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Dear parent/ carer,

I can't quite believe we are at the end of Spring 1 – quite possibly the soggiest half term in history! As you know we are committed to being outside as often as possible at playtimes – we would be really grateful if you could ensure that your child has spare clothes, socks and footwear in school – these don't have to be school uniform – so they are able to get changed if they do get wet!

Hopefully Spring 2 will bring some slightly drier weather!

We would also like to remind parents that we are a nut free school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Junior Leadership Team (JLT)

Congratulations to our newly elected Junior Leadership Team – I have heard so much positive feedback about the children's presentations. Mrs Pilkington said it was great to hear such enthusiasm from the children and Mrs Todd said that she was so impressed with the amount of time and effort the children had put into their presentations. It was also lovely to see how many children had taken time to prepare presentations and to hear how highly they think of their school.

Mrs Pilkington and I look forward to holding the first Junior Leadership Team meeting after half term, where we will identify priorities for the rest of this academic year. We have no doubt that the JLT will be a real asset to the school going forward and we are really excited to see what their first project will be!



Dodgeball Tournament

Last week at Vale of York Academy, some year 5 and 6's took part in a dodgeball tournament. There were 5 teams: four of those teams were representing our school and the other team was Lakeside.

It was very close between all the teams taking part in the competition. At one point in the tournament, Dunnington A, B, C and D each were top of the table!!

Overall, all our students did extremely well and we are very proud of them. Dunnington A won the competition overall and have made it into the dodgeball finals and received a t-shirt from winning .

Written by Jimmy and William in Year 6



Year 6 Trip to Fulford – Written by Elliott

The Year 6 children from our school went on an exciting trip to Fulford. In the morning, after being split into groups, we were joined by student helpers: the two assigned to our group were Olivia and Ryan. Then, before watching a show, we had lots of fun playing dodgeball. Everyone joined in and showed great teamwork, determination and good sportsmanship. There was plenty of laughter and cheering, and it was a brilliant way to start the day together. The atmosphere was energetic and positive, with everyone encouraging each other and trying their best.

After that, we went to watch *Mary Poppins Jr.* The performance was amazing, and the actors were incredibly talented. The singing, dancing and colourful costumes made the show really enjoyable to watch. The whole theatre felt full of excitement, and you could tell how much effort had gone into the production. Some parts made us laugh, while others were impressive and magical.

Overall, the day had a happy and uplifting feel. Everyone was smiling, enjoying time with friends and making special memories together. It was a fantastic trip that Year 6 will remember for a long time!

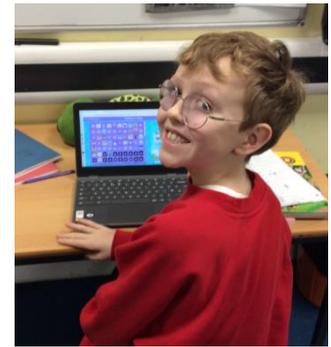
Trips like this are important because they bring us closer together as a year group. We learned the value of teamwork in the game and gained an appreciation for theatre and performance in the most fantastic way. It was a perfect mix of fun, friendship and new experiences.

Well done, Year 6, for making it such a memorable and successful visit!

Thank you PTA

We are so grateful to our wonderful PTA – their endless hard work makes such a difference to what we are able to do at school.

This year already, they have purchased 20 additional Chromebooks and are funding additional Little Wandle Books. It is amazing to be able to have a whole class working on Chromebooks whilst also being able to ensure children who need a Chromebook to successfully record their work are always able to access them. They are having a great impact on learning – we intend to develop this further next half term by explicitly using them as a tool to support the children’s recall of key information.



Olivia said:

A big thank you to the PTA for raising the money to get 20 brand new Chromebooks. We are so grateful because now we have enough to: play educational games one on one instead of having to share, we can give people who need them to do work in lessons the resources they need, we can use them for writing up our English work. The Chromebooks are a brilliant edition to our school!

Mrs Priest has big OPAL plans for the next few months that would not be possible without the PTA – thank you so much for everyone directly involved in the PTA and for those of you who support PTA events.

RESPECT – well done to all of the children who have epitomised our school values this week! Well done also to the children who were given Numbots and TTRS certificates this week

jessie



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Message for year 3/4 ...

Year 3/4 are working on biomass. Each group has chosen a biome to make. Please could the children bring in any information they can find out about the biome or pictures into school for Thursday 26th February.

Thank you, Mrs Jones

Congratulations Mrs Bradley

Huge congratulations to Mrs Bradley and her husband. Elliana Elin Bradley was born on 11.02.26. She is an absolute beauty. Enjoy these precious times Mrs Bradley – we are all looking forward to meeting Elliana and having baby snuggles soon!

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

February 2026	
Last Day of Spring 1	Friday 13 th February 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026
First day of Spring 2 – Children return to school	Monday 23 rd February 2026
March 2026	
Year 6 sit past SATS papers	Monday 2 nd March – Friday 6 th March 2026
World Book Day Bring in Wooden Spoons	Thursday 5 th March 2026
World Book Day – PJ Day	Friday 6 th March 2026
Yoyo Easter visit	Wednesday 25 th March
Parent consultations	Tuesday 24 th March 2026 Wednesday 25 th March 2026 Thursday 26 th March 2026
Last day of the Spring term for pupils	Thursday 26 th March
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 27 th March

Have a wonderful half-term.

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- **Kidslingo Club Flier – there are spaces for KS2 after half term**
- **PCF Newsletter**
- **York Families Newsletter**

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Girls' football!

Tuesdays 6pm-7pm 3G pitches York Stadium

- FA Qualified female and male coaches
- Open to all experience (Ages 5 - 10)
- Just bring enthusiasm!

Approved Wildcats Centre affiliated to Elvington Harriers.
Winter training York Stadium & Summer training (April - Sept)
Derwent Sports & Social Club, Elvington



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