



# NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

## SPRING TERM



It doesn't feel much like Spring yet, but we are now half way through the Spring Term - and half way through the school year! The weather hasn't been kind to us and we have had a lot of wet and miserable playtimes where the children weren't able to get outside. Hopefully after the holiday things will start to improve and we might even see the Sun make an appearance.

Can I please remind everyone that it is really important that your child(ren) attend school every possible day that they are able to. We know that there have been a lot of bugs going around, but we are well behind where we should be. If there is an issue, please let us know so that we can try and help. We want every child to be in school every day. This gives them the best chance of making progress and being successful in school.

## AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROVISION

For the last year we have been able to offer a childcare service at the end of the day. Parents using this provision have paid to have their child looked after until 5pm or 6pm. This has helped them if they are working as they know that their child is somewhere safe.

We have only been able to do this as a result of funding to help us with costs. The idea was to see if we could make enough money for it to become a permanent provision that paid for itself through the money it generated. Unfortunately, this has not been the case. Whilst we have not lost any money, because the costs have been covered for us, we have not made anywhere near enough money for it to support the service independently. Sadly the funding is coming to an end and we will have to wind down the provision.

We will operate the service as it is until the Easter holiday. After that it will be a reduced service. We can only offer a limited number of places (maximum of 7) and it will only run until 5pm each day. We are really sorry that we are not able to continue with this service, but we gave it a good try. Hopefully those parents that have been using this service will have enough time to make alternative arrangements (they have already been informed of the situation).

Thank you to all those parents that have supported and used this service, we're sorry we can't keep it open. Thank you also to Miss Riches and Mrs Gale who have been running the After School Childcare for the last year. They have done a brilliant job!

~ Mr. Chamberlain

## LOTS OF VISITORS TO RECEPTION!

As part of their topic 'People Who Help Us', Reception have enjoyed welcoming lots of visitors into school to talk about their jobs and how they help others. We have met members of the fire brigade, police and RNLI, as well as a vet, a mechanic, and our own school cleaner and cook. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about these important roles and have gained a better understanding of how different people help keep us and our community safe..

~ Miss Wilkinson





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## Volcanic eruption!



## NURSERY

This term Nursery have been learning about dinosaurs and volcanos - we even made our own volcano and watched it erupt!

~ Miss Douthwaite

## RSPB GREAT BIG SCHOOL'S BIRDWATCH

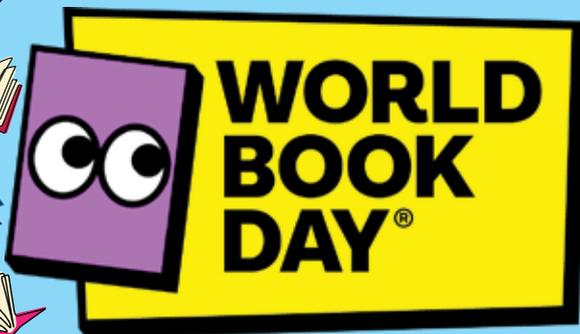
On the 21st January, the eco team took part in the RSPB Great Big School's birdwatch. We recorded the species of birds we spotted and recorded our results. There were lots of seagulls and quite a few blackbirds. These results will be submitted nationally so that the RSPB can see how birds are faring in school grounds across the UK. The Eco-team are planning to create a wildlife friendly area on the school field this year, including some bird feeders which we hope will attract more wild birds. Hopefully, next year we will be able to spot even more types of birds!



~ Mrs. Rabbetts

# SAVE THE DATE!

## We are celebrating



### Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Pick a character that starts with one of your initials and dress the part!

(e.g. Mia Kelly → Matilda, Katniss Everdeen  
George Richards → Greg Heffley, Ron Weasley)

Create a bookmark inspired by your chosen character. The best design in each class will win a book.

Card will be provided.  
Entries to be brought into school on the day.

## MRS. WELSH'S CREATIVE GROUPS

We have been working on problem solving, turn taking, listening and communicating clearly. We have played board games, stress ball toys, we have taken part in art and craft and we have made (and taste tested) pizza and biscuits!

~ Mrs. Welsh





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## Y6 DT PROJECT

As part of our DT project, we have been designing and building our own playgrounds in year 6. We looked at different types of structures and stabilising techniques which could be used, then designed and built different pieces of apparatus for our playground!

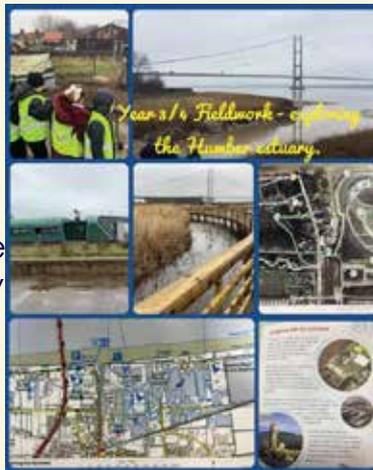
~ Mrs. Lester



## Y3/4 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

Year 3/4 took part in some geography fieldwork to explore the Humber estuary and investigate how waterways have influenced settlement, the economy and the environment. When we returned to school, we created sketch maps of our route, used four figure grid references to identify key features and recorded our observations.

~ Miss Robinson



## Y5 LANGAR

Y5 children experienced a Sikh langar, which is a free community kitchen in every Gurdwara open to all faiths. Everyone sits on the floor to eat as equals.

~ Mrs. Riggs

## Y1/2 DT DAY

During our DT Day, the Year 1/2 children designed and made pencil pots using recycled cardboard tubes. The children explored structures, learning how to create a wide base so their pencil pots would be stable and balanced. They experimented with different ways to strengthen their designs and tested them to see what worked best. Everyone showed great creativity and problem-solving skills, it was wonderful to see the children so engaged and proud of their finished pencil pots.

~ Miss Freaan



## BLOOM ROOM

In Bloom Room we have been exploring mark making and early pre-writing skills. We are all very proud of our achievement.

~ Mrs. Fuller

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

On 10th February we recognised Safer Internet Day. Everyone learned about the safe and responsible use of AI with help from a story called 'The Deep Fake Dilemma', which was written by a teacher working in the Enquire Learning Trust.

For more information about keeping your child safe online, please visit [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

~ Miss Wilkinson





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## Y3/4 INDOOR ATHLETICS

Some of the Y3/4 children attended an indoor athletics competition at Franklin College this half term. They performed events in running, jumping and throwing. Their performance was outstanding and they came second in the heat. This has qualified them for the 'compete' finals after the holiday. Well done and good luck at the finals!

~ Mrs. Walker



- 23 Feb Start of Spring Term 2
- 5 Mar World Book Day
- 20 Mar Red Nose Day
- 23 Mar Class photographs
- 26 Mar World Maths Day
- 27 Mar Y6 Residential (PGL)
- 31 Mar Y1/2 Easter Disco
- 1 Apr Y3/4 Easter Disco
- 2 Apr Y5/6 Easter Disco
- 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

## DATA PERMISSIONS

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

## INSTAGRAM

Welholme Academy is now on Instagram! Please follow us:



## 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](http://nelsafeguardingchildrenboard.co.uk)

