

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Spring 1 Term

Hello

As we begin a new half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful **ASPIRE Careers Fortnight** we have enjoyed across school. It has been an inspiring two weeks, filled with meaningful conversations, hands-on experiences and opportunities for our children to dream big about their futures.

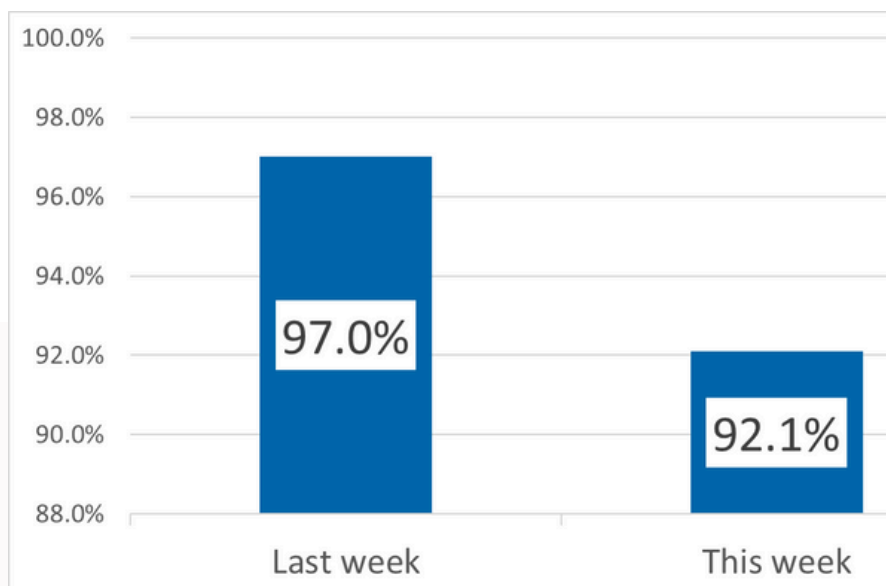
Through ASPIRE, our pupils have been encouraged to look beyond their immediate surroundings and begin to understand the wide world of possibilities open to them. Meeting people from different professions, hearing real-life stories and seeing how learning connects to future pathways helps children to build ambition, confidence and belief in themselves. These experiences are especially powerful in opening horizons and showing children that there are many exciting opportunities ahead.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to **Charlotte Russell, Wendy Midgley, Neil Clark and Louise Chadbourne**, along with other current and past parents and our local businesses, who so generously gave their time, enthusiasm and expertise. Your support has helped make ASPIRE such a success and truly brought learning to life for our children. In this newsletter, we will celebrate the many highlights in more detail, but I wanted to personally say thank you for the difference you have made.

Finally, Oak Trees parents will already be aware that Mrs Peel will be leaving us at the end of this half term to move on to exciting new ventures. We would like to thank **Mrs Peel** for her commitment, care and contribution to school life and wish her every success in the future.

With my best wishes
Mrs Mitchell

School Attendance



DIARY DATES

JANUARY

Mon 12th-23rd Jan

Aspire (Careers) Fortnight

Fri 30th

Young Voices trip (Oak Trees)

FEBRUARY

Mon 2nd - Fri 6th

Free breakfast club census week-

See poster in newsletter

Weds 11th

Landing of topic: Visit to York.

Details tbc (Conkers & Oak Trees)

Thurs 12th

FOLS Valentines Disco 5-6.15pm

(Conkers & Oak Trees)

Fri 13th

Big Sing Event 12-5.30pm at

Malton School (Oak Trees)

End of term

W/C 16th Feb

Half term break

Mon 23rd

Spring term 2 begins.

MARCH

W/C 16th

Thurs 19th

Fols Chocolate Bingo Night

Pop-Up Library Dates:

12/2, 5/3, 26/3, 30/4, 21/5, 11/6,

2/7 (Collection only)

**Please return any books
from last term ASAP**

Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:

28/1: Dodgeball (Y3&4)

4/3: Dodgeball (Conkers)

11/3: Football (Y5&6)

PARENTPAY REMINDER:

Please clear any balances ASAP.

Should you be experiencing any difficulties with this, please contact school.

Our Safeguarding Team at Leavening CP School:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Mitchell**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Bennett** | Our Safeguarding Governor is: **Mrs Isaacs**

REMINDERS:

Our **extra-curricular clubs** will begin after half term (w/c 23RD February)
We offer these every *other* half term. More details on this will follow very soon.

Please can we politely ask that you **do not park on Back Lane/outside the school during school hours**.
Instead, please park your vehicle further down the village or use the car park of the Jolly Farmers pub
(as kindly agreed by prior arrangement.)

Thank you for your support with this and ensuring the safety of our school community and respect for
neighbouring households.

'MEMORY BOX'

We were delighted to welcome parents into school to help us launch our new topic, 'Memory Box', with a very special sharing event.

Children proudly brought in historical objects connected to their own lives and family histories, and enjoyed explaining the stories behind them to their classmates and families. It was wonderful to see parents and children exploring the items together, sparking conversations about the past and making meaningful connections to our learning. The event was extremely well attended and created a warm, buzz-filled atmosphere — a truly lovely way to begin our new topic - huge thanks to all who contributed and attended!



Oak Trees pupils Robin and Esme take to the stage in local pantomime!

Esme and Robin have had the wonderful opportunity to take part in this year's Pantomime, Aladdin, organised by the Malton and Norton Musical Theatre in conjunction with Kirkham Henry Performing Arts.

The Pantomime is running until **Saturday 24th January at the Milton Rooms Malton**. Esme and Robin will be participating in this fun filled extravaganza on **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings**.

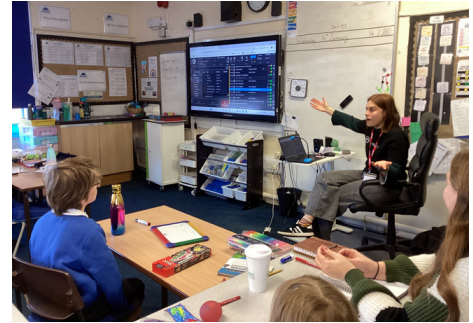
For more information and to purchase tickets to watch the show, visit their website: <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/malton-amp-norton-musical-theatre/1277-aladdin-pantomime>

Aspire Fortnight

On behalf of all of the staff and children we would like to thank all those who have visited us over the last 2 weeks to support our career related learning curriculum, including parent/carer transportation help. This newsletter showcases the innovative and wonderful learning opportunities our children have gained. These unique opportunities cannot happen without your support

Laura Castle from YorkMix Radio

"Laura came in and told us all about how she started working in radio. She explained how, when she first began, she became more and more engaged in the job, and how her passion for it grew over time. She also told us about everything that happens behind the scenes. I really enjoyed her visit and the way she made it so interactive and interesting." - Year 6 pupil



Midgley Racing: Mrs Russell and Mr & Mrs Midgley



It was a very nice visit. We all got to see the horses at the yard. We were able to pet the horses and give them carrots, which made us all feel very happy and excited. We were very intrigued by what we were doing because it was so different from anything we had done before. It was really fun to sit on the mechanical horse. The person who helped us was very supportive and helpful. We learned lots of things about the horses' body parts and where their muscles become most tense. We also met Robert's horse, Bonnie. We had a really nice time. By Sophia S.

Cake Fairy - Louise Chadbourne

"Louise came into the Conkers and Oak Trees classes to talk about her baking business. It was a very interesting lesson. She encouraged everyone to stand up and interact while talking about the different tasks involved in her work. She has many different jobs to do, such as baker, cleaner, accountant, delivery driver for the finished items, and shopping for all the ingredients. The best part was how kind she was and how clearly she was able to explain everything about her business to the children. We asked lots of questions, and many of us now want to work in baking. Her passion is also her hobby, which has inspired many of the children to want to do something similar when we are older."



Aspire Fortnight

Mr Clark: Illustrator & Author

All classes were lucky to have a visit from artist and author (as well as school parent!), Neil Clark. The children really enjoyed the interactive and fun nature of the visit. There are definitely some inspired authors in the making.



Mr Rich: Visit to talk about the Jewish community

KS1 were pleased to welcome Mr Rich, who came to talk to the children about the Jewish community and their beliefs. He shared lots of interesting information and helped the children learn more about Jewish traditions and daily life. Mr Rich brought in a fascinating Torah, which is the holy book of Judaism. He explained that it is handwritten on parchment and is treated with great care and respect. The children were very interested and asked many thoughtful and curious questions throughout the session. It was a valuable and engaging visit that helped deepen the children's understanding of different beliefs and cultures.



Mr Kumar – Robot Dog Programming

We were delighted to welcome Mr Kumar into school to talk to the children about programming using his robot dog. The session was engaging and interactive, allowing the children to learn how simple commands can be used to control and program the robot. The children were very interested and thoroughly enjoyed watching the robot dog in action.

It was a fun and exciting way to introduce early programming skills, and we all look forward to welcoming Mr Kumar back again soon.



Invitation to attend our **FREE breakfast club** during Census Week

2nd-6th February

Leavening School has become an 'early adopter school'. This means we get access to government funding to deliver a FREE daily breakfast club provision. This is available to all children in

Reception to Year 6 from 8.05am-8.35am.

After this time, they are supervised until the start of school at 8.45am.

Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast **at no cost.**

This includes a choice of **cereal, toast with preserves, fruit, yoghurt, fresh juice and water.** Food allergies are catered for.

Engaging activities are planned each morning and led by our existing school staff- Miss Woodcock, Mrs Isaacs and Mrs Taylor.

Why choose Breakfast Club?

- 🍷 A healthy breakfast sets children up for a successful day of learning.
- 😊 Children arrive at class settled, calm and ready to learn.
- 🤝 Helps children build friendships across different year groups.
- 🧠 Boosts concentration, memory and focus in lessons.
- ⌚ Gives families a stress-free start to the day with a reliable childcare option.
- ☀️ Children enjoy fun activities in a safe and welcoming environment.
- 🍏 Starting the day positively improves attendance, punctuality and wellbeing.

Attending the Early Adopters Breakfast Club from 8.05am during Census Week, will help our school to provide data to the Government to support our funding.

To book your child's place and take advantage of this scheme, please email the office **admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk**

Remember, you may book in for the **occasional morning or just for a couple of mornings a week**; it does not have to be a regular commitment.



Donation Plea!

★ **We Would Love Your Donations!** ★

Mrs Raines is giving the Conkers home corner a fantastic makeover to make it even more fun and engaging for the children. Any indoor plants will also be used in Nursery and across school, so everyone can enjoy them!

In addition, Miss Templeman is also in need of various Forest School items for Oak Trees class.

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE HOPING FOR:

- dolls wooden highchair
- fascinators
- dress hats
- ties & bow ties
- beaded jewellery (preferably on elastic)
- hair bands
- glasses (reading or sunglasses- lenses will be taken out)
- hairbrushes
- loose buttons
- small handbags
- baskets
- indoor plants
- fake plants
- old tarpaulin sheets
- spare Forest School overalls/items
- KS2-size wellies

DROP OFF LOCATION: MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE

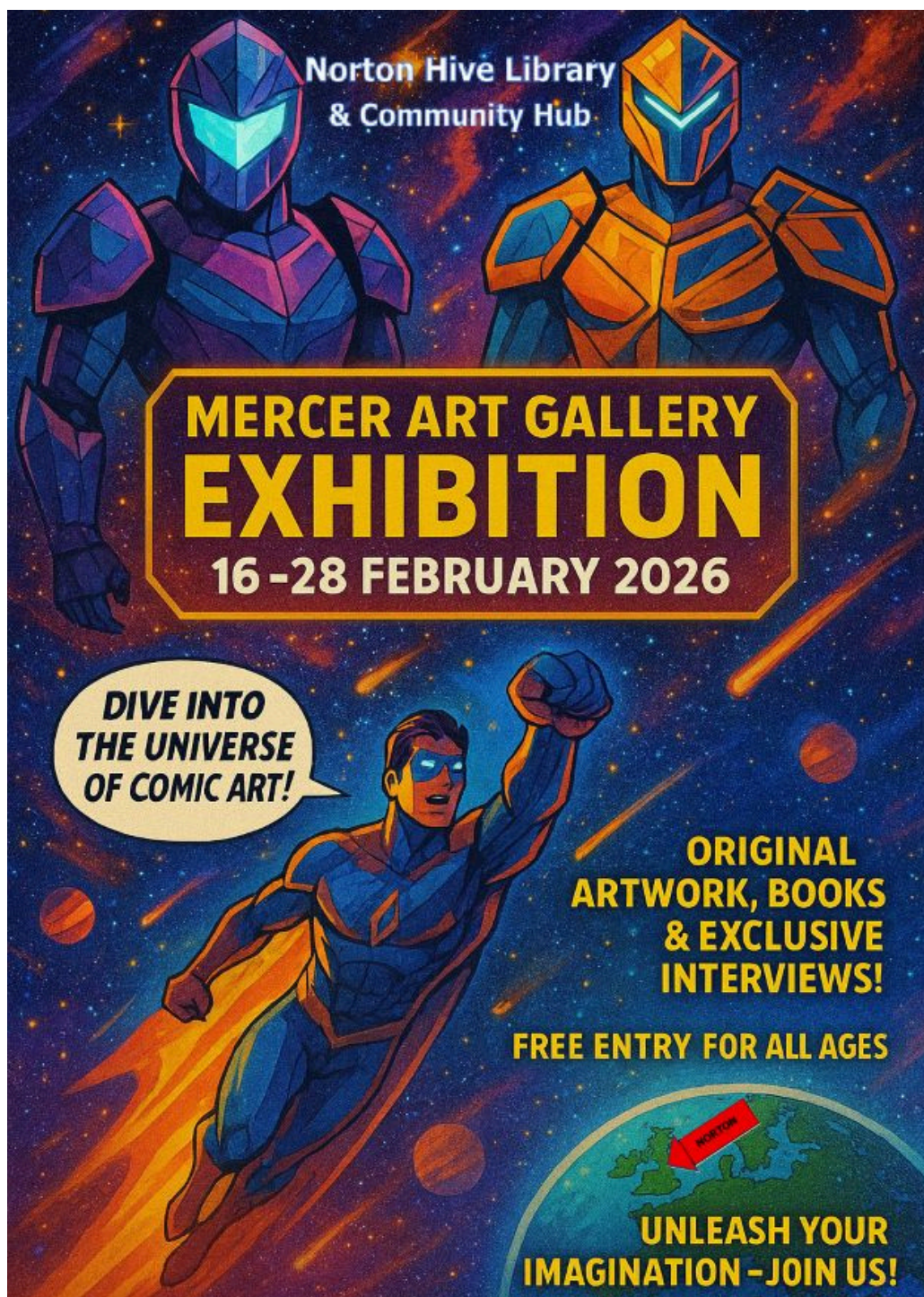
**THANK YOU IN
ADVANCE FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY! 😊**



Young Leadership Team (YLT)

Our latest Young Leadership Team comprises of **Maisie, Oliver, Ted, Isaac, Harper, Flora and Isla.**

This term, the YLT are focusing on getting the **sensory garden** ready for Spring, continuing to champion our weekly **calm club** and creating activities to support **Safer Internet Day** on 10th February.



In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

**Guide to Online Gaming
- this session will cover
the latest trends and
emerging threats.**

**We will focus on
developing your
understanding of online
gaming, the associated
risks and the steps we
can take to support our
children.**

**WEDNESDAY
28TH JAN
2026
9.30AM – 10.15AM**



Knowsley
City Learning Centres

FOLS VALENTINES DISCO

Price includes a drink and a snack.

Party games and prizes to be won!

**Children in Conkers and Oak Trees
classes are welcome to join**

**Due to space and capacity in the school hall,
we would encourage parents/carers to drop their child
off and return to school at the end of the event.**

Thank you for your support! 😊

**Parents/carers of Reception children
should stay with their child at the disco please.
If any parents/carers would like to help at the event,
please contact the office.**

5.15pm-6.30pm | Thursday 12th February 2026



Online Sleep Workshop

**Thursday 29th January
4pm-5pm**

This webinar is aimed at parents or young people needing support and advice

The webinar will focus on:

- Understanding the importance of a good nights sleep
- Advice on how to create positive sleeping habits
- Strategies to help you have a better nights sleep

Joining Information

To join our sleep workshop please scan the QR code and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:

Meeting ID: 384 531 108 582 43

Passcode: 6Gy6jJ3f

If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact
tewv.wimtwsa@nhs.net



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. myHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

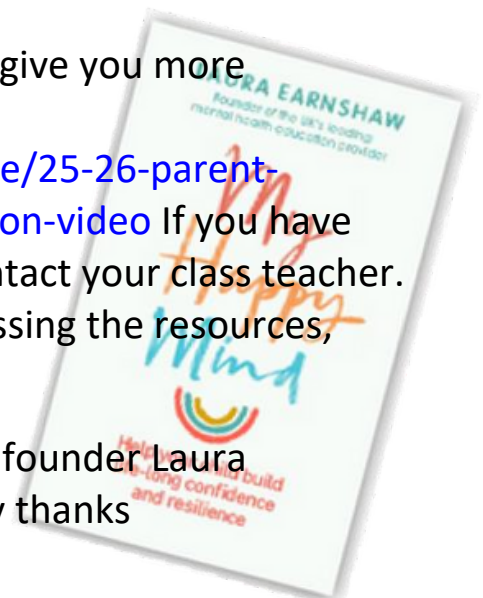
To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is 121453 *Replace the X's with your school's 6-digit URN* Or simply scan this QR code to sign up Once you have created your account you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.



~~There is a really useful video to watch that will give you more information- follow this link~~

<https://courses.myhappymind.org/courses/take/25-26-parent-resources/lessons/66597715-parent-introduction-video> If you have any questions about myHappyMind, please contact your class teacher. If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org

Want to learn more? Check out myHappyMind founder Laura Earnshaw's best selling book on [Amazon](#). Many thanks



Feeling the squeeze from rising costs?

You're not alone.

North Yorkshire Council can help point you in the right direction if you're struggling, whether that's emergency support with everyday living costs, benefits, food or energy bills.

There's information about money management, advice for families and free adult learning courses too.

Find out more at northyorks.gov.uk/NYcostofliving





Malton and Old Malton Cricket Club

Recruiting Players of All Ages for the New Season



What We Offer

- All Welcome:** No experience required!
- Fun & Friendly:** Focus on play and teamwork.
- No Kit Needed:** We provide all equipment.
- Free to Trial:** Come and give it a go with no commitment.

Programme Details

- Ages 7–11:** Indoor sessions start on Thursdays from **January** at Malton Community Sports Centre.
- Ages 4–6:** Summer "All Stars" sessions.
- Open to All:** For boys and girls of all abilities.

Interested? Contact us today!

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