the end of February, our Y3/4 indoor athletics team qualified for the 'compete' final and participated in similar events to finish in an incredible 6th place overall out of the 22 teams which entered. What an amazing performance from all of our athletes!

~ Mrs. Walker



2 Apr	School closes for Easter
21 Apr	Start of Summer Term 1
11 May	SATs Week
22 May	School closes for half-term
1 Jun	Start of Summer Term 2
1 Jun	Y5 Residential (Whitby)
22 Jun	Sports Days week
17 Jul	School reports issued
22 Jul	School closes for Summer
1 Sep	Start of Autumn Term 1

CROSS COUNTRY

This term saw children from Y3-6 run in the inter-school cross country event at Weelsby Woods, completing a distance of either 1km or 2km.

Our teams did very well, with the Y6 boys finishing 5th out of 20 teams and the Y6 girls coming 6th out of 19, while the Y5 boys were 7th and the girls 5th, both out of 18 teams.

Special praise goes to Anastasia who ran brilliantly to claim an individual 3rd place in the Y5 girls race.

The cross country is by far the toughest sporting event we enter and all the children should be very proud of their efforts.

~ Mr. Clayton



DATA PERMISSIONS

If you would like to change any of your child(ren)'s data permissions, please contact the school office.

CHILD SAFETY

If you have any concerns about the safety, care or welfare of any child, then please speak to:

Miss Glasby, Mr Chamberlain or any member of the Pastoral Team.

Alternatively, you can phone Children's Services on 01472 326292.

Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) - nelsafeguardingchildrenboard.co.uk

