



## Newsletter Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

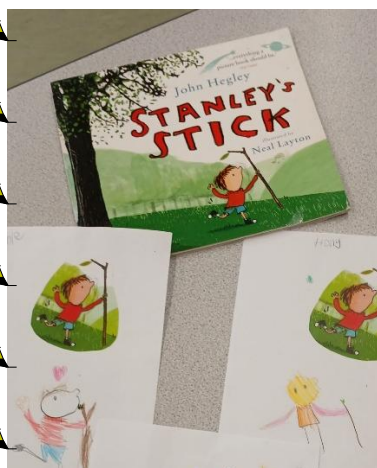
It is hard to believe that a fortnight has gone by since the last newsletter and that we will soon be in February. Already the days are getting longer and we have seen signs of spring around school. However, we have yet to enjoy some spring-like weather and the children are getting well practised at changing their shoes. Thank you for your patience when the children get home with muddy trousers and tights!

Across the school, we are continuing our work in providing positive and enriching reading material for all children. They are all enjoying browsing our wonderful collection of books and using them to inspire their drawing and writing.



Since last half term, we have been working really hard with our maths provision, with lots of staff taking part in training, visiting other schools to observe and learn, as well as using a wide range of new resources.

We are already seeing the results of this, especially with our younger children who have been helped along the way with their new friends – Numberblocks!



## Breakfast Club

Part of our wider offer is our very successful Breakfast Club which is free from 8.30 am and lots of you are making use of this provision.



## Your voice matters: Earn £20 and share your family's morning routine

We are proud to announce that Leyburn Primary School has been selected as a lead research school by the Department for Education in this area. We have a unique opportunity to help design how free breakfast clubs will look for families across the country.

We need your help. Ipsos researchers want to speak with our parents to understand your family's morning routines.

- The ask: A 30-45 minute interview or a 1-hour focus group.
- The thank you: You will receive a £20 voucher for your participation.
- Who: Everyone! We want to hear from you whether you currently use the breakfast club or not.

How to sign up: Please complete this short form:

<https://insights.ipsosinteractive.com/mriWeb/mriWeb.dll?I.Project=S25059465&id=&i.user1=S4RF5A>

Help ensure the national programme works for parents like you.

## Pop up Book Shop

Next Friday, during Puzzle Afternoon, we will be holding this month's pop up free book 'shop'.

We are so grateful for your generous donations towards this so please keep bringing them in. We want to make sure that every child in school can choose a book every month. Thank you!

## Assemblies.

Our assemblies are a collective time every day where we come together as a school to think, listen and reflect. This week, we remembered Martin Luther King Day and listened to 'Happy Birthday' by Stevie Wonder. The children enjoyed it so much that we found out more about him as a musician and civil rights campaigner, who is also blind. We listened to his first song – 'Fingertips' which he recorded when he was 12 and which went to number one! Although the quality of the film isn't ideal, here it is for you to share at home.

[Fingertips](#)

There was a real 'call and response' in the hall when Stevie Wonder sang 'Everybody say yeah!'

## Dates for the Diary:

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Y5 visit to the library

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Pantomime in school

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – National Puzzle Day

**w/b 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Dodgeball for KS2

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Number day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – TRAINING DAY

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Children return to school

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Edinburgh trip for Year 6 ; Skip2Bfit in school

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Chinese Ribbon Dance workshop