



NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

WHAT A BUSY FIRST WEEK BACK WE'VE HAD! WE STARTED OUR WEEK WITH AN AMAZING ASSEMBLY TO LAUNCH POETRY SLAM. IAN BLAND, WHO IS A FABULOUS POET, PRESENTED AN ASSEMBLY TO THE CHILDREN TO GET THEM INSPIRED AND THEN CONDUCTED POETRY WORKSHOPS WITH KS2 CHILDREN. THE POETRY SLAM COMPETITION IS A CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TO PERFORM POEMS THEY HAVE EITHER WRITTEN OR REHEARSED. THEY WILL TAKE PART IN CLASS HEATS, PHASE HEATS AND THEN COMPETE IN A FINAL, TAKING PLACE IN A FEW WEEKS, TO BE CROWNED POETRY SLAM CHAMPION!

 Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

ALSO THIS WEEK, RECEPTION HAVE ENJOYED A TRIP TO THE DEEP IN HULL, LINKED TO THEIR SCIENCE TOPIC 'LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS'. THEY HAD AN AMAZING TIME LOOKING AT THE FASCINATING SEA CREATURES - THE SHARKS WERE A PARTICULAR FAVOURITE!

KS1 HAVE ALSO BEEN TO OBSERVE ANIMALS IN THEIR HABITAT AT LOTHERTON HALL. THEY VISITED THE ZOO WHICH HOUSES A VARIETY OF ANIMALS FROM BIRDS TO PENGUINS! AS PART OF THEIR SCIENCE TOPIC FOR THIS HALF TERM, WHICH IS 'HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?' THE CHILDREN TOOK PART IN A WORKSHOP EXPLAINING THE LIFE CYCLE OF A PLANT.

YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN ON A REWARD TRIP THIS WEEK, DEVELOPING SOME ESSENTIAL TEAM SKILLS AT THE BOWLING ALLEY.

IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER BUSY WEEK IN SCHOOL MAKING MEMORIES. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE TRIPS TO GO AHEAD.

 Mrs Courtney

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

THIS WEEK IS **91.7%**

STARS	78.7%
Nursery	81.8%
REF	92.8%
RCW	90.3%
1JR	94.4%
1/2NC	91.1%
2MH	96.8%
3IB	90.9%
3/4CC	89.3%
4CM	94.8%
5EM	84.6%
5LB	96.7%
6LP	98.0%
6RM	97.6%
Number of lates this week	17

OUR TARGET IS 97%



DINNER MONEY

PLEASE ENSURE ALL DINNER DEBT IS CLEARED ON ARBOR. ACCOUNTS MUST BE CREDITED PRIOR TO ORDERING A SCHOOL MEAL. CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE.

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Why is it Important?

How Do You Measure Up?

Attendance	Equivalent Days Absent	Weeks of School Missed (Approx.)
95%	9 Days	2 weeks
90%	19 days	4 weeks (1 month)
85%	29 Days	6 weeks
80%	39 Days	8 weeks (2 months)
75%	48 Days	10 weeks
70%	58 Days	12 weeks (3 months)
65%	68 Days	14 weeks

89% and Below
Drastic Effect on
Academic Achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



Uniform

**POLITE REMINDER,
ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE COMING TO SCHOOL
IN THE CORRECT UNIFORM, THIS INCLUDES PE
DAYS.**

**CORRECT UNIFORM:
RED OR WHITE POLO
RED JUMPER/CARDIGAN
BLACK OR GREY TROUSERS/SHORTS/SKIRT
AND SUITABLE BLACK FOOTWEAR (SHOES NOT
BRIGHT COLOURED TRAINERS).**

**CROCS, TRAINERS, SLIDERS (AND ANYTHING
SIMILAR) ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL.**

**WHILE BRANDED UNIFORM IS PREFERRED IT IS
NOT ESSENTIAL.**



WHY GREAT ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Consistent attendance is the foundation...



Better Grades and Future Success: Regular attendance ensures your child doesn't miss vital learning, giving them the very best chance of success.



Stronger Friendships

Being in school every day helps children build and maintain more friends.

THE IMPACT OF LOST TIME

PUNCTUALITY:



Arriving just 10 minutes late every day results in 32 hours of lost learning over the school year.

The 90% Rule:



While 90% might sound high, it means your child is a "Persistent Absentee", which is equivalent to missing one whole school year every five years.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Create a Routine:

Establish a consistent bedtime and ensure they have a healthy breakfast.

Stay Organised:

Help them pack an organised backpack so they are prepared for class.

Communicate:

If you have concerns, talk to a teacher.

There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Let's make learning adventure by being there every day!

Community Events

TUESDAYS STARTING 5TH MAY 10:30-11:30 AM

SHARED TABLE - COOKING TOGETHER

WEDNESDAYS STARTING 6TH MAY 10:30-11:30 AM

LEARNING ENGLISH

WEDNESDAYS STARTING 6TH MAY 2-3PM AT THE ALLOTMENT

DAD'S DIGGING (UNCLE, GRANDAD)

THURSDAY 2:30 - 2:55 PM

PANTRY

FRIDAY 8- 9:30 AM

COFFEE MORNING

SCHOOL P.E. UNIFORM REMINDER

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A friendly guide to appropriate Physical Education kit

1 Plain White T-Shirt

2 Plain Black Shorts



3 Black Pumps or Trainers

4 Plain Black Jogging Bottoms



Let's stay active and follow the uniform guidelines together. Thank you, Victoria Primary Academy

Summer 2 Events

Dates for your diary

1 JUN	IAN BLAND - POETRY VISIT	29 JUN	Y4 LEEDS TRIP
1 JUN	EYFS TRIP TO THE DEEP	30 JUN	Y3/4 LEEDS TRIP
2 JUN	Y6 BOWLING	3 JULY	Y6 ICE SKATING
5 JUN	KS1 LOTHERTON HALL TRIP	6 - 10 JULY	Y6 BIKEABILITY IN SCHOOL
11 JUN	5LB SKELTON GRANGE TRIP	6 JULY	Y3 LEEDS TRIP
16 JUN	5EM SKELTON GRANGE TRIP	8 JULY	Y6 PROM 5PM - 7PM
19 JUN	Y6 WHITBY TRIP	16 JULY	Y6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
25 JUN	Y6 SCULPTURE PARK	16 JULY	VICTORIA'S GOT TALENT
17 JULY	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. 1PM CLOSE		

Oh, Snaps!



Year 6 Leavers Events

2026



Pizza Party
19.5.26



Yorkshire Sculpture Park
19.5.26



Bowling
2.6.26



Whitby Trip
19.6.26



Y6RM Trip
Skelton Grange
23.6.26



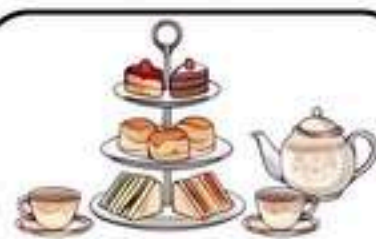
Y6LP Trip
Skelton Grange
25.6.26



Ice-Skating
3.7.26



Year 6 Prom
8.7.26



Afternoon Tea
2.7.26



Colour Run
TBC



Leavers Assembly
16.7.26



Information about these events
can be found on Arbor

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Let's Make
the Most
of the



in School!

SUN SAFETY

SUMMER SKIN PROTECTION



WEAR
BROAD HAT



USE SUNGLASSES



WEAR PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING



AVOID SUN BETWEEN
11 AM AND 3 PM



USE SUNSCREEN



DRINK MORE
WATER



REFLECTION
CAUTION



SEEK SHADE



AVOID DIRECT
SUNLIGHT

Sun safety tips



1) Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.

2) You can also check the UV index on a weather app or website. If it's 3 or higher, consider protecting your skin.

Make sure you:

- Send your child with fresh water every day.
- cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- keep babies under 6 months out of direct sunlight
- use at least factor 30 sunscreen - make sure to use enough and re-apply frequently

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