

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! We hope your Christmas break was filled with joy and relaxation. As we step into this bright New Year, we are thrilled to see our pupils return with fresh energy. Let's make this term a wonderful journey of learning and growth together. Happy New Year to everyone!

Attendance

What time do class doors open?

R, Y1 & Y2 8.40 am Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 8.45am

What time do class doors shut?

R, Y1 & Y2 8.50am Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 8.55am

What time are teachers required to close registers?

R, Y1 & Y2 9.00 am Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 9.05am

What time are the registers closed by office staff?

R, Y1 & Y2 9.30am Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 9.30am

Every minute matters! Arriving late means children miss essential morning instructions and the vital "settling-in" time that sets the tone for their day. Even five minutes daily adds up to three days of lost learning per year. Punctuality ensures your child feels confident and ready to learn alongside their peers without distraction. Let's work together to give every pupil the best start. Thank you for your continued support!

Ofsted

In June the Infant school achieved a 'good' grading during an Ofsted inspection. Following amalgamation, the new school took the Junior school DfE number which includes the 2023 Junior school 'requires improvement' judgement - the Infant judgement no longer applies. This now puts the school in the Ofsted window for inspection. A new Ofsted framework was introduced in Autumn 2025. Ofsted has replaced single-word ratings (like "Good" or "Outstanding") with a new Report Card system. Schools are now graded on a five-point scale—ranging from Exceptional to Urgent Improvement—across six areas: inclusion, teaching, achievement, behavior, personal development, and leadership. This change provides a more detailed, transparent picture of our school's unique strengths. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the revised framework.

Primary School Places

Primary school applications close on 15 January. If you have a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 then it's time to apply for their primary school place. Find out more and apply online at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

Spotlight on Safeguarding Brainrot games & Child-to-parent Violence [CLICK HERE](#) to read our monthly newsletter

Understanding 'Brainrot' themed games on Roblox Many children are talking about 'Brainrot' games on Roblox - a term that covers a group of viral, user-created experiences inspired by the online 'brainrot' meme. It helps to know what these games are, why they're popular and how children can play safely.

Understanding Child-to-Parent Violence (CPV) Child-to-Parent Violence, also known as CPV, is something more families experience than many people realise - yet it's rarely talked about openly. It can be incredibly distressing for parents and carers, and it's common to feel ashamed, isolated or unsure of where to turn. This month's newsletter aims to give clear, compassionate information and guidance, without judgement or blame.

Class Bloggs

To find out what your child has been learning about this week visit their class blog! These are updated every Friday morning on our website. You can find these on our [class pages](#).



This week's attendance Whole School 96%

Spa 100%	Esk 96%	Wensley 100%
Skell 96%	Nidd 94%	Ribble 95%
Laver 92%	Swale 96%	Litton 92%
Ouse 98%	Aire 97%	Wharfe 97%

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child in school please report this to our Designated Safeguarding Staff. Speak to or email [Mrs S Sanderson](#) or [Mrs A Bell-Walker](#)

If you have any concerns regarding Special Education Needs or Disabilities please contact our SENDCo [Mrs J Penny](#).

CONTACT US



Diary Dates

January 2026

- 23rd Rainbow Day
- 26th & 27th Headteacher Recruitment
- 29th EYFS Parent Phonic Event
- 30th Friends Disco

February 2026

- 2nd National Story Telling Week
- 9th Safer Internet Week
- 10th Young Voices
- 11th RSE Parent Meeting
- 13th Parent Internet Safety Workshop
- 13th Pancake Races
- 16th - 20th Half Term

March 2026

- 27th LDLT Trust Training Day School closed to pupils