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Dear parent/carer,

A huge well done to all of the children and staff who have been working incredibly hard during SATs week. You have shown such enthusiasm, determination and resilience and have approached each paper with confidence. We have no doubt you have done yourself proud – you have definitely made us proud.

Thank you in particular to Miss Dickenson for ensuring the children have remained so calm and happy!

I hope you all have a wonderful day today – you have already enjoyed a delicious breakfast treat prepared by Ros, our school cook – and a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Census Day – Thursday 21st May

Next week's lunch menu has been slightly altered because it is census day on Thursday. Please check if you have pre-ordered a lunch for your child as your choices may have been knocked off.

As you may know, the school receives funding to allow any EYFS, year 1 or year 2 child to have free school meals. This funding is calculated from the number of pupils who order a school lunch on the three census days throughout the year so it is really important for our budget that as many children choose a school dinner on these days as possible.

If your child is unsure about trying a school lunch, they are welcome to bring in a packed lunch as well that they can have if they do not enjoy the school lunch.

Bake sale reminder:

KS2 parents and carers - please bring cakes in for the KS2 bake sale – no nuts - on Thursday morning. The sale will take place on the KS2 playground and all cakes will cost 50p.

Summer Beach Day celebrating International Day of Play – Thursday 11th June 2026

We are very excited that our sandpit will be built next week ready for our beach day on the 11th June, where we will celebrate all things OPAL. Parents/carers are welcome to bring a picnic and join us over lunchtime (11:50am – 1pm) so you can see OPAL in action. If you have any unwanted beach toys at home, such as buckets and spades, we would love to take these off your hands!

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Cookery Club



Children had a great time at our new Cookery Club! Everyone worked carefully to weigh, measure, mix, form and bake delicious pizza buns. Yum! The buns smelled delicious as they cooked, making everyone eager to taste them. Throughout the session, children showed excellent focus, co-operation and enthusiasm with our cookery teacher commenting on how wonderful the session was working with them. We are very much looking forward to seeing what the club cooks up next!

Year 3-4 Cricket Tournament



Our year 3-4 children played in a cricket tournament against other teams from across York on Thursday.

We played three games and beat St George in the first game and Scarcroft in the second game - by over 50 runs in both games! This meant that we went into our final game against AYJS needing a win, to win the tournament and progress to the North Yorkshire Finals. In a very tight low scoring game, it was our fielding and

bowling that got us over the line with an 8 run win!

It was great to see our 4 boys and 4 girls playing so well together and exhibiting our values of care, effort and enjoyment throughout the tournament! Well done all!

KS2 Active Afternoon

Years 3, 4 and 5 had a great time on Wednesday afternoon in an active afternoon led by staff and pupils from Huntington School.



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EYFS Visit to Church

On Tuesday, Anning class enjoyed a visit to St Nicholas Church. The children had a guided tour of the church from Reverend McBride, and they enjoyed seeing her dressed in her special robes for the occasion! During the visit, we got to see all the special parts of the church and learn more about what things are for. The children asked some really thoughtful questions too. We were also really excited when Reverend McBride showed us how to make the bells ring - I wonder if anyone in the village heard the bells ringing on Tuesday afternoon?

Here are a few of the children's reflections on their visit:

"It was all great!" (Thomas)

"I enjoyed seeing the baby (it was just pretend!) get the baptism at the font!" (Matilda)

"I liked the stained glass windows - it had a picture of Jesus on." (Emily)

"I liked to hear the bells and watch the ropes for it move." (Mae)



Reminder for EYFS parents re: milk

Can we just remind parents that now lots of the children are already 5 or nearly 5, if you want your child to continue to have milk as part of the morning snack, you need to register on the Cool Milk site (www.coolmilk.com) and go to the Parents tab to register.

If they don't want milk, they are of course able to have their water bottle at snack time instead.

Many Thanks, The EYFS Team.

Safeguarding Alert: Viral trend causing burns

Please see article below - Children and young people are microwaving squishy silicone toys after seeing online videos claiming this makes the toys softer and more pliable. When the toy is squeezed afterwards, it bursts and sprays boiling material, which reportedly has left children's hands and faces seriously burned. <https://ineqe.com/2026/05/07/safeguarding-alert-viral-trend-causing-burns/>

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Well done to all of the superstars we celebrated in assembly today:



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Dates for your diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

May 2026	
Hate Crime Assembly led by York Youth Justice for years 5 and 6	Tuesday 19 th May
Music Workshops for KS2	Thursday 21 st May
Key Stage 2 Bake Sale – Raising money for Oscars	Thursday 21 st May
Last day of half term	Friday 22 nd May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
June 2026	
First Day back for children	Monday 1 st June
Year 3 and 4 trip to Magma	Friday 5 th June
Teach Rex workshops for EYFS and KS1	Monday 8 th June
Year 5 Residential – Boggle Hole	Monday 8 th June – Wednesday 10 th June
Year 1 Phonics Screener	Tuesday 9 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Wednesday 10 th June
Summer Beach Day celebrating International Day of Play	Thursday 11 th June Parents invited between 11:50am and 1pm.
Years 3, 4 and 5 complete NFER assessments	w/b Monday 15 th June
Whole school visit to York Mosque over three mornings	Tuesday 16 th June - EYFS and KS1 Wednesday 17 th June - Year 5 and 6 Thursday 18 th June - Year 3 and 4
Yoyo prayer spaces in church for years 2 and 3	Wednesday 17 th June
Yoyo prayer spaces in church for years 4 and 5	Thursday 18 th June
Film Night	Friday 19 th June
Year 6 residential – Low Mill	Monday 22 nd June – Wednesday 24 th June
Colour Run – Raising money for Candlelighters	Friday 26 th June
July 2026	
Sports Day – KS2am, KS1pm	Wednesday 8 th July (reserve date Wednesday 15 th July)
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Bake Sale – Raising money for Oscars	Thursday 9 th July
Reports out to parents	Friday 10 th July
KS2 production dress rehearsal	Friday 10 th July
KS2 production	Monday 13th July – 1:30pm Monday 13th July – 6pm Tuesday 14th July – 6pm These dates may need to change slightly – this will be confirmed next week.
Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Tea	Thursday 16 th July – 1:30pm
School Disco	Thursday 16 th July EYFS and KS1 – 5pm – 6pm KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Church (no parents)	Friday 17 th July – 10am
Last day of the summer term	Friday 17 th July

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Disaggregated Inset Day – no children in school	Monday 20 th July
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Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments/ links:

- **May Safeguarding Newsletter**
- **Toilet training drop in <https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/ToiletTraining>**