

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Summer 1 Term

Hello everyone

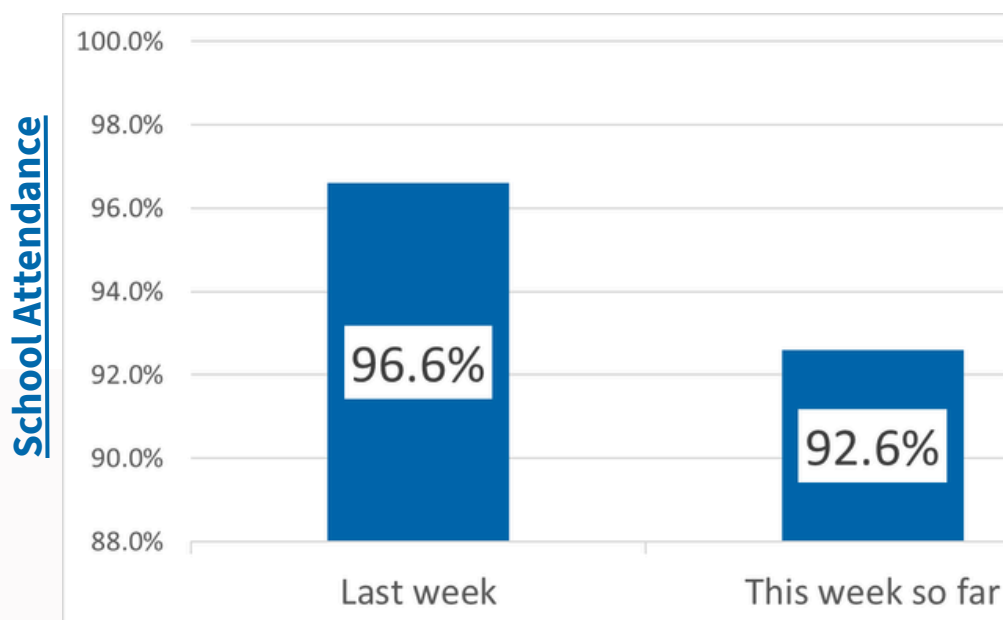
Welcome back to the Summer Term! It has been lovely to see the children return with such energy and enthusiasm after the Easter break.

We have an exciting term ahead, including our visits to Norton College Farm, where children will enjoy hands-on learning beyond the classroom. We are also looking forward to a range of sports tournaments, giving pupils the chance to build teamwork, confidence and resilience while representing our school.

We would also really value your voice as part of our ongoing development. Please do take a few minutes to complete our parent survey—there is one for our Nursery (Acorns) families and one for Conkers and Oaks. Your feedback helps us to celebrate what is working well and, importantly, identify where we can continue to improve for all of our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support—together, we can make this another fantastic term.

Mrs Mitchell  
Headteacher



## DIARY DATES

### APRIL

**Thurs 30th**

Yrs 5&6: Big School Clean Litter

### MAY

**W/c Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 SATS Week

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>**

Landing of the topic - whole school

Forest School Day

**Weds 20th**

**National Maths Day**

9-10am Parents/Carers invited to classes (email the office to sign up)

### JUNE

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**

Extra Curricular clubs start

**Tues 2nd**

Topic launch of 'Natural Disaster' with a Science themed day

**Mon 15th**

AI & digital literacy - family workshop. 3.20pm

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> & Weds 27<sup>th</sup>**

Yr 6 Transition Days:

Norton College & Malton School

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>**

Reception Starters Sept'26

Parents/Carers meeting: 3.30pm

### JULY

**Friday 5th**

**Sports Day** (Reserve date: 12th)

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>**

Rocksteady Concert: 2pm

**Thurs 25th**

Yr 5 Taster Day: Malton School

### Pop-Up Library Dates:

**30/04, 21/05, 11/06**

### Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:

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

**03/06:** Basket/hand/net ball (Y3/4)

**01/07:** Olympics (Y5&6)

**15/07:** Mixed sport (Conkers)

**Please ensure ParentPay balances are cleared.**

**Inform the school if you have any financial difficulties or issues.**

## 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**

### Supporting children to talk about world events

Recent global events may raise worries or difficult questions for children.

**The Children's Commissioner for England** has published a letter talking about supporting children through **honest, age-appropriate conversations** rather than silence

or unfiltered online information:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/supporting-children-to-talk-about-conflict-in-the-middle-east/>

**Trusted guidance** is available to help adults have **honest, age-appropriate conversations** and support **children's emotional wellbeing**:

- **Save the Children UK – How to talk to children about conflict and war**

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2022/how-to-talk-to-children-about-war>

- **Beacon House – Talking to children about war and conflict (trauma-informed guidance)**

<https://beaconhouse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Talking-to-children-about-war-and-conflict.pdf>

### Anyone Can Be a Victim

The campaign was created by **Youth Commission** members in response to peer research showing that harmful stereotypes about abuse victims still persist, leading to under-reporting and limited access to support.

Scan the QR code for further information.

- Any Gender
- Any Age
- Any race
- Any sexuality
- Any relationship
- Anyone can be a victim of an abusive relationship

Find Help:

**LEADERS UNLOCKED** **YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY**

Made by the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission

# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## Allotment Project

Children in the allotment project have been having a very productive time - pond dipping, discovering mini beasts, planting spinach, tomatoes, and herbs and enjoying the wonderful outdoor space we are lucky to have as a school. Thank you to Mr Jarvis for supporting this opportunity for our pupils.



## Samba Workshop

At the end of last term in music, we brought the Wonderful World topic to a close with a Samba workshop. All pupils explored the rhythms of Samba on authentic Samba percussion instruments learning to follow signals given by the leader on the Apito whistle. Everybody performed with confidence and accuracy and the school was vibrating with the carnival atmosphere created by the Leavening School Samba band!

Thanks must be given to North Yorkshire Music Service for the loan of the instruments.



# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: Whole School Lauch Event

## Enchanted Wood Topic

To launch our exciting new topic, **Enchanted Wood**, we held a whole-school round robin event designed to spark imagination and creativity.

The children took part in three inspiring activities: at the **clay station**, they sculpted wild and mystical beasts ready to inhabit our magical forest; in the **creative writing area**, they used their humour and flair to craft wonderfully wacky Mad Libs-style stories; and in the **drama space**, they embraced performing arts, showing confidence as they brought characters and ideas to life.

It was a fantastic start to the topic, with creativity and enthusiasm shining throughout the school.

We had a lovely afternoon sharing with our whole school community and having a great time across all year groups!



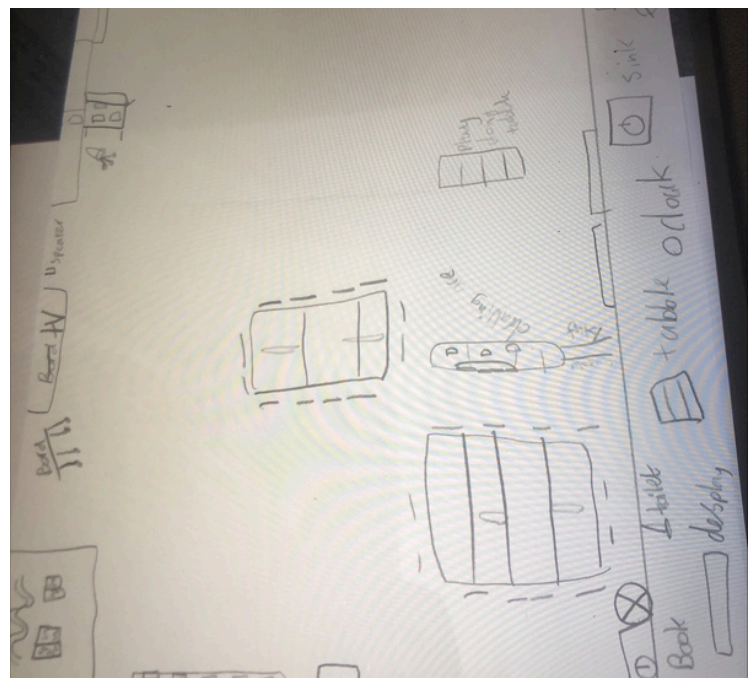
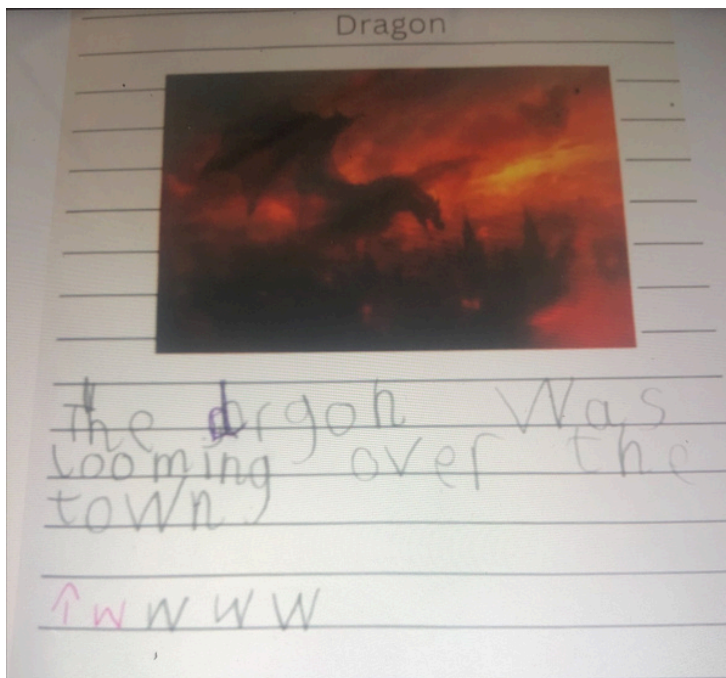
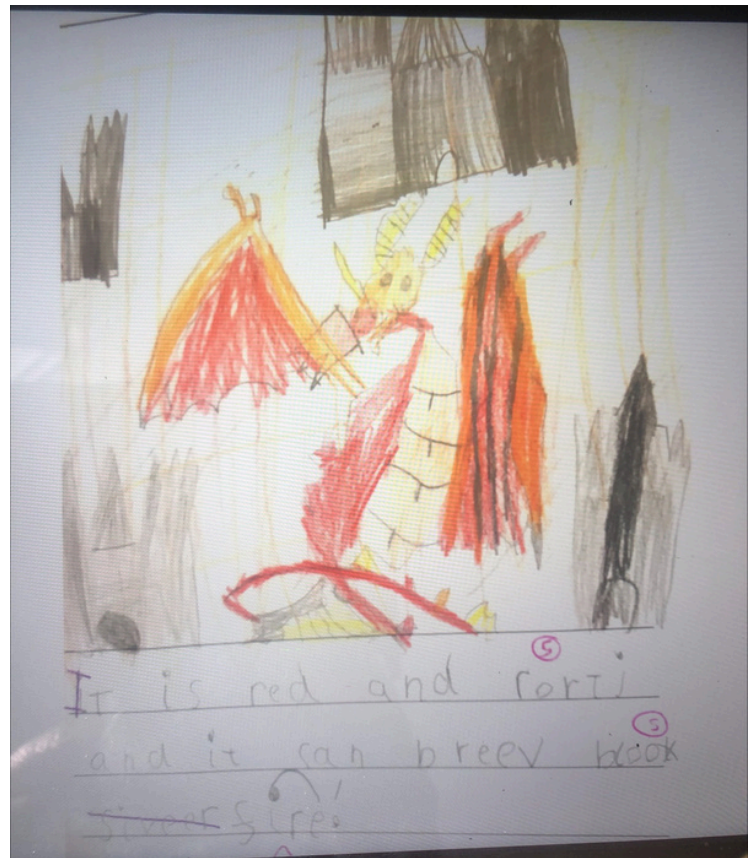
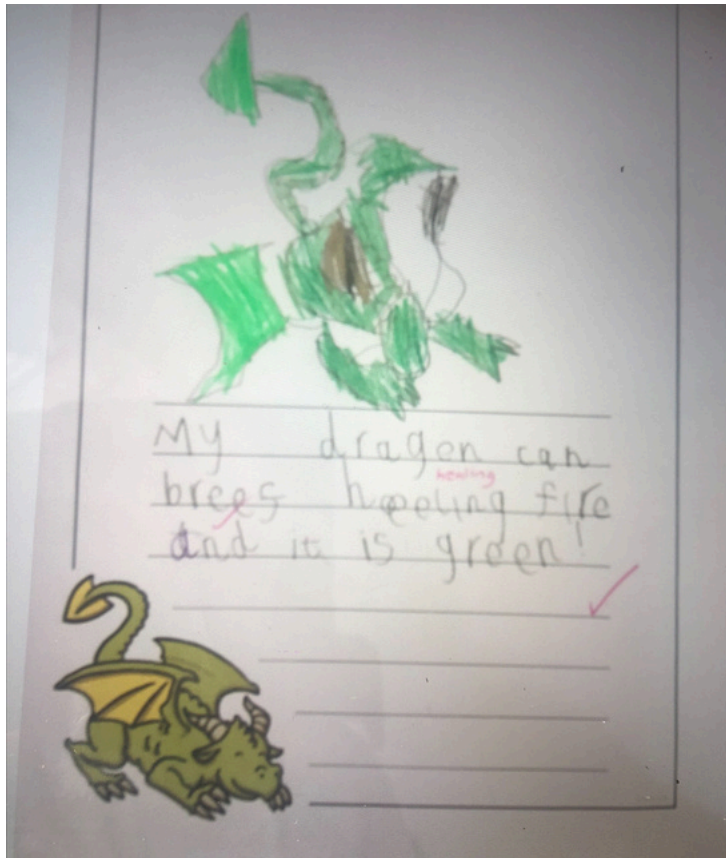
# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: Conkers Class

## From Maps to Dragons: A Busy Start for Conkers!

The Conkers children have had a great start to the summer term! We commenced our geographical study of mapping by plotting our very own classroom on a map, before some of us went a step further and added a key to help explain our symbols.

In R.E we enjoyed our first look at Hinduism and in Literacy we started our study of the traditional tale of 'George and the Dragon'.

We produced some fantastic writing; making it even more interesting by adding connecting words, adjectives, questions and similes. We are a busy bunch!



## Screen time guidance for under 5s

Juggling family life and raising children in a digital world can be challenging.

Find out more about how to **support healthy screen habits for children under 5** by clicking on this link:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s>

## Comic Relief

Thank you to all the families who donated through ParentPay.

**We raised a fantastic £45.50!**

For more information about where the money goes, please visit the Comic Relief website:

<https://www.comicrelief.com>

**Thank you for the support**

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# 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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If you have any questions please contact  
[tewv.wimtwasa@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.wimtwasa@nhs.net)

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# 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](mailto: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.

For more details, email:  
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