

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st May 2026

Summer 1 Term

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I'd just like to say a huge thank you to all of our children, families and staff for all of their support and enthusiasm.

The children had such a memorable time during our Topic Landing and Forest School Day, with lots of hands-on learning, outdoor activities and opportunities to work together and explore in different ways. We have also really enjoyed our visits to Norton College Farm and the many other enrichment opportunities that have taken place this half term. These experiences are such an important part of school life and help to bring learning to life for our children.

It was also lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school to celebrate National Maths Day – we hope everyone who joined us enjoyed the Maths learning as much as the children did!

Thank you as well to those who responded to our recent parent survey. We really value your feedback and the time taken to complete it. Governors will now help to analyse the responses and we will share the outcomes, along with any next steps, with families next half term.

One comment from the survey that really stood out to us was that we “punch above our weight” with the opportunities we provide for our children. We were incredibly proud to read this, as it really reflects what we strive to achieve at Leavening – giving our children a wide range of experiences, opportunities and memorable moments, despite being a small school.

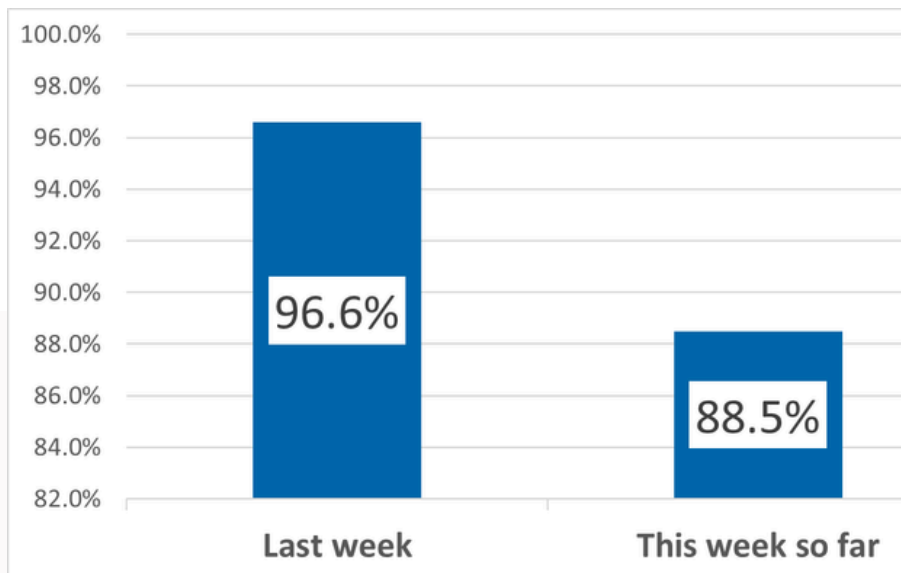
Next half term, our whole-school topic will be Natural Disasters, which we know the children will be very excited about. More curriculum information will follow after the break.

Wishing all of our families a very happy, restful and well-deserved half term!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sian Mitchell
Headteacher

School Attendance



DIARY DATES

MAY

W/c 25th Half term week

JUNE

Mon 1st

Extra Curricular clubs start

Tues 2nd

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

Friday 5th

Sports Day (Reserve date: 12th June)

Thurs 11th

Year 6s & Class Group Photos 9am

Tues 16th -note change of date

AI & digital literacy -

Family workshop: 3.30pm

Tues 16th & Weds 17th

Yr 6 Transition Days:

Norton College & Malton School

Thurs 18th

Woldies Trip (Acorns Nursery)

Thurs 25th

Yr 5 Experience Day: Malton School

Fri 26th

FOLS Sausage Sizzle 3.30-5pm

(Including the Summer Raffle Draw!)

Mon 29th

Reception Starters Sept'26:

Parents/Carers meeting: 3.30pm

Mon 29th & Tues 30th

Bikeability (Year 6)

JULY

W/C 6th: Transition week

Mon 6th

Dress rehearsal for show (am)

Tues 7th

Rocksteady Concert: 2pm

Crucial Crew (am) - Year 6

Fri 10th

School production

Sun 12th

Leavening Village Fete

Tues 14th

Year 6 Treat Day Out

Weds 15th

Yr 5 Experience Day: Norton College

Thurs 16th

Time Odyssey Trip (details to follow)

Fri 17th

Last day of term

Pop-Up Library Dates:

11/06, 02/07(collection only)

Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:

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

01/07: Olympics (Y5&6)

15/07: Mixed sports (Conkers)

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**

For attention of Year 6 Parents & Carers Children's Commissioner Survey – The Big Future



Following the completion of SATs, Year 6 pupils are being invited to take part in **The Big Future survey** led by the Children's Commissioner for England.

The survey gives children the opportunity to reflect on their time at primary school and share their thoughts, hopes and ideas about the future. Children are being asked about the things they **enjoy**, **the challenges they face**, what they would like to **change in their communities**, and what they believe makes a **good childhood** today.

The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from children and young people from all backgrounds across the country. The findings will help inform future conversations and decisions about children's lives and well-being.

Parents and carers can find out more and access the survey here:
<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Thank you very much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONKERS CLASS

Last week, we enjoyed our final visit to **Norton College farm**.

We were very lucky to meet a lamb that had been born that very morning! We really got stuck in, sweeping the barn, feeding and watering the animals and checking on the animals.

We also got to groom the guinea pigs! This was a really wonderful learning opportunity, full of hands on learning and team work opportunities!.

Thank you to all at Norton College who made it possible!





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Trinity Church York

Family Fun Day

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2026
2PM TO 4PM

FREE
ENTRY

Join us for an
afternoon of family
fun including a bouncy
castle, stalls, games,
and a short talk about
Jesus

115 EAST PARADE, YO31 7YD

May Half Term at Helmsley Arts Centre

ACTING FUNDAMENTALS 2 DAY WORKSHOP

Tue 26 May - Wed 27 May, 10am - 3pm



Join actor Freya Popplewell in a two day theatre workshop covering voice, movement and teamwork, through fun drama games! Seize the opportunity to amp up your artistry in a workshop that not only develops your skill-set, but inspires the actor within you. At the end of the second day, families will be invited to join in and be led in an hour of drama activities led by the participants themselves!

Info / Book - [ACTING FUNDAMENTALS 2 DAY WORKSHOP - What's On - Helmsley Arts Centre](#)



Ages 8-14

The Magic Faraway Tree (U)

Wed 27 May, 6pm



When a family moves to the countryside, the children are reluctant to embrace their new lives until they discover an enchanted wood full of eccentric characters in this fantasy adventure film.

Length of film: 110mins

Directed by: Ben Gregor

Starring: Andrew Garfield, Michael Palin, Mark Heap, Nonso Anozie, Simon Russell Beale

TRAILER - [The Magic Faraway Tree | Official Trailer | In Cinemas Everywhere 27 March](#)

Info / Book Tickets - [The Magic Faraway Tree - What's On - Helmsley Arts Centre](#)



Summer Singing School 2026



3 days of fun in July 2026!

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th - 10 - 4pm

Thursday 30th - 2-7pm with a performance at 6pm

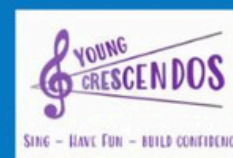


AROUND THE WORLD IN A THOUSAND YEARS

Come and rehearse and perform a semi staged concert with us this Summer holidays!

For singers aged 6 upwards - Central Malton and Norton venues - £80 per person - Family discounts available

Workshop run by Miss Nicky
from



More Information:

<https://singingwithmissnicky.mymusicstaff.com/upcoming-events>