



Newsletter Friday July 10th 2026

Along with the rest of the country, we have been managing a period of unusually hot weather. We have adapted activities and made the most of the mature trees in our school grounds which have provided much needed shade.

Reminder: Sun Safety

It is essential that we all remember the following:

- Sun hats
- Sun screen applied before school
- Water bottle

If you have any spare hats at home, we would really welcome them in school as quite a few children forget to bring them, even though we keep to the trees and other shade when outside.

Sir David Hattenscarf

Luckily, we had a slight break in the weather (the school hall can get quite warm!) so that we could comfortably perform Key Stage 2's 2026 Summer Production of 'Sir David Hattenscarf'.



It was a truly wonderful performance, with every child in Key Stage 2 involved. Thank you to everyone who made it such a huge success.

Out and About

We have still managed to get out and about with year 2, year 5 and year 6 taking their learning outside the classroom and the school.

Year 2 learned all about railways at Hopetown in Darlington.



Year 5 went to Grinton and learned about life on the moor.



Year 6 stayed closer to home and learned about life in medieval times at Middleham Castle as part of its Richard III Festival.



These opportunities create such memorable experiences for the children so thank you for supporting them so well.

Summer Fun!

This week, our year 6 pupils enjoyed their much-anticipated annual water fight! Armed with water pistols, buckets and plenty of enthusiasm, the children had a fantastic time cooling off, laughing with friends and making some wonderful end-of-primary-school memories.



Our youngest children took part in their Sports' Day and it was such a happy event with everyone taking part and doing their best. We felt very proud of them all!



All children also spent a day in their new classroom, with their new teacher, ready for September.



Fabulous Fridays continue and Nature Club made the most of the cool shade of the firepit area (with imaginary fire!) which has been kindly upgraded by our wonderful parent volunteers.



On what proved to be a VERY hot day, an extremely kind member of our school community brought an ice lolly for everyone in school. It meant a lot to us all; not only was it a welcome opportunity to cool down but it really was the thought that counted. Thank you!



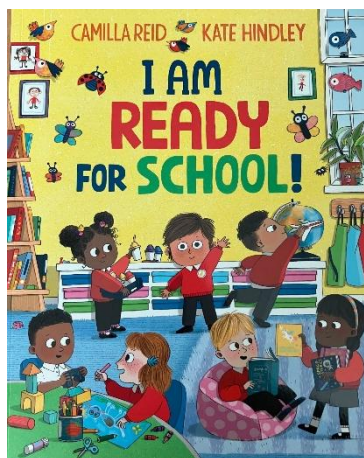
Community Links

In this National Year of Reading, it has been particularly appropriate to forge links with our local bookshop, the wonderful Wonky Tree Bookshop in Leyburn.

Our year 2 pupils visited there earlier in the year and, since the last newsletter, we have had two author events in school.



The author Jack Jackman came and led a creative writing workshop with year 4, based on his most recent book, 'Maisie vs the Pyramids'.



Then, ready for September, our new reception children met the author Camilla Reid online and thought about the exciting times ahead – lunch in the hall and a school jumper!

All children in both classes were very kindly supplied with their own copy of each book by Councillor Karin Sedgwick and have really enjoyed the fact that all of their friends have one too!

Both books are great examples of books being a window, a mirror and a sliding door and book events are more examples of our wider community supporting all of its children to have the same opportunities.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Road Safety

One of our parents, Sam Thompson, suggested that the school installed road safety barriers at both pedestrian gates. This will make such a difference and so we had to have an official ribbon cutting ceremony!



One final note...

Before we break up for the summer, please pop into school to see if any of our mound of lost property can be returned to its rightful owners. Thank you!

Wednesday 15th July - Superteams

Friday 17th July – Leavers' Assembly

Break up for the summer

Monday 7th September – training day

Tuesday 8th September – Children return to school