

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th March 2026

Spring 2 Term

Hello everyone

It has been another busy couple of weeks in school with lots of exciting opportunities for the children. One of the highlights was our STEM Day, where pupils had the chance to work with the robot dog and learn more about electric vehicles and the future of transport. The children were fascinated by the technology and asked some brilliant questions about how these innovations work and how they might shape the future. Experiences like this really help bring learning to life and spark curiosity about science and technology.

Thank you to the parents who came along to the My Happy Mind parent session after drop-off. It was lovely to share more about the programme and how it supports children's wellbeing in school. The My Happy Mind parent app is a great way to connect with what your child is learning. It includes short videos and simple activities that help reinforce things we teach in school, such as building confidence, understanding emotions, practising gratitude and developing positive habits for wellbeing. If you weren't able to attend, please see the information at the end of the newsletter about how to sign up.

Our KS1 pupils had a fantastic time at the dodgeball tournament and were complimented by organisers on their wonderful behaviour and teamwork. They represented the school brilliantly and supported each other throughout the games. Well done to all of them. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also enjoyed taking part in the football tournament at Norton College, showing great effort and sportsmanship while competing with other local schools.

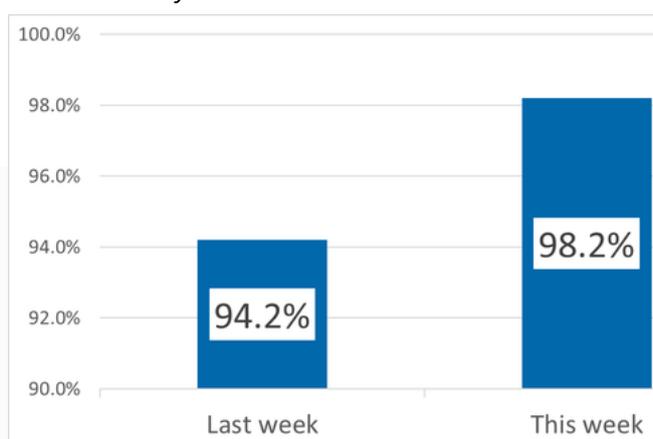
A big thank you as well to our EYFS parents who joined us for the Stay and Read sessions. Your time in school really does make a difference. These sessions help us build a strong reading community, showing children that reading is something we enjoy and share together.

Finally, a reminder that Parent-Teacher Meetings take place next week. If you haven't already booked a slot, please do so as soon as possible. These meetings are an important chance to talk about how your child is getting on in school and to discuss their next steps in learning. If a slot hasn't been booked, the office will get in touch to help arrange a time, as we want to make sure every family has the opportunity for this conversation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really does make a difference to the children and our school community.

Mrs Mitchell  
Headteacher

**School Attendance**



## DIARY DATES

**MARCH**

**W/C 16<sup>th</sup>**

Parent/Teacher Consultations

**Tues 17th**

Year 5s trip to see Chicago (am)  
Malton School drama production

**Thurs 19th**

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

House Gardening Afternoon  
(Bring clothing & wellies in a bag!)

**Fri 20th**

Comic Relief:

Dress in red/home clothes  
Spring Assembly Concert 9.30am

All welcome! Refreshments  
available from 9am

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Yr 6 Parents SATS info session  
3.15pm-3.45pm

**Tues 24th**

Rocksteady Concert 2pm

**Fri 27th**

Food around the world afternoon

**Last day** of term

**APRIL**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Training day-closed for children**

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>**

Summer Term 1 begins

**Mon 20th**

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

**Pop-Up Library Dates:**

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

**Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:**

**15/04:** Basketball, Handball,  
Netball (Y5&6)

**29/04:** Quick Rounders  
& Cross Country (Y5&6)

**Please ensure ParentPay balances  
are cleared across your account.**

## 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



**Non Uniform/FOLS Chocolate Bingo Event: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3.30pm-5.30pm Eyes down at 4pm! | Adult: £5/each Child: £3/each**

Tickets on sale now from the office (or on the door, on the night).



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 & 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**

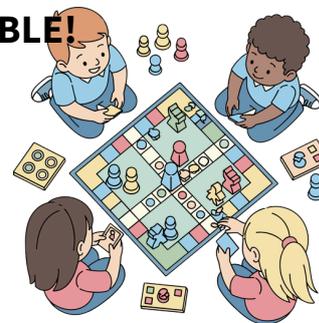
For more information about Comic Relief and how your donations are used, please visit the official Comic Relief website: [Comic Relief – A just world free from poverty \(official site\)](https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/). On their site you can find details about their mission, how funds are allocated 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/>

### **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

### SPRING CONCERT - Friday 20th March at 9:30am.

Our Spring Concert, led by Mrs Stockill, will take place on **Friday 20th March at 9:30am**. Refreshments will be available from 9:00am.

We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to attend.

**Thank you for your continued support**



### ROCKSTEADY CONCERT - Tuesday 24th March at 2pm

We are excited to let you know that our Rocksteady end of term concert will take place on **Tuesday 24th March at 2:00pm**.

The concert will last approximately **30–40 minutes**.

All children will be watching the performance as usual, and we are looking forward to celebrating the progress our Rocksteady musicians

**Please note:** have made this term.

- Children **will not** be permitted to go home with parents/carers directly after the concert.
- At the end of the performance, parents/carers will be asked to **wait in the playground**, and normal end-of-day collection arrangements will apply.

**We look forward to seeing you there, if you can make it!** 😊



Last week, our school kitchen underwent a **Food Hygiene Inspection by the Food Standards Agency**.

The Food Safety Officer assessed the levels of hygienic food handling, cleanliness, facility conditions, and food safety management within the kitchen. We are delighted to report that we have **once again** achieved the highest possible Food Hygiene Rating of **5 – ‘Very Good’**.

This result reflects the excellent standards maintained in our kitchen when preparing and serving lunches for our pupils each day.

**Well done Miss Woodcock!**



A big thanks to **Rebecca & Neil Audsley** who have generously donated **trowels** for our children to use at the allotment.

## The Free Cinema at Barton Le Willows Village Hall

- Now showing regular films on our 150 inch cinema screen in high definition or ultra high definition.
- There really are no tickets to buy, but any donations to improve the cinema and village hall would be very gratefully received.
- Snacks and soft drinks available at much cheaper prices than the regular cinema.
- Find out all about our new project on our website – search for Barton Le Willows Village Hall or scan the QR code.



# Recent highlights

## Dodgeball Tournament: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

KS1 did fantastically at the Dodgeball Tournament today! They showed our school values by being well-mannered and respectful throughout. It was lovely to see the kindness they showed towards one another while playing. They represented Leavening Primary School brilliantly – we are very proud of them!



## STEM Day

⚡ Fun with Electricity | 🚗 EV Show & Tell | 🐾 Robot Dog Laika

**A massive thank you once again to [Cummins Inc](#) for their recent visit exploring coding and AI.**

The children loved asking questions to the car infotainment system — for many it was their first experience of “AI” answering back in real time (among other fun learning things about EVs.)

Year 5/6 were especially delighted to spend time with **Laika**. Even with a brief connectivity glitch, Laika was still able to manage the show very well.

And the unexpected highlight... **robot dog meets Lenny - an actual dog!**

It was brilliant watching how the children reacted — and, to everyone's surprise, both dogs were incredibly well behaved in each other's company! Thanks for the visit: [Cummins Inc The STEM Playground](#)





# 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

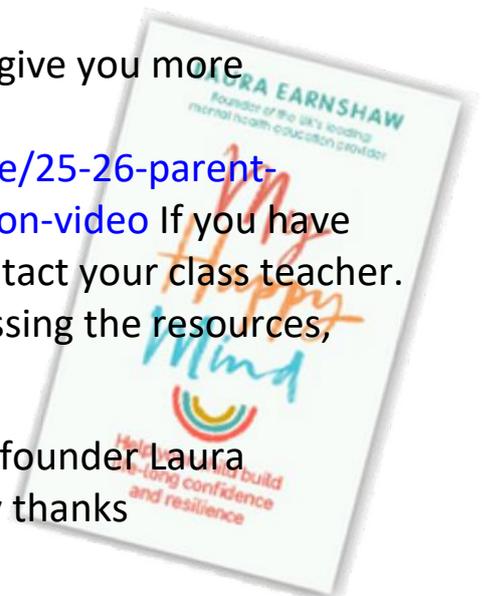
\*Replace the X's with your school's 6-digit URN\* Or simply scan this QR code to sign up Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the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

Want to learn more? Check out myHappyMind founder Laura Earnshaw's best selling book on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). 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



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

# 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.

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



Proud of  
myself

be  
yourself

I am  
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# Self Esteem Webinar



**Monday 23rd March 2026  
4pm-5pm**

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

The webinar will focus on:

- To understand what self-esteem is.
- Why we may experience low self-esteem
- To learn about the importance of good self-esteem.
- Knowledge on how to improve self-esteem.

## Joining Information

To join our self-esteem webinar please scan the QR code and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:

Meeting ID: 313 158 142 153 0  
Passcode: HD3w6H69

If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the webinar please contact  
[teww.wimtwsa@nhs.net](mailto:teww.wimtwsa@nhs.net)

[@wellbeinginmind.mhst](https://twitter.com/wellbeinginmind.mhst)



# ONLINE WEBINAR SCHEDULE SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 20th April 4pm - 5pm -  
Exam Stress

Monday 15th June 4pm - 5pm -  
Transitions

Monday 13th July 4pm -5pm -  
5 Ways to Wellbeing

All webinars can be accessed through Microsoft teams and are free to join. We welcome young people, parents and carers, teachers and other professionals to join. Joining information will be posted on our social media channels closer to the time.



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