



Newsletter

Summer Term

1st May 2026

We have had a great few weeks in school, enjoying spending more time outdoors in the nicer weather and getting stuck into some exciting topics in different subjects. I know I speak for all teachers when I say that we are seeing some incredible progress from children who are working really hard at their times tables, handwriting or reading aloud and our latest assessments had some impressive results. In two weeks, Year 6 will sit their SATs tests and we know that they will do us proud. Year 1 are still working really hard on their Phonics sounds and Year 4 fill up our Friday assemblies with certificates from their times tables achievements. I hope you enjoy a sunny bank holiday Monday with your families!

Miss Walker

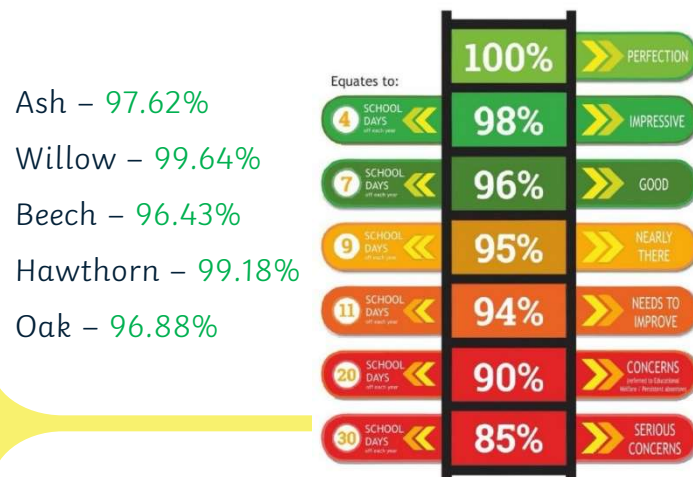
Notices:

- Eastrington Primary have asked us to share the website for the [Eastrington show on 20th June](#) so please take a look as there are lots of fun things for families to take part in!
- This half term, we are collecting bottle tops of any shape and size to support an Earth Day activity at the end of term so please bring them in to be collected in each classroom.

Attendance

Attendance is looking really strong this term so far – thank you for your support with this as every day counts with our upcoming assessments!

Attendance Ladder



Playing Outside

We are fortunate enough to be spending more time on the field outside at playtime but unfortunately this has led to an increase in rough play, injuries and speaking disrespectfully to staff trying to resolve issues. We want all children to enjoy the privilege of playing outside freely with their friends and are increasing staff supervision to support this. I am also having extra assemblies with children to remind them about behaving responsibly so I would appreciate reminders at home about this too!



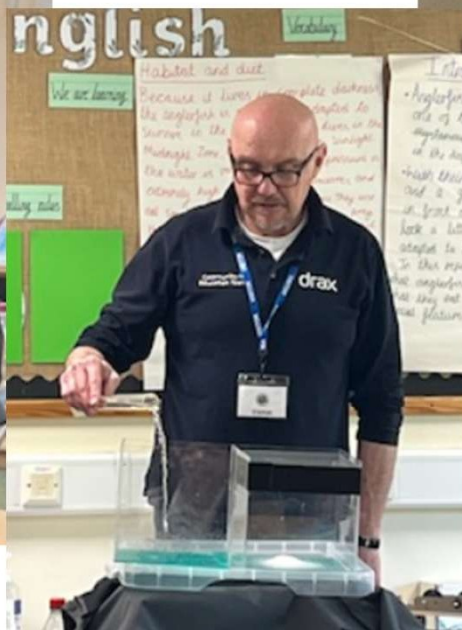
Ash Class Discovery!



Reception children in Ash Class came bursting through the door yesterday, excitedly telling us that they'd discovered some "dinosaur bones" in the wildlife area and used this to make a model of a T-Rex skeleton. They have been learning about the work of Mary Anning and very carefully chose which bones to use for each part of the dinosaur skeleton. Please do take a peek at the skeleton by the friendship huts but be careful not to disturb the skeleton!

Beech Class Drax workshop

Beech class have enjoyed our latest collaboration with Drax power station in their States of Matter workshop this week, where they explored solids, liquids and gases and put their knowledge to the test in different STEM activities! Their pocket water cycle systems on the window are a great way to see condensation and evaporation in action!



Y5/6 Science

Year 5 and 6 are being taught together on a Thursday afternoon this term while Year 3/4 are swimming and we've been looking at classifying living things, including microorganisms. This week, we investigated how different foods react with yeast to activate the fermentation process.



Tree Update

The fruit trees that we planted last term have been flourishing with the nicer weather, growing taller and some starting to produce flowers. We have been careful not to affect their growth when playing on the field and we hope they continue to thrive and eventually produce fruit!



Library Sneak Peek!



We are almost finished with our new library and as you can see from the sneak peeks above, it looks very different! We've gone for a calming reading forest theme to tie in to our rural setting and we have created lots of cosy areas to sit with a book. We will host our stay and read sessions in the new library in the week beginning 11th May so pop in if you can to enjoy the new space!



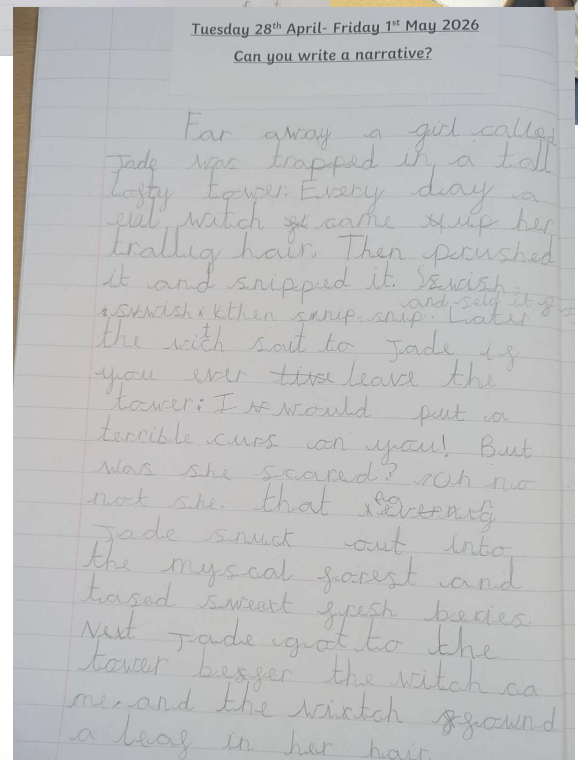
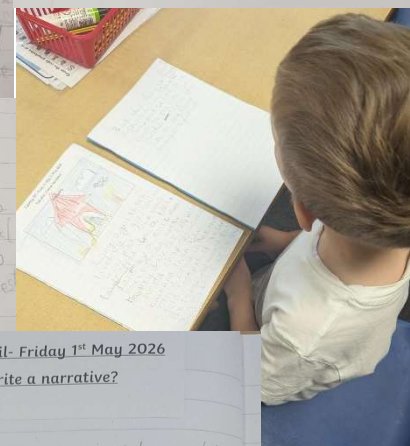
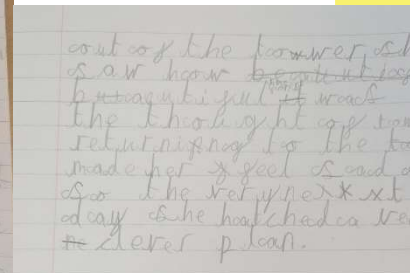
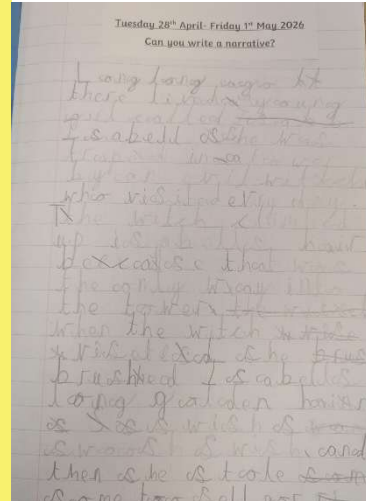
Oak Class Geography

Last week, Oak class visited the village shop as part of our Geography work on global trade. We examined the packets of different products and then used an atlas to see how far our food had travelled. We were all surprised to learn that garlic had come all the way from China!



Willow Class Writing

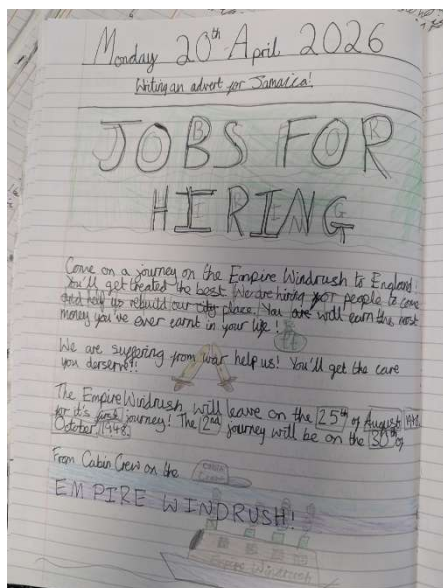
I enjoyed popping into Willow class during one of their writing lessons this week as they're putting all of their learning to work when writing their own retelling of the Rapunzel story. I was so impressed by their use of story language, carefully crafted sentences and beautiful handwriting.



Hawthorn English

Hawthorn class have been really enjoying their new English text: Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. They have been analyzing the text in Reading and using it as a writing prompt as well, empathizing with different characters.

We have been impressed at their maturity when learning about the Windrush Generation.



Summer Term Dates (so far!)

Date	Details	Family Involvement
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	
Wb 4 th May	Bikeability sessions for Hawthorn – please see individual emails.	
Friday 8 th May	Natalie Sinderson (Family Help) in for drop in support	Contact your child's class teacher to book a slot
Wb 11 th May	Year 6 SATs tests in school	Please make sure children are in school on time having had a good night's sleep and a filling breakfast!
wb 18 th May	Earth Day activities (delayed to hopefully catch some brighter weather!)	Class teachers will confirm which day children need to dress for outdoor learning.
Thursday 21 st May	Year 1 Parent Phonics Screening Check workshop	5pm to accommodate working parents – Teams link will be sent.
Wb 25 th May – May Half Term		
Monday 1 st June	School Closed to pupils - INSET	
1 st June-19 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Please ensure that children are in school every day!
Wednesday 3 rd June	Eid-al-Adha enrichment day <i>Children to wear party clothes (that you are happy for them to cook in!)</i>	Families are invited to come in for a picnic outside (or inside if bad weather) – you are welcome to bring picnic blankets etc. Children will prepare some food to share and we will have some treats for sale to raise money for charity.
Wb 8 th and 15 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Please ensure that children are in school every day!
Tuesday 9 th June	Class photos being taken in school	Smart, full uniform please for all classes. Those with P.E need to bring their kit.
Wednesday 10 th June	Beech and Hawthorn trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park	
Thursday 11 th June	Year 6 Drax lego coding workshop in school	
Wb 15 th June	National School Sports Week Children to wear P.E kits all week and can dress up as a sporting icon on Friday!	Sports Day on Tuesday 16 th June (weather permitting), from 9.30am-11.30am You are welcome to set up your sitting area after drop off time.
Thursday 18 th June	Pocklington School have invited Year 6 to a D.T workshop afternoon	Lunch is provided – more information to follow
Monday 29 th June	Oak Class trip to Eden Camp	

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Date	Details	Family Involvement
Wednesday 1 st July	Ash/Willow Class trip to Bridlington seaside	
Thursday 2 nd July	Rocksteady concert at 10am	Families of children doing Rocksteady lessons invited to attend!
Tuesday 7 th July	Athlete visiting school – all children to wear P.E kit	
Monday 6 th and Wednesday 8 th July	Transition afternoon where children will spend time in their new class	
Thursday 9 th July	Gabriella Jones (Harpist) performing to children, arranged by Howdenshire Music.	
Friday 10 th July	Open afternoon and Summer Fair	Families are invited to come into school to see children's work from across the year and collect end of year reports before spending time at the Summer Fair! Open afternoon: from 2.15pm Summer Fair: 3pm-5pm <i>Children on the bus can bring money in for the fair and be accompanied by staff for half an hour.</i>
Wb 13 th July	Languages Week in school: Monday – French Day (children can wear red/white/blue or French themed clothes) Tuesday – Greek Day Wednesday – Airport Day (children can wear clothes they would wear to travel on an adventure!) Thursday – Sign Language Day	Families in KS2 are invited to come into school to visit our French café, where children will be showing off their language skills: Monday 9-9.30am Beech class Monday 3-3.30pm: Oak and Hawthorn class
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Production to families 5pm	Tickets will be available on Parent Pay after half term.
Thursday 16 th July	Leaver's Disco (KS2)	FoBs will send out more information next half term
Friday 17 th July	End of Year and Year 6 Leaver's service at All Saints Church at 1pm	Families are invited to attend. Seats will be reserved for Year 6 families (tickets to be organised after half term). Refreshments at school following the service and then families are welcome to take children home after the service or at normal drop off time.
Friday 17 th July – School closed for Summer holidays, reopening to pupils on Wednesday 9 th September 2026		