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Newsletter

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Friday 16th October 2026 Issue 6

Weekly Attendance

School Attendance up to 16th October 2026

	Last Week	This Week
Year 1 - 6	**97.88%**	**97.88%**
Reception - Year 6	**98.03%**	**98.02%**

Weekly Attendance by Team
12th - 16th October 2026

Tiny Steps	93.33%
Esk	89.81%
Nidd	98.17%
Swale	98.08%
Aire	98.90%
Wharfe	98.46%
Ouse	97.04%
Dove	99.64%
Derwent	96.40%
Foss	97.14%
Loxley	99.26%
Calder	96.67%
Humber	97.59%



A Message from Miss Towler

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week at school, filled with exciting opportunities, positive experiences and wonderful learning across our year groups.

A highlight this week was our Parent's Coffee and Chat session, which provided a lovely opportunity to meet with parents and carers, share a cuppa and hear valuable feedback about school life. I really appreciate everyone who took the time to come along and share their thoughts and ideas. Working together with our families is so important in ensuring we continue to provide the very best for our pupils and strengthen our school community.

Our LKS2 pupils also enjoyed an exciting trip to Stump Cross Caverns, giving them the opportunity to explore, discover and extend their learning beyond the classroom. It is always wonderful to see our children embracing these experiences and creating lasting memories along the way.

Looking ahead, we have another busy week coming up, with two Parents' Evening sessions providing an important opportunity to discuss the children's progress, celebrate their achievements and work together to support their next steps in learning. It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the final day of this half term – the weeks really have flown by!

I would like to thank all our families for their continued support throughout the term, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back after a well-deserved half-term break.



Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher

Important Dates

19th October
Parent's Evening

22nd October
Parent's Evening

26th - 30th October
Half Term

13th November
Teacher Training Day

17th November
Whole School Flu Vaccination Day

18th November
Everybody Dance Event

8th December
Key Stage 2 Pantomime Trip

14th - 16th December
Year 6 Residential to Peat Rigg

21st December - 1st January
Christmas Holidays

FOSHA's £20.26 Challenge

A huge thank you to all our children, families and staff for the fantastic efforts so far in our £20.26 Challenge!

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, creativity and brilliant ideas the children have come up with to help raise money for our school. Every effort, big or small, is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference.

We're excited to see what other imaginative ideas the children come up with as the challenge continues. Keep those ideas coming, and most importantly, have fun along the way!

Thank you again for your continued support and for helping make the £20.26 Challenge such a success so far.

Merger with Nexus Multi Academy Trust

We are pleased to share the news that the Department for Education has now formally approved the merger between **Ebor Academy Trust** and **Nexus Multi Academy Trust**. The new Trust will be called Nexus Ebor Schools Trust (NEST), and we are working towards a merger date of **September 2027**.

The merger brings together Ebor's experience in mainstream primary education with Nexus' expertise in specialist education and SEND, creating opportunities to share expertise, strengthen inclusive practice and provide even better support for children. The aim is to build on what is already strong in our schools while creating new opportunities for the future. We will keep families updated as the final arrangements progress.

There will be no immediate changes to day-to-day school life, and importantly, our school will retain its name, leadership team, uniform and existing governance arrangements.

Celebration

16th October 2026

Class	Star of the Week	Pride in Presentation
Nidd	/	/
Swale	/	/
Aire	Isaac	Darcie
Wharfe	Gerrard	Aubrey
Ouse	Oliver W	Rania
Dove	Niall	Lucy
Derwent	Olivia W	Dominic
Foss	Casey	Rayan
Loxley	Summer	Nojus
Calder		
Humber	Noah	Alistair
Inclusion	Paislea - Team Loxley	
Spanish	Cora - Team Wharfe	

WELL DONE

A Star in the Spotlight!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Ada's (Team Derwent) exciting achievement as she takes on the leading role of Matilda at Leeds Carriageworks this February!



Ada will be performing as Matilda in the evening performance on **Saturday 6th February** and the matinee performance on **Sunday 7th February**.



What an amazing opportunity to shine on stage and showcase her talent!

Everyone at school is delighted by this wonderful news and we would like to wish Ada the very best of luck with her performances.

Tickets are now available to book using the link below:
Matilda Jr - Leeds Carriageworks February 2027

Morning Expectations

We have noticed that lots of children are arriving at school quite early and enjoying time together on the field, including playing football and using the areas around the trees and mounts. It is lovely to see the children enjoying being active and spending time with their friends, but we do need to make sure that they are safe while they are waiting for the school day to begin.

This is particularly important for some of our KS2 children who walk to school independently and may arrive without an adult.

We have also noticed that, when the school doors open, some children are taking a little longer to make their way in from the field. This has meant that a few children have been arriving at their classrooms after the start of the school day.

We would really appreciate it if you could remind your child that, when they arrive at school, they should wait on the playground or outside their classroom and be ready to come into school when the doors open.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for helping us to give all of our children a happy and positive start to their school day.

Allergy Aware School

We are an allergy aware school.

Nuts are prohibited on school site, and should not be put in children's packed lunches or brought in as a playtime snack.

Including school trips and events.

Thank you



Smoking/Vaping

As a reminder to all parents, carers, visitors and staff, our school site is a **smoke-free and vape-free environment**.

Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on school premises, including the playground, outdoor areas and school entrances.

Medical Appointments

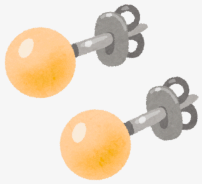
We know that arranging appointments isn't always easy, but where possible, please try to book routine medical, dental and optician appointments outside of school hours.

If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please let us know as soon as possible.

We really appreciate your support in helping your child make the most of every school day.

Jewellery Update

Just a reminder that children should wear stud earrings only.



Please can we ask that you make sure that your child doesn't wear hoop or dangly earrings for school.

We also ask that children don't wear any other jewellery to school including bracelets, necklaces and rings.



Thank you for your support with this.

A Little Reminder About Grapes

A gentle reminder to families about the importance of cutting grapes before sending them into school.

Whole grapes can be a choking hazard for young children, so please ensure grapes are cut lengthways into smaller pieces before being included in your child's lunch or snack.

What's Cooking?



This week I have been working with Team Derwent making Chicken Stew. This ties in perfectly with their learning of prehistoric Britain as this is a similar food to what would have been eaten many years ago. The children had the opportunity to practise their peeling and cutting skills. They also had the opportunity to safely use the hob to cook (boil and simmer) their stew.





The children were involved in many discussions relating to the ingredients and they were able to place them correctly on the EatWell Guide.

Well done to all the children that have visited cook school this week, your stew looked amazing and I hope you were able to share it at home.

I will continue to work with Team Derwent next week.

Young Voices News

Thank You for the (YV) Music!

Another great week of music! This week was particularly impressive, as many of our choir members returned a little tired after their trip to Stump Cross Caverns, yet still approached our rehearsals with enthusiasm and energy.

All the children continue to show such enthusiasm and determination as they learn each song - we are incredibly proud of their hard work and commitment.

Next week, we will be learning the final three songs in our ABBA medley, with the aim of being able to perform the whole medley from beginning to end, all from memory.

We can't wait to hear it come together!

¡Hola! – Celebrating Día de los Muertos in Spanish!

Next week, our KS1 Spanish lessons will be exploring the colourful and meaningful Mexican tradition of **Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).**

This special celebration is an opportunity for children to discover a different culture and learn how families in Mexico (a Spanish speaking country) remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed away. Rather than being a frightening occasion, Día de los Muertos is a joyful tradition that focuses on love, family, happy memories and celebrating the lives of those who are no longer with us. Through a fun, age-appropriate video, interactive games and engaging activities, the children will discover some of the colourful decorations, flowers and traditions associated with this special time of year.

Our aim is to help children develop an appreciation of different cultures and traditions around the world, while keeping our learning positive, welcoming and suitable for our youngest learners.

We're looking forward to a week full of cultural discovery!
¡Vamos a aprender! – Let's learn!

Green Fingers

I have enjoyed working with small group of children who helped me sort out the flower beds outside Cook School.







They have done a fantastic job in weeding and tidying up the area and they really enjoyed planting a lovely selection of bulbs.

We are very excited to see what grows next year - it should be very colourful!

Mrs Soper



Tiny Steps

Our new children have been settling beautifully into Tiny Steps, forming wonderful relationships with both the adults and their peers.

Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring all things autumnal. We observed the changing colours of the leaves and explored the natural environment during outdoor play.

We have shared the story The Leaf Man and created our own autumn tree by painting beautiful decorations. The children have also been learning new scarf songs, developing their understanding of positional language such as up, down and around.

To extend our learning at home, the children took home special autumn bags to collect natural objects to bring back and share during our check-in time. We would love families to continue exploring autumn together by talking about colours, textures and changes in nature during walks and everyday experiences.

As the weather is becoming cooler and more unpredictable, could we please remind parents to ensure children bring a suitable coat each day? We continue to make the most of our outdoor learning opportunities, whatever the weather!

Please provide your child with suitable clothing.

Nursery – Team Esk

We have another exciting week of learning ahead in Team Esk!

We will be busy exploring sounds, numbers, songs and, most importantly, learning more about what makes each of us special.

Phonics - Rhyme Time



This week, as part of Little Wandle Rhyme Time, our focus rhyme is "Baa Baa Black Sheep"
Through our sessions, we will:

- Listen carefully to different sounds and try to identify what they are.
- Have fun making different sound patterns using our voices.
- Work together to explore the different syllables we can hear in words.
- Develop our listening and attention skills through rhyme, rhythm and sound.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on numbers 1-5 through fun and familiar number songs.

Our song this week is: Five speckled frogs

Singing these songs helps us develop our understanding of numbers, counting and number sequences in a fun and memorable way.

Topic

Halloween Fun Next Week!

Next week, we will be celebrating Halloween with lots of spooky crafts and activities for everyone to enjoy!

Children are also welcome to dress up in their favourite Halloween costumes on Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October.

We can't wait to see all the wonderful, spooky and creative costumes!

Reception – Nidd & Swale





We've had another lovely week in Reception, with lots of exciting learning taking place!

This week, we have been learning all about autumn. We have been thinking about the changes we notice in the world around us, including the changing colours of the leaves and the signs that tell us autumn is here.

Phonics and Literacy

We have continued to enjoy the wonderful story Owl Babies, using it to inspire our drawing and writing. The children have been thinking carefully about the story and using their ideas to create their own artwork.

The children have also been putting their phonics knowledge into practice by **segmenting words to help them spell**. This week, we have been focusing on the word '**on**', using it to describe the owls sitting on the branch. It has been lovely to see the children beginning to apply the sounds they know to their own writing!

Please remember to check Tapestry for the sounds we have been learning this week. Little and often is the key! Repeating the sounds regularly helps children to remember them and become more confident in recognising them independently. It is also really important to **practise blending sounds together to read words**. Even a few minutes of practice each day can make a big difference.

Thank you so much for your continued support with reading at home. **Please aim to read with your child at least three times a week** and remember to record each reading session in their reading record. Sharing books together is a wonderful way to develop reading skills, build confidence and nurture a love of stories. We really appreciate your support with this!

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been exploring the language of '**more**' and '**fewer**'. The children have been learning to compare groups of objects and think about which group has more and which has fewer.

You could practise this at home by comparing toys, pieces of fruit or groups of objects. For example, you could ask, "Which plate has more grapes?" or "Can you make a group with fewer toys?" These little everyday activities are a great way to reinforce our learning!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping us make learning such a positive experience for the children.

Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week of learning together!

Key Stage 1 – Aire, Wharfe & Ouse



Reading

Thank you also for listening to your child read three times at home each week. Regular reading makes such a difference to their confidence and progress. A gentle reminder to please return your child's reading book so that they can receive a new one.

Maths

In Maths, Year 1 will be looking at comparing amounts.Year 2 will be working on developing fluency with addition and subtraction facts within 20.



English

In English, we will continue with our Talk for Writing unit, Toys in Space. Our focus will be on letter formation and using the correct adjectives to make our writing more interesting and descriptive.



Art

What a fabulous Art Day we had! The children created beautiful pieces of artwork inspired by the artist Paul Klee. We were so impressed with their creativity and the wonderful use of colours, shapes, lines and patterns in their work.

DT

Next week, we will be having a DT Day on Thursday, focusing on sewing. The children will be designing and making their own puppets, developing their creativity and practical skills along the way.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening and sharing how they have settled into their new teams!

Lower Key Stage 2 – Dove, Derwent & Foss

The children have really impressed us this week with their attitudes towards their challenge papers. They have approached them with resilience and determination, keen to show off their knowledge and many of them wanting to know what they could be working on now going forward.





We had a very fun day on Tuesday exploring the underground world at Stump Cross Caverns! It was amazing to see the rock formations and think about Stone Age people using caves as shelters to link with our History topic.



Coming up next week:

Creative Curriculum: We will be looking at the question: 'When did History begin?'
English: We will be planning, writing and editing our next independent write – a narrative inspired by an image.
Maths: We are looking at measuring length using m and cm and we will practice converting from m to cm and vice versa.
PE Year 3 & 4: Children need to come dressed in PE kit on Wednesday & Thursday. Children need to wear a pair of plain black or navy blue jogging bottoms or shorts, a plain white t-shirt and a plain black or navy blue hoodie. Children need to wear suitable shoes for PE (trainers or plimsolls).
PE Year 4: We go swimming on Wednesday. Children need to come to school in their uniform and bring their swimming kit in a bag. Earrings will need to be removed for swimming.
Y3 PSHE: To know that everyone's family is different and important to them. To know a safe and happy family life provides love, security and stability.
Y4 PSHE: To know what racism is.

Homework:

Children have had the opportunity to change their reading books today and should have a new book.
Reading records will be checked on a Friday but please can children bring their reading book and reading record into school with them each day (their reading records have their logins in so they might need to use them in the classroom).

A message will be sent out at a later date about spelling and maths homework.

Upper Key Stage 2 – Loxley , Calder & Humber



We have had another great week in UKS2. On Wednesday, we had a great football session with York City Football Foundation coaches. The children were so enthusiastic and showed fantastic collaboration. In English, we began our diary writing and the children did a fantastic job of writing a diary from the perspective of an officer evacuating from Dunkirk.



Next week:

English: We will be writing our independent diary entries from the perspective of a soldier in Dunkirk

Maths: Y5 - We will be learning about money

Y6 - We will be learning about order of operations

Curriculum: We will be focusing on the question 'How did the Nazis fortify where they occupied?'

Science: For our Earth and Space unit, we will be looking at the Sun, Earth and Moon.

PSHE: Y5 - We will be focusing on the impact of our digital footprint.

Y6 - We will be focusing on challenging prejudices about places around the world.



Please note - Team Loxley and Team Calder's P.E will be on a Wednesday and Friday for the next 4 weeks due to the Year 5 Dance Festival. Team Humber's P.E will continue to be on Thursday and Friday.

There will be no maths or spelling homework set this week.

Please encourage your child to read at least three times each week and sign their reading record. Books will be changed and reading records will be signed every Friday.

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Where & When

October 14th 2026
November 18th 2026
December 9th 2026
10 am to 12 noon
at Selby Library and Visitor Information Centre, 52 Micklegate, Selby YO8 4EQ

Who will be there?

Linda Dalgliesh – North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapist

Lisa Bairstow -North Yorkshire Council Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

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