

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th February 2026

Spring 2 Term

Hello everyone

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. It already feels as though there are signs of spring in the air – lighter mornings, brighter afternoons and a real sense of renewed energy around school. Although this is another shorter half term at just five weeks, it is set to be a very busy and productive one, with so much to achieve, experience and celebrate together.

One of our highlights will be the launch of our new whole-school topic, “It’s a Wonderful World.” The children will be immersed in hands-on, inspiring learning, including the return of the much-loved robot dog and exciting exploration into the future of electric vehicles and innovation. These real-world STEM experiences are a powerful way of helping our pupils to look beyond the classroom and imagine the possibilities ahead of them.

As part of our personal development and enrichment programme, pupils will also be taking part in the Big Legal Lesson, helping them to understand the rule of law, democracy and their rights and responsibilities in an age-appropriate way. Opportunities like this are central to how we prepare children not just academically, but for life beyond Leavening.

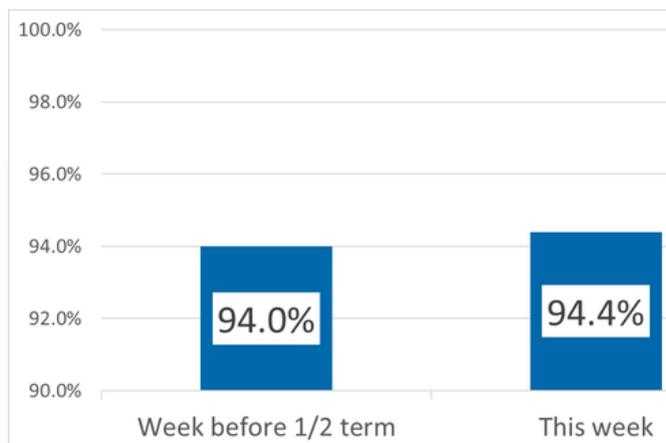
I would also like to warmly invite parents and carers to a ‘My Happy Mind’ workshop after drop-off on Monday 2nd March at 8.45/50am. This session will give you an insight into the My Happy Mind curriculum and what makes it so special. Rooted in science and positive psychology, the programme helps children understand how their brains work, build resilience, develop self-esteem and learn strategies to manage emotions. It focuses on five key areas – Meet Your Brain, Celebrate, Appreciate, Relate and Engage – giving children practical tools to support their mental health and well-being both now and in the future.

We are proud to embed this across school and would love to share more with you. There is plenty to look forward to beyond the classroom too. We are cheering on our KS1 pupils in their dodge-ball tournament and our Year 5 and 6 team in their football competition. We are excited for our upcoming Rock Steady concert and, later this term, our Spring Time Concert celebrating the arts and music. When we pause and reflect, it is remarkable just how much we offer at Leavening – from sport to STEM, music to personal development – ensuring our children experience a truly rich and balanced education.

Please do take a moment to check all the key dates for this half term so you don’t miss any of these wonderful events. As always, thank you for your continued support – together, we really do achieve so much.

-Mrs Mitchell
Headteacher

School Attendance



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Mon 2nd

Books to be brought into school for book swap (taking place Thurs)

Thurs 5th

World Book Day. Wear comfy clothes/pyjamas. Bring a book!

W/C 16th

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thurs 19th

Non-uniform day in exchange for donations for FOLS Chocolate Bingo Night (same day 4-5.30pm)

Fri 20th

Comic Relief

Dress in red/home clothes

Tues 24th

Rock Steady Concert 2pm

Fri 27th

Last day of term

APRIL

Mon 13th

Training day

Tues 14th

Summer Term 1 begins

Mon 20th

AI & Digital Literacy Workshop for Parents/Carers. Children are welcome to attend. 3.30pm

Pop-Up Library Dates:

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

Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:

4/3: Dodgeball (Conkers)

11/3: Football (Y5&6)

Please ensure ParentPay balances are cleared.

Contact school if you are experiencing any financial constraints/payment difficulties.

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**

SCHOOL NOTICES AND REMINDERS

We are thrilled to launch our new whole-school topic, “It’s a Wonderful World”, with some truly exciting STEM experiences! 🚗🤖

We are delighted to welcome back the much-loved robot dog to Leavening, giving children another hands-on opportunity to explore cutting-edge technology in action.

Alongside this, pupils will be learning about the value, benefits and future developments of electric vehicles, exploring what the future of motoring might look like and how innovation is shaping our world. These engaging, practical sessions will be both informative and inspiring. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such strong STEM links with large businesses, helping us bring real-world learning to life and raise aspirations across our school.

A FOND FAREWELL TO MRS PEEL

Mrs Peel wanted to express her gratitude to **staff, families and governors** with the following message. We wish her all the very best with her new job.

“A big thank you to all the children and families for your thoughtful gifts and kind words - it truly meant so much to me. I will miss you all very much, but I will definitely be back to visit. I would also like to say a great big thank you to all the governors for your continued support. It has been greatly appreciated.”

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS - LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!



There are spaces available in:
Games Club (free) with Mrs Mitchell and
Musical Theatre club (£2/wk) with Miss L Kemp.



We’re excited to share that there are still spaces available at **Monday Games Club!** 🎲 Join us for a relaxed, friendly session where children can choose from a wide range of fun family favourites – from **Twister, Guess Who?, Jenga, The Floor is Lava, Hungry Hippos and Buckaroo** to traditional board games like **Snakes and Ladders and quiz challenges**. The choice is theirs! It’s a great way to build friendships, practise turn-taking and enjoy some light-hearted fun – all topped off with a weekly snack.

We’re delighted to share that there are still spaces available at **Monday Musical Theatre Club!** ☀️ Children will have the chance to sing, dance and act in a relaxed, supportive environment where confidence can truly shine. From learning **fun routines and vocal warm-ups** to working on short performance pieces inspired by **popular musicals**, every session is full of **energy and creativity**. Whether your child loves being centre stage or is just finding their voice, this is a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, teamwork and performance skills – all while having lots of fun!

If your child would like to join either club, please get in touch!

SCHOOL NOTICES AND REMINDERS - CONTINUED

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day with a day of activities designed to inspire a love of reading across our school. At Leavening, we believe reading opens doors to imagination, learning and opportunity – and we are looking forward to celebrating this together as a community.

Children are invited to come to school in **comfy clothes or pyjamas** to reinforce the idea that reading is relaxing, enjoyable and something to treasure. They are welcome to bring **their favourite book** and a favourite **book belonging to a parent, carer or family member**.

We will also be running a Book Swap, where children can bring in old books they are happy to swap.

EYFS 'Stay and Read' Session – Nursery & Reception Families

To support our drive to build strong reading communities in EYFS, we are inviting Nursery and Reception parents/carers to a 'Stay and Read' session at the start of the school day on Thursday 5th March.

This will give families the chance to read with their child and see how we support early reading

If you would like to attend, please email the school to sign up.

Please bring books in for the Swap Shop on Monday 2nd March

The Book Swap itself will take place at school on World Book Day on the Thursday.

Children will **choose a new book to keep and take home**

This is a lovely way to recycle books and help children discover something new to enjoy.

Thank you for supporting our commitment to reading and helping us inspire children to become lifelong readers. Together, we can build a strong reading culture in our school – Together We Can.

FOLS Valentines Disco

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the disco, as well as to our wonderful volunteers, organisers, and supporters who helped make the event possible.

We are delighted to share that we raised a fantastic £140!



Thank you again to everyone who contributed and helped make the evening such a success.

Non Uniform/FOLS Chocolate Bingo Event: Thursday 19th March

3.30pm-5.30pm Eyes down at 4pm! | Adult: £5/each Child: £3/each. Tickets on sale NOW!

This year, the event will take place **straight after school**, so families are warmly invited to stay after pick-up and join us. We will be running a **'donation bar' from 3:30pm**, offering a selection of refreshments and snacks in return for donations. We kindly ask that each child **brings in a chocolate donation**- which will be used as the prizes.

In exchange, children may **come to school in non-uniform on the day of the event (19/03/26)**.

Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing you there!

Comic Relief: Friday 20th March

We are asking children to come to school **'red to toe'** (dressed in red or home clothes).

If you would like to support, please make a donation via **your child's ParentPay account**.

Thank you in advance for your support 😊



**COMIC
RELIEF**

For more information about Comic Relief and how your donations are used, please visit the official Comic Relief website: [Comic Relief – A just world free from poverty \(official site\)](https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/). On their site you can find details about their mission, how funds are allocated to support people facing poverty and injustice in the UK and around the world, and answers to common questions about donating, including how donations are managed and spent

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

Big Sing Event

Thank you to Mrs Stockill for organising this fantastic occasion for Oak Trees class again this year. We would also like to extend our thanks to our parent/carer volunteers for their help with transporting the children. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by both pupils and audience members.

Well done to everyone involved!

"The Big Sing was a very eventful and exciting experience! Lots of other primary schools took part, and having everyone involved in the concert made it really special. When you were on stage, it felt amazing because you could see your parents and everyone in the audience watching you. The lights were incredible too, which made the performance feel even more exciting.

It was also really enjoyable watching the other schools perform - even during rehearsals. Overall, it was a fantastic experience, and we all really enjoyed it." - Everlie, Year 6



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! 😊





Ryedale Parent Carer Groups and Talks Spring 2026

In partnership with Ryedale Special Families

Ryan Swain – You, Me & ADHD talk

Wednesday 11th February

Heidi Ridgewell Workshop

Feeling frustrated by your child's behaviour and looking for support? Join our Parent & Carer Workshop to explore where behaviour comes from, learn strategies to calm difficult situations, and discover new ways to support your child. You'll leave with practical ideas, inspiration, and tools to try at home.

Wednesday 11th March

Helen Arnold-Jenkins Talk

Helen is a SEND Governor & Vice Chair Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside & Sinnington Primary Cluster, Arete Learning Trust. Helen will share about her role and how she can support Parent Carers.

Wednesday 15th April

All Sessions held at Kirkbymoorside Community Hub YO62 6AG, 9.00am to 11.00am



More Info:
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myHappyMind

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

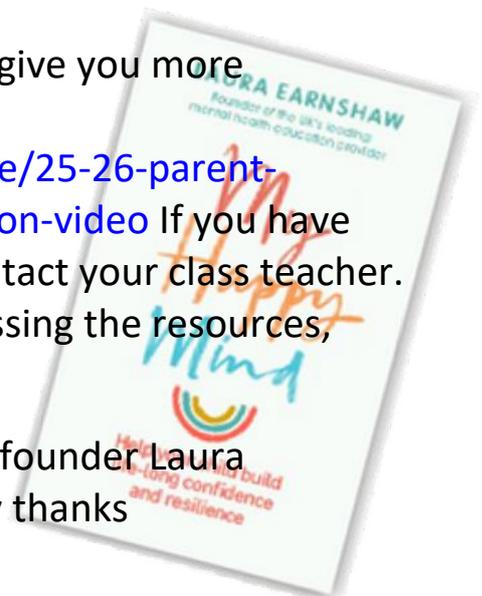
Replace the X's with your school's 6-digit URN Or simply scan this QR code to sign up Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best 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



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June

10am - 3pm



Escrick C of E
Primary School
Carr Lane
YO19 6JQ

Love to sing?

Want to perform with others?

Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13

For more details, email:
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



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ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS



15 March
19 April
14 June
20 June

10am - 3pm



The Regen
Centre
Landing Lane
YO19 6PW

Play an instrument?

Love making music with others?

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.

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