



PARENTS/CARERS Newsletter



January flew by and half term will be here before we know it!

- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **uniform swap shop**. We will hold another one in the summer term – look out for the details.
- We hope that you can join us this Friday for **Open Door Friday**. Parents of children in Y4, if you would like to come along and make a joint art piece in your child's art book with them (after looking at their wonderful work first of course!) that would be fabulous.
- We have had our termly **Enquiry** this week, with a focus on assessment (feedback) and writing. I would like to congratulate the children in Reception particularly, who were doing their Drawing Club when we visited their classrooms – for their enthusiasm, contributions and outcomes – well done!
- **Parents evenings** are coming up (16th & 17th February) – appointments will go 'live' on MCAS on Friday this week. If you feel you will need more than the allotted time (10 minutes) please contact your class teacher asap and we can make an alternative arrangement.

World Book Day will soon be upon us. We always look forward to seeing children in their costumes (homemade decorated t-shirts are always a favourite). Children will be involved in visits to Yarm to support the World Book Day celebrations – Waterstones and the local library are always generous in their support. Mr Jefferies (English Lead) will distribute the World Book Day vouchers for their visits, so children will be able to make their choices. Details will be provided by each year groups teachers.

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REMINDER – we offer some free **after school clubs** to KS1&2 pupils across the year. These are not always well attended, and we want to remind you about them – we will send out a message informing you of when the window to book places by MCAS is open.

	Tuesday Indoor – Dance	Wednesday Indoor/Outdoor sports
Spring 2	Y4	Y2
Summer 1	Y5	Y3
Summer 2	Y6	Y4

- **Attendance** – special congratulations to Y4AP, who have had the 'best weekly attendance' more than any other class since September. Well done!
- Children recently had presentations from Cleveland Fire service around **road safety** – ask them what they learned...Please support them in ensuring your driving and parking makes the roads and pavements around our school safe places for them.

Safer Internet Day 2026 Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Next week we will be highlighting internet safety (which we also do across the terms as part of our computing curriculum). I received some information from the Trust this week which I hope will support you in managing the risks for your children in relation to the App 'Discord'. Discord is a popular communication platform, originally designed for gamers but now used by a wide range of online communities. It allows users to chat via text, voice, and video, and is particularly popular among children, teenagers and young adults. You have to be 13 or older to have a Discord account. As information sharing suggests, there are no restrictions to prevent accounts being set up by younger children. Police have shared that this app is very dangerous, and children are at risk of criminal and sexual exploitation. Discord is blocked via our school filtering and monitoring system, but children may be at risk at home on their personal devices. Reading the statistical facts on the briefing is scary, for example in a 3-month period, Discord reported 155,873 accounts were removed for child safety.

- We have been asked to share the following information about **ARCH** (a specialist sexual violence service based in Teesside) with our community and although we would all hope that we never need it, you may be able to share with someone who does:

Children & Young People's Support:

An overview of our counselling, Children's Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (CHISVA), play therapy, and education pathways, and how to refer into specialist support.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1981113493790?aff=oddtcreator>

The Light Project: Supporting Parents & Carers: Learn how our parenting programme helps non-abusing parents and caregivers respond to trauma and rebuild safety and resilience.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-light-project-support-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-1981161968780?aff=oddtcreator>

We were asked to support Healthy Heart awareness, by our local medical surgery on Worsall Road. Some of the children's work is being displayed in the surgery...



Day 1 Yourself	Day 2 Your favourite thing in your bedroom	Day 3 The animal you would most like to be	Day 4 What you had for breakfast	Day 5 Your house	Day 6 A crazy monster – scary or funny, up to you!
Day 7 A pair of shoes	Day 8 Something you would find in the sea	Day 9 Your favourite character from a book	Day 10 A robot	Day 11 Your best friend OR a member of your family	Day 12 Something red
Day 13 Something in your garden	Day 14 An activity you love to do	Day 15 Pick your favourite colour and draw something that is that colour	Day 16 A superhero	Day 17 Your favourite food or meal	Day 18 A castle
Day 19 Something that makes you laugh	Day 20 A mythical creature	Day 21 The view from your bedroom window	Day 22 Something that you find in your bathroom	Day 23 A form of transport – you choose!	Day 24 Your pet OR the pet you'd love to have
Day 25 Your family	Day 26 Your favourite TV, cartoon or film character	Day 27 Your dream house	Day 28 Something you love to do on holiday	Day 29 Fireworks	Day 30 You've finished – well done! Draw a congratulations banner!

Through School Council feedback, children in several year groups had asked for ideas for Art to do at home – as Art Lead I am thrilled and am starting with drawing (so that everyone can take part with just some pencils and paper) - If you do take part I would love to share the outcomes – enjoy...

FEBRUARY 2026

REMINDER – some children are persistently forgetting their water bottle and although we have bought some 'spares', we do not always have extra cups/bottles to offer. Could you please ensure that if at all possible, children check if they have their water bottle every day – and that they are regularly taken home to wash. Thank you.

FYI - We close school for half term on Friday 20th February - at 3.30pm
School reopens at 8.50am on Monday 2nd March.

Have a great week's break.