

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th June 2026

Summer 2 Term

Hello everyone

As we approach the final few weeks of term, there is an exciting buzz around school with so many wonderful events to look forward to. Please do take note of all upcoming dates and calendar entries for your diaries.

Following the sad departure of our much-loved school dog, Lenny, I am delighted to introduce Jasper or 'Jazz' - to our school family.

Jasper is a 3-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel owned by Miss Kemp. On his school days, he will be based in the office and gradually become a familiar face around the playground as he settles in. Children will be able to enjoy a cuddle with him if they wish.

Jasper has a lovely temperament and this breed is known for being gentle and family-friendly. The children have already been so excited to welcome him.

"It's great to have another school dog. Even though Jasper is the same breed as Lenny, he is completely different. He makes us laugh and is really funny. He's really clumsy but we love having him here. He's the dog we never knew we needed!"

-Thoughts from some Oak Trees pupils

A huge congratulations to our Years 3 and 4 children on winning the recent Netball Tournament - a fantastic achievement.

We also enjoyed launching our new topic, Natural Disasters, and the children had a brilliant afternoon exploring this exciting subject.

Thank you to Miss Wilson for all of her support and enthusiasm during her teaching placement with Oak Trees since January. We wish her every success in her new teaching role.

A reminder that Sports Day takes place this Friday - please send children with drinks and hats. Parents are warmly invited **from 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start.**

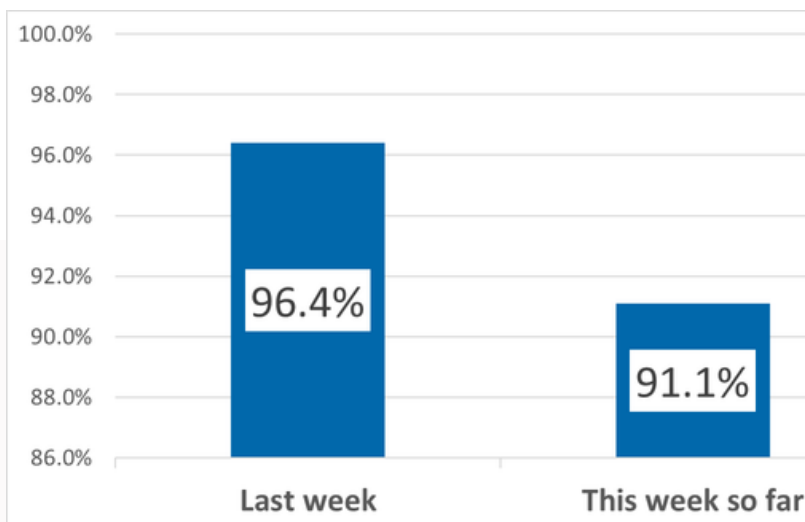
Please also join us for our FOLS Summer Social: Sausage Sizzle & Quiz and remember to return Summer Raffle tickets and monies to the office by Wednesday 24th June.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to enjoying the final weeks of term together - fingers crossed for sunshine on Sports Day!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sian Mitchell
Headteacher

School Attendance



DIARY DATES

JUNE

Thurs 11th

Year 6s & Class Group Photos 9am

Friday 12th

Sports Day (Parents/carers are invited onto the field at 1pm for a 1.15pm start)

Tues 16th

AI & digital literacy workshop 3.30pm

Tues 16th & Weds 17th

Yr 6 Transition Days:

Norton College & Malton School

Thurs 18th

AI & digital literacy workshop 9am (repeated session)

Woldies Trip (Acorns Nursery)

Fri 19th

Playground Proms (Workshop)

Thurs 25th

Yr 5 Experience Day: Malton School

Fri 26th

Playground Proms (Concert)

FOLS Sausage Sizzle 3.30-5.30pm

(Including the Summer Raffle Draw!)

Mon 29th

Reception Starters Sept'26:

Parents/Carers meeting: 3.30pm

Mon 29th & Tues 30th

Bikeability (Year 6)

JULY

Fri 3rd

Whole school show rehearsal (am)

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 9.30am & 2.15pm

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

Leavers/Celebration Assembly

Yr6 Parents vs Kids Rounders & Lunch

Pop-Up Library Dates:

11/06, 02/07(collection only)

Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:

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**

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS: OAK TREES

The Little Library

This year, the children in Oak Trees have been tracking their reading in class with our new system - **The Little Library**.

We have been able to see **which types** of books are favoured by our children, spot **trends** and popular reads, **find new books or genres** and understand our reading journey better.

Children have enjoyed scanning their books and talking about **why they liked a certain book** to their friends.

They have now added the feature to share their favourite book with each other!

There are cool features such as the new discoveries page where shout outs are given to children who find and read books that are new to our class or have not been read in a while! **Well done super readers!** It is lovely to see the range of reading books we are choosing in Oaks and the **different opinions** across the class!

New Discoveries

Recently unearthed in our class library

- LEGO Timelines** - Found by Owen C
- Guinness World Records 2024** - Found by Jamie C
- Sister Vampire** - Found by Robin A

Genre Exploration

6 of 14

Adventure & Action: 1	Comedy & Humor: 0	Contemporary Fiction: 3	Fantasy & Magic: 3
Mystery & Detective: 4	Science Fiction: 0	Historical Fiction: 3	Horror & Scary Stories: 0
Graphic Novels & Comics: 0	Poetry & Verse: 0	Illustrated Picture Books: 2	Fairy Tales & Folk Tales: 0
Non-Fiction & Learning: 0	Biography & Real People: 0		

Fergus R

Close

Current Book

Jan

Apr

Mar

My Number One

Change

Avg. Book Change

4 DAYS

Text Type

54% Fiction

● Fiction (15) ● Non-Fiction (13)

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS: OAK TREES

Puppetry workshop

On the last Friday before half term Mr Lee and Year 12 student, Tilly, visited and ran a Puppetry workshop with Oak Trees class.

We learned all about different types of puppets and tried using some big puppets and hand puppets. We learned about giving them focus, making them breathe and bringing them to life. Then we were given two big sheets of brown paper and turned them into life size puppets - they really did look like people.

We had to learn how to make them move in groups of three.

We had a brilliant time, **thank you to Malton School Performing Arts department.**



RECENT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Launch of our new topic

We had a fantastic launch of our new topic for this term - **natural disasters**. We started the afternoon with a siren and emergency letter sent alerting us that we had to help in response to a surge of natural disasters in the village of Leavening! Volcanoes, earthquakes and flash floods led to the children needing to split into teams and complete various tasks to learn about different disasters!

Station 1 consisted of structural engineering! Children planned and built structures that could withstand earthquake simulation. They worked together to make tall yet strong towers.

Station 2 was building shelters to withstand heavy winds and rain in teams. The groups worked together to make strong and supported shelters that could defend against harsh weather.

Station 3 allowed the children to collaborate through art - painting a team portrayal of the power of nature.

Station 4 challenged the children to build Volcanoes together using clay, foil and recycled paper. We then activated the Volcanoes using a chemical reaction and enjoyed watching the lava flow down the structures. We talked about the formation of Volcanoes and how they work.

The children had a **blast** and we look forward to **exploring the topic throughout the term!**

"We made dens that could survive different natural disasters, like strong winds, earthquakes and floods. We used different materials to build our houses and test how strong they were. We pretended our houses had blown down so we could think about how to survive. Miss Cooke even poured water on us to make it feel like a real flood! We really enjoyed learning about this, it was so interesting!" - Fergus, Year 5



RECENT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Allotment Project

The school allotment project is progressing very well, thanks to Mr Jarvis for his support and dedication.

The children really do enjoy taking part and are enthusiastic about being involved.



Year 3 & 4 Netball Tournament

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of our Year 3 and Year 4 children at the recent sports event held at Malton Sports Centre.

Demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day, the team delivered an outstanding performance and **WON the netball tournament!** This is a wonderful achievement and a reflection of the hard work, effort, and enthusiasm shown by every child. We are **incredibly proud of the whole team** and all they accomplished. **Well done to everyone involved** - a brilliant result and a day to remember!

Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed their weekly swimming sessions at the York Sport pool, developing confidence and improving their skills in the water.

Swimming is such an important life skill - helping children to **stay safe, build resilience and enjoy being active.**



FOLS

Summer Social:

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



AND

QUIZ



FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

AT 3.30-5.30PM



QUIZ:
£2/TEAM
(MAX 4 PEOPLE/
TEAM)



ALCOHOLIC/SOFT
REFRESHMENTS
ALONG WITH
**HOT DOGS/
VEGGIE SAUSAGES**
AND SNACKS
AVAILABLE
FROM 3.30PM.



QUIZ FROM
4.30-5.30PM



The highly-anticipated
Summer Raffle
will be drawn.

RAFFLE



Choir
to perform!



Please do come along and
support this fun event to raise
funds for school! ☺



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North Yorkshire Council Holiday Childcare Survey

If you're a parent or carer of a child
aged 4-14 years in North Yorkshire,
we would love to hear from you.

Tell us about your holiday childcare needs and
help us plan for the future.

Please complete this brief survey by Friday 26th June 2026

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

If you have questions about this survey, please email:
ellie.hooper@place-group.com

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NorthYorkshire-SchoolAgeChildcareSurvey2026/>