



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

Thank you for your patience as some classes were disrupted due to the teacher's strike this week. It was certainly very quiet in school yesterday with only 2 classes in. There is no further industrial action planned at the current time.

We have loved seeing the children in their bright and colourful clothes today. They have certainly made us smile!



Click [here](#) if you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief through our school's page.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Join us and try to walk, scoot or cycle to school as many days as you can during the event.

On each day of the challenge, schools across the UK compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. There are prizes to be won each day.

We are doing our own in-school competition too. The class who has walked, scooted or cycled to school the most over the 2 weeks will get a yummy surprise!



Last Chance to book your Parents Evening slot for either Tuesday 21st March or Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Attenborough

<https://calendar.app.google/RZoqnwsUDixAjVaR8>

Hadid

<https://calendar.app.google/ySYrvEX4XCTu7XWV6>

Farah

<https://calendar.app.google/qBEwMryqUwvzmBBBeA>

Kahlo

<https://calendar.app.google/>

Val will not be monitoring the crossing on Leeman Road on Wednesday 22nd March at 3pm. Please remind your children to be sensible and safe near the road.



Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

Attenborough: Lucas, Annabella & Jas

Hadid: Ethan, Aria & Eliza

Farah: Kayden, Hugo & Travis

Kahlo: Eli, Alick and Esme

Well done everyone!

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This week's attendance

Whole school target: 96%

Whole school attendance: 91.01%

Attenborough Class: 89.83%

Hadid Class: 92.78%

Farah Class: 92.59%

Kahlo Class: 95.68%

Well done to Kahlo class.

Please remember to phone the school office before 8.45 am if your child is unwell or at a medical appointment.

Going to school **every day**
can help your child experience
new things.

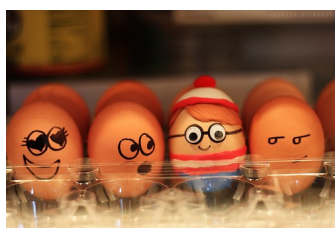
For more information on school absence, visit
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



Easter Egg Competition

Please design and decorate a hard boiled egg and bring it in to school between Monday 27th March and Thursday 30th March. They will be on display and judged by Miss Boardman on Friday 31st March.

There will be one prize given to each year group. Your children will be bringing their model home with them on Friday 31st March.



Dates

Mon 20th—Fri 31st March—Sustrans Big Walk or Wheel to School Week

Tues 21st March—Parent Evening 3:45-6pm

Weds 22nd March—Parents Evening 4:15-7pm

Monday 27th—Thurs 30th March—Egg decorating competition

Friday 31st March—10am—Easter Service at church

Friday 31st March—Term ends for Easter

Monday 17th April—Children return to school (No INSET day)

Monday 1st May—Bank holiday

Friday 5th May—Non uniform (£1) and cake sale (Kahlo to bring cakes please)

Monday 8th May—Bank holiday for King's coronation

Tues 9th—Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS

Friday 26th May—INSET School Closed

Monday 29th May—Half term

Monday 5th June—Children return

Tuesday 25th July—School closes for summer holiday

Tuesday 5th September—School reopens

Click [here](#) to view term dates for 2023-24

School Meals

We have noticed an increase in the number of school meals being booked as late as 11am on the day of the meal. From next week all school meals will need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance.

Parent pay allows meals to be booked for multiple weeks.

Click [here](#) to view the menu

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Attenborough Miss J Davison

Science week this week has led us to look at signs of spring during Muddy Mondays. We found some beautiful daffodils and daisys growing and done small bulbs starting on our trees. We also talked about the nests in the trees. On Friday we went on a mini beast hunt in school grounds finding a few small creatures.

I'm English this week both classes started a new book: reception with 3 Billy Goats Gruff and year 1 with Where the Wild Things Are. The receptions have wrote some great sentences about the goats trip trapping over the bridge while the year 1s have looked at writing descriptive sentences.

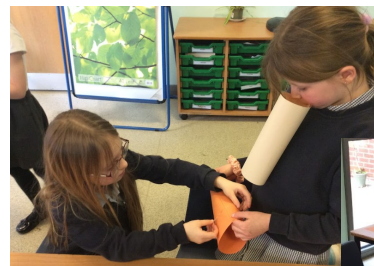


Hadid Ms Pena-Harran & Mrs R Bruce

This week was Science Week and we enjoyed connecting our Year 1 learning about senses with our Year 2 learning on living things and habitats. We investigated the outdoor area to see what living things we could identify using our five senses. It was lovely to discover the buds and spring plants emerging and to look closely at interesting things with our magnifying glasses.



In Design and Technology we have been investigating structures and which shapes would be best to use to make a chair for Baby Bear. We predicted whether a triangular prism, cuboid or cylinder would hold most weight. We were surprised to find that the cylinder was the strongest as it has no corners. We then made our own cylinders and investigated how different sizes could hold different amounts of books. We found that wide ones were more stable, especially when they were joined together. There was some fantastic teamwork too.



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Farah Ms Graystone

The children said this week has flown by, perhaps because we filled it with exciting learning.

For British Science Week, we explored the theme *Connections* by looking at our fingerprints which aligns with our learning about the human body. We used flour, graphite from pencils and cocoa powder to explore how unique we are. We spotted whorls, arches and loops.

In other learning, we've explored equivalent fractions and begun to think about how we can write our own Folk Tale. We've come up with lots of brilliant ideas as to how the stars came to be in the sky and how the River Ouse was formed..... Watch this space!



Kahlo Mr Levick

It's been a strange week in Kahlo, as Mr Levick has only been in 3 days! Our highlights are:

- Investigating different bridge shapes and types
- Refining our Shakespeare performances, getting ready for Tuesday 28th!



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Governor News

A few week's ago, we held our annual governor's visit morning. Most of our governors spent the morning in lessons and talking to children about their learning and behaviour. This is what some of them had to say about their time in school

Maths, No Problem, the new system for maths teaching across the school, is helping teachers identify and address gaps in maths learning, using interventions to help bridge gaps, and is identifying opportunities to help children work towards better learning and understanding at greater depth where they can.

It was a great morning, very enjoyable and well worthwhile.

Overall the school felt a lot calmer than during visits last year, there was a noticeable improvement in behaviour.

The School Council are an enthusiastic and articulate group of children! They obviously enjoy their roles and have a clear idea of what school council is for.

It was a pleasure to spend time in school for the Governor Visit morning.

The children were calm and focussed for their learning. We were all welcomed and the children were confident in their engagement with the adults in class and on the playground.

Have you ever wondered what the pupils of St Barnabas get up to in their school day? I can assure you it's fantastic fast paced learning, fun-filled games in the playground and a staff team who care deeply about each one's needs. If you have a few hours a week to spare I can thoroughly recommend asking how you can spend them in the school as a volunteer, so you can see for yourself .

York Easter Activities

Please click [here](#) to view a list of lots of companies offering free holiday clubs and information on the HAF programme for children entitled to benefit related free school meals.

Total Sports Holiday Camps—Please click [here](#) for more information

York City Football Foundation—Easter Holiday Dance Workshops—Please click [here](#) for more info

Family Matters Courses—Free Parenting Courses & Events April & May 2023

One of the courses is running at the Barnabas Centre, so it's very close by.

Please click [here](#) for more information

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OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code



Job	Estates & Facilities Apprentice
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Apprentice National Minimum Wage Level 3 Apprenticeship Training Course - Facilities Management Supervisor
Closes	N/A

Job	Cook (External Vacancy)
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Hutchison Catering Term time only, £10.88 per hour 10.5 hours per week – Wednesday & Friday 08:30 to 13:45 Please contact – Susie Arnold 07500 958950 or email susie@hutchisoncatering.co.uk
Closes	N/A

Job	Casual Exam Invigilators
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.00 per hour – This is a casual position and, due to the nature of the role, will provide flexible working hours at the convenience of both the school and invigilator. Further details available on request.
Closes	N/A