

6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an incredible week we've had exploring the world of work! From high-vis jackets to stethoscopes, the school has been buzzing with ambition. A big thank you to Mrs. Dearnley for her time and effort invested into planning and organizing such a diverse range of guests. We are also deeply grateful to our wonderful volunteers, including parents and community members, who took time out of their busy schedules to inspire our pupils. Thank you to parents and carers who have sent such positive messages about the week.

The children haven't just been listening; they've been doing! Whether it was participating in rugby training or exploring emergency vehicles the hands-on experiences have been transformative. It's wonderful to hear the playground chatter shift toward dreams of becoming engineers, journalists and paramedics.

On Thursday, we saw our school transformed into a living dictionary! To celebrate World Book Day and to further develop our vocabulary, our children came dressed as a word. Leading up to the big day, we also held our Extreme Reading Competition. We saw books being enjoyed in the most unusual places, from the tops of climbing frames to cozy garden dens. We were delighted to reward our winners with Waterstones vouchers to help them find their next favorite story.

Following our productive consultations with parents, governors, and staff during the Autumn term, we are delighted to unveil our new signage now visible throughout the school grounds. These updates proudly feature our refreshed school logo; while our look has evolved, we are thrilled that the maypole remains at the heart of our identity. It continues to serve as a powerful symbol of our community working together and our rich local heritage.

Regarding school uniforms, please note that there is no change to the uniform at present. We understand that uniform updates require careful planning, so any changes which are introduced in the future, parents will be given significant advance notice and plenty of transition time to prepare.

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Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Bateman  
Head of School

 Be Respectful

 Be Responsible

 Be Reflective

 Be Ready to Learn

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### Easter Egg Competition

As we approach the end of the term, it's time to get crafty for our Easter Egg Decorating Competition. We invite all children to get creative and bring their decorated entries into school on **Thursday, March 26th**. Our School Council will have the very difficult task of judging the entries, with winners being announced on Friday, March 27th.

### Easter Holiday Club - Towngate Primary

We have a fantastic range of activities planned to keep the children entertained, active, and creative throughout the break. Closed Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April. The trip day will be Wednesday 1st April to Pontefract Castle and you will only be able to book a full day 07.30 - 18.00 for this day.

- How to book: Please log in to your Arbor Parent Portal or App.
- Where to find it: Navigate to the 'Activities' or 'Clubs' section to select your required dates.
- Availability: Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Learning Mentor Coffee Afternoon

Miss Croisdale will be holding half-termly coffee afternoons for parents, this is an open invite to join us for a drink, chat and ask any questions you may have or seek any advice from Miss Croisdale and a family hub support practitioner in an informal setting. Our first afternoon will be held Thursday 12th March at 2:30pm. We hope to see you there!

### Grow a Maypole

We are looking to support with raising funds to replace the Gawthorpe Maypole as part of a community project. We will be communicating dates for this in upcoming weeks.

### World Coal Carrying Championship

Volunteers are needed to assist with the 63rd World Coal Carrying Championship which will be held on Monday 6th April 2026. Please see <https://gawthorpemaypole.org> for further details.

### Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done Year 2 who have achieved the best overall attendance this week. **As a school, we strive to ensure our weekly attendance is at least 97%** and your continued support is vital.

Year Group	This week's school attendance %
Reception	97.86%
Year 1	88.85%
Year 2	98.62%
Year 3	95.00%
Year 4	97.86%
Year 5	92.00%

Year 6	92.00%
Whole School	<b>94.60%</b>

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
09.03.26 to 11.03.26	Bikeability	Year 5
09.03.26	Meet the Teacher 3.30pm	Year 1 & 4
09.03.26	First Steps Together	New Nursery Parents
16.03.26	First Steps Together	New Nursery Parents
18.03.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Year 2
20.03.26	Red Nose Day	Whole School
26.03.26	Spring Fair 10am - 11.30am	Nursery and Reception
27.03.26	Break Up Today	Whole School Including Nursery
13.04.26	Return To School	Whole School Including Nursery
27.04.26	Parent's evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Reception - Year 5
29.04.26	Parent's evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Reception - Year 5
01.05.26	Sports Day	Whole School
06.05.25	Class School Photos	Whole School Including Nursery
07.05.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Reception
11.05.26	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6
20.05.26	Grandparent's Day	Nursery
21.05.26	Break Up Today	Whole School Including Nursery
22.05.26	INSET Day	Whole School Including Nursery
08.06.26	Return To School	Whole School Including Nursery
W.C 08.06.26	Phonics Check	Year 1
	Multiplication Check	Year 4
23.06.26	Open Classroom	All classes
13.06.26	Nursery Open Morning	New Nursery Parents
19.06.26	Farm Trip	Reception
09.07.26	End of Year Disco	Year 6
17.07.26	End of Year Performance	Year 6
20.07.26 - 22.07.26	Residential	Year 6
21.07.26	End of Year Performance and picnic	Reception and Nursery
24.07.26	Celebration Afternoon	Year 6 Families
24.07.26	Break Up Today	Whole School

## Coffee afternoon with Miss Croisdale



Come along to join me for a drink, a catch up and a friendly chat.  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
2:30-3:00

Half day: 7.30am until 12.30pm - £15  
1.00pm until 6.00pm - £15  
Full day: 7.30am until 6.00pm - £30  
9.00am until 3.00pm - £18

## Easter Holiday Club

MARCH                      APRIL  
**30TH TO 10TH**

Closed Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April

1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK ACTIVITIES - EASTER EGG HUNT, EASTER BONNET MAKING, TRIP TO PONTEFRAC CASTLE, VISIT FROM EASTER BUNNY

2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK ACTIVITIES - SPRING TIME, PLANTING BULBS, FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, PLAY ON THE FIELD, VISIT PARK

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