

May Newsletter

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Year Six SATs

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils that were involved with SATs test last week. Pupils in Year 6 are tested in Reading, Mathematics as well as Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling. All of the pupils tried their best and worked really hard. We hope they get the results that they deserve. To celebrate the end of the tests the pupils went up to Village Park to celebrate. They have also been presented with their leavers hoodies. After the half-term holidays Y4 pupils will be taking part in the Multiplication and Times table check and Year 1 pupils will take the phonics screening check.



Sports days and Colour runs

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended Sports days and Colour runs this week. The weather has certainly kept us guessing. For those children in Lower Key stage 2 (Class 4,5 and 6) that missed their Sports day and Colour run this will now take place on Tuesday 2nd June at 1.30pm. The colour run will follow on immediately after –fingers crossed for fine weather.

Ducklings visit school

This year, instead of chicks hatching, we have had ducklings! As in previous years the children, from the youngest and the oldest, have been totally enthralled. Within days of arriving all had hatched and within a week they could all swim. Children throughout the school enjoyed meeting them and seeing them in action! Whilst the chicks we usually have are always lovely, the ducklings were possibly better behaved!

Keeping safe

Can I please remind everyone of the importance of contacting the school office by 9.15am if your child is absent from school e.g. for illness. Part of our safeguarding responsibility is to know where all pupils, including those who are not at school are. Where necessary, school will also conduct home visits. Finally unless you are late in the morning e.g. after 8.45am, everyone (unless it has been already agreed) should come through the green gates on Mitchell Avenue. Too many children trying to access school via the office door are making it very busy. Please support our school by being on time everyday. A huge thank to those who is here on time each day –it is greatly appreciated. Finally please be aware that as we get in to the second half of the summer term it is well worth children having a sunhat and suncream.

Collective Worship

The theme for this half-term is:

The Parables of Jesus

We have been leaning about the stories Jesus told and what they mean to us all

Governor News

On behalf of the governors and myself, I would like to say a huge well done to our marvellous year 6 children and their teaching staff who have worked so hard to prepare for the SATs, I am sure you have all done your best which is all we can ask of you.

Mrs Higgin Chair of Governors

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Attendance Update – May 2026

Our attendance team continues to work hard monitoring attendance across the whole school. This year has been challenging for us as a school with whole school attendance currently sitting below the national average of 94.9% at 93.7%. As a school, we must work together to improve attendance and give all our children the best possible start in life. Recently, we have started working with Jen Clark, from Education Five. Jen is an Educational Welfare Officer, who is supporting the team by working alongside families where attendance is falling into what is described as persistent absence – attendance of less than 90%. As you are aware in September 2024, the government changed the way it monitors attendance and also made changes to term-time holiday rules. As we approach the end of the second full academic year since these changes, please can we remind you that under the national framework in England, parents can receive a maximum of two term-time holiday fines per child within any rolling 3-year period. If you take a third unauthorised term-time holiday within those 3 years, a fine cannot be issued; instead, the local authority will initiate alternative legal actions, such as court prosecution. If you have any questions about attendance or would like any support, please contact the school office.

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.
• £160 • £160 • £160 • £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
• £160 • £160 • £160 • £160
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4 **2ND TIME**
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2000 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Upcoming dates at school

25.5.2026 Half-term Week

Sports Days + Colour runs

2.6.26 Key Stage 1 (Class 1,2 and 3) 1.30 -2.30pm followed by Colour Run @2.30pm

1.6.2026 Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check week –all Year 4 pupils

2.06.2026 Active Literacy Trail Class 1 12:30-14:30

8.6.26-12.6.26 Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week –all Year 1 pupils

19.6.2026 **Year 6 leavers event at Oakbridge CofE Primary School, Northallerton**

15.6.2026 Last week for School clubs

24.6.2026 **Year Six performance of Joseph for parents and carers** @ 2pm and 5pm

23.6.26 Y5 Dodgeball –team event- 12.00 -2.30pm

30/06/2026 Y5/6 Cricket –team event- 9.00 - 3.00pm

29.6.26 Reception New starters meeting @ 6pm – 6.45pm in the school hall for parents and carers of Children that will be joining Reception in September

9.7.2026 End of year school reports to parents and carers

10.7.2026 **PTA Summer Fayre** 3.30-5.30pm

15.7.26 Year Six Leavers Service at Church 2pm

17.7.2026 End of Term

Easter Newsletter

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Terms Dates 2025/26 and 2026/27

Summer term 2026 Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026

Half-term is: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer holiday 2026 is Monday 20th July 2026 to Wednesday 2nd September

Autumn term 2026

The Autumn term is Thursday 3rd September to Friday 18th December

Half-term is: Friday 23rd October to Friday 30th October (**PLEASE NOTE FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER IS A TRAINING DAY**)

Christmas holidays are: Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January 2027 (**PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 4th JANUARY IS A TRAINING DAY**)

Spring term 2027

The Spring term is: Tuesday 5th January to Thursday March 25th 2027

Half-term is: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Easter holiday is: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer term 2027 Monday 12th April to Tuesday 20th July 2027

Half-term is: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Summer holiday 2027 is Wednesday 21st July 2027