



Newsletter

Spring Term

wb 2nd February 2026

This half-term, we have enjoyed celebrating Storytelling week with Starbooks café and choosing which teacher to read with, as well as understanding where we belong as part of Children's Mental Health week. In our singing assemblies, we have been looking at songs that reflect the slightly lighter days, such as "Here Comes the Sun" and boosted our mood with "High Hopes" and "Keep on Movin". Thanks to all of the generosity with our fundraising events before Christmas, the library is full of new bookshelves and books, ready to be transformed into a reading forest! The cherry on top of a brilliant half term will be our pancake flipping competition next week, where we'll discover our school champion pancake flipper!

Miss Walker

Notices:

- A reminder to please ensure that you do not park on the yellow lines outside school during pick up and drop off times as this delays the bus and causes a risk to pedestrians.
- We will be welcoming 2 new reading volunteers in the next few weeks who have kindly given their time to read with our children!

School Logo

You may notice an update to our school logo on the top of the newsletter. We have updated this to support updates to our website and celebrate the Bubwith community, including the iconic bridge and swans we always see gliding down the river. This logo will be gradually introduced and while new uniform will begin to show the new logo, there is absolutely no need to replace items that are still used. We are happy with either logo being used on jumpers and bags!

Attendance

We have noticed a drop in attendance this half term, which means that a lot of learning time is being lost. To promote positive attendance, I will share class figures in each newsletter and we will do weekly certificates

for the class with winning attendance

Ash – 95.9%

Willow – 94%

Beech – 93%

Hawthorn – 95.1%

Oak – 93.3%

Attendance Ladder



Starbooks cafe



On Monday, the hall was full to the brim with family members reading with their children, enjoying hot drinks from Starbucks cups and demolishing our biscuit stash to mark National Storytelling Week. It was a lovely opportunity to read and be read to.

Break the Rules Day

Our school council fundraising initiative was a huge success a few weeks ago, raising nearly £240! School council are meeting soon to choose cosy beanbags and cushions to buy for our library revamp.



Clubs

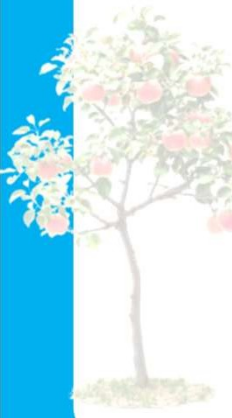
We have lots of extracurricular activities going on in school so if you would like to get involved to support our clubs or perhaps launch something a bit different, please get in touch!

	M	Tu	W	Th	F
Lunch		Chess	Drama		Crafts
After school		Nerf Guns			Choir

In Spring, Eco club will begin again – volunteers to support are always welcome.

Tree Planting

As part of our upcoming playground project, we have been given 5 fruit trees (one for each class – names to be announced!) and some hedgerows to create a school orchard. We are going to be planting next Friday and every class will be responsible for looking after their tree to ensure that it grows!

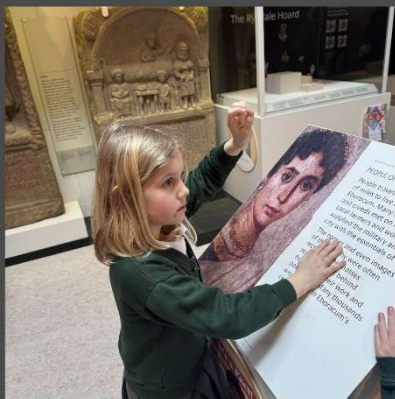


Book donations

Thank you so much to the Shaw family for a generous donation of unused picture books. We have ordered lots of new bookcases with money we have raised this year so our library is going to look very different by Easter! If any families have unused books they're looking to get rid of, we're always happy to give them a new home.



York Trip: Beech



Beech class channeled their inner Roman soldiers during their visit to the Yorkshire Museum. They had the opportunity to study different Roman artefacts in person and were terrifyingly good in their playacting as soldiers going into battle, practicing strategic formation and considering which weapons would have been used.

Back in school, they showed their appreciation to the Yorkshire Museum staff by writing thank you letters, explaining the best part of their day – unsurprisingly for most of them, it was learning that there were no walls on Roman toilets!

York Trip: Hawthorn



Hawthorn class had a fantastic day in York, applying their knowledge of the Maya civilisation at York Chocolate Story, before walking round different historic sites in York to spot remnants of the city's chocolate production. They had the chance to taste different chocolate, mix their own Maya xocolatl and create a chocolate lolly under the direction of the master chocolatiers.

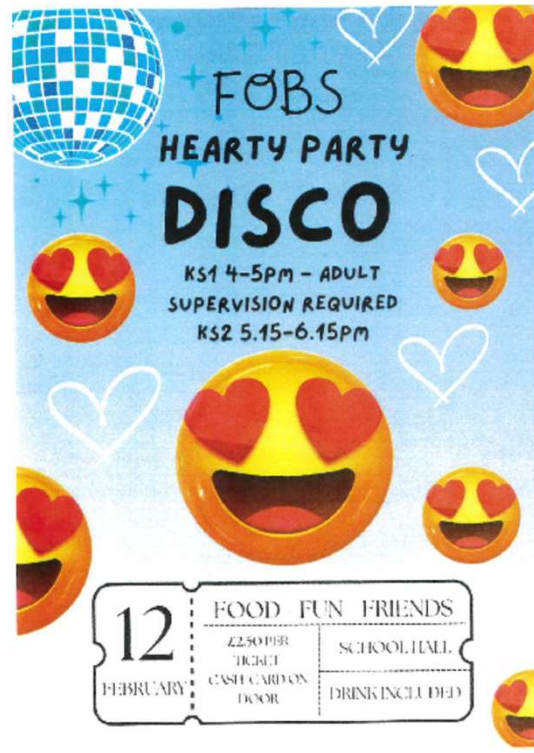
Around the city, we spotted a stained glass window memorial for Mary-Ann Craven in All Saints Church, walked through the chocolate shops in the Shambles, found the site of Terry's city shop and ended our tour at the Minster!

Oak Class Heart Dissection



In Oak class this week, we put all of our learning from our “Circulatory System” unit to the test with a dissection on a sheep’s heart! We explored the different chambers and vessels in the heart and showed impressive knowledge of how the heart functions. We noticed that the left side of the heart is tougher so that it can pump oxygenated blood around the body, whereas the right side is weaker as it only needs to send blood to the lungs. We managed to navigate our way around in the same way that blood travels, using string and even our fingers to show how blood travels from the left atrium and ventricle to the aorta. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who supported!

FoBs



Thank you to FoBs for gifting teachers with £50 to spend on something of their choice for their classrooms. While some are still deciding, Miss Smith has immediately chosen to enhance her reading area with a reading bench and fantasy-themed rug!





We are excited to announce our first colour run fundraising event at school on Wednesday 4th March (weather permitting). All funds raised will go towards new Construction playground equipment. Entry costs £5 and include the colour thrown as you go round our obstacle course as well as an individual bag of colour to throw at the finishing line. We will also be selling accessories, such as sunglasses, that you can wear to add even more colour! Please sign up on ParentPay by **Wednesday 25th February** so that we know how much colour powder we need!

Spring 1 Term Dates (so far!)

Date	Details
Monday 19 th January	Ash class visit to the Jug and Bottle old schoolhouse (within school time)
Wednesday 21 st January	Beech Class Visit to the Yorkshire Museum Hawthorn Class Visit to York Chocolate Story
Friday 23 rd January	Break the Rules Day, fundraising initiative decided by children to raise money for library beanbags and soft furnishings <i>Please see the attached flyer from School Council</i>
Friday 30 th January	FoBs fundraiser selling treats after school
Wb 2 nd February	Mental Health Week <i>Activities in classes</i>
Monday 2 nd February	National Storytelling Day Families invited to "Starbooks" café: EYFS/KS1 9-9.30 KS2 9.45-10.15 Swap and Read in classes at the end of the day
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day <i>Activities in classes</i>
Thursday 12 th February	FoBs Hearty Party discos after school
Friday 13 th February	Pancake races in school!
14 th – 22 nd February	February Half Term

Spring 2 Term Dates (so far!)

Date	Details
Tuesday 24 th February	Chinese New Year Enrichment Day We will be cooking, dancing, crafting and learning all about Chinese New Year. Children can wear "lucky colours": red (or gold, yellow, green, or purple)
Wednesday 4 th March	Holi Colour Run <i>More details to follow</i>
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day Children can dress up as their favourite book character <i>More details to follow</i>
Wb 9 th March	Science Week <i>Full timetable of workshops to follow</i>
Tuesday 10 th March	Oak Class Trip to London to the Houses of Parliament and Science Museum
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 4/5 Drax Power Station visit
Wednesday 18 th March	Ash and Willow Class visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park
17 th -19 th March	Book fair in the hall after school
Friday 20 th March	Earth Day – children need to dress for outdoor learning! Red Nose Day
Wb 23 rd March	Arts Week Parents invited in for an Easter Crafternoon: Monday 23 rd at 2pm – Beech, Hawthorn and Oak Wednesday 25 th at 2pm – Ash and Willow <i>More details of crafternoons and workshops to follow</i>
Tuesday 24 th and Thursday 26 th March	Parents' Evenings after school <i>Sign up information to follow</i>
Friday 27 th March	1pm – Families invited to our Easter Service in Church 2pm – Families welcome to our Arts Week showcase in school

