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Nursesey & Reception

The children have continued learning about different religious buildings and their features. To support our learning we walked down to Foston Church where we were met by Reverend Hayward. The children got chance to explore and learnt about the altar, font, organ and we discussed what hymn books were. The children did a super job walking sensibly from school to and from the church.



Years 1 & 2

We have had a busy week in Class 2 this week. We have been getting up to all kinds of fun things, we have finally finished our comets and we have been learning about more extraordinary scientists. We have also had a special lesson from Miss Sidhu all about Sikhism and her recent trip to The Golden Temple & Monicount Saib in India, the children were absolutely fascinated by this and we had lots of excellent questions.



Years 3 & 4

In science this week we have been investigating the water cycle and using our scientific enquiry skills to set up our own test that we can observe in our classroom.

We have been able to see evaporation during the warm afternoons and usually find condensation in these cooler mornings. We have also managed to keep the carpet dry!



Years 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have been writing a setting description in English, our class have come up with some excellent examples of figurative language to use in our descriptions.

On Wednesday, we were invited to take part in a martial arts class with X Martial Arts at Terrington Prep. The children really enjoyed learning some of the punches and kicks and were able to practice these skills against some pads. Thankfully Mr Carlisle survived the ordeal despite several year 6's offering to punch and kick him!



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KS1 trip to Flamingo Land Zoo

We are delighted to be taking our KS1 (year 1 & 2) children on a trip on **Wednesday 24th May** across the three schools. They will be taking part in a 'Classification' workshop which will reflect the topic 'The Great Animal Kingdom' previously taught. **The cost of the trip is £14 per child, this will be added to ParentPay. If you have not ordered a school packed lunch via the school office please send your child with a packed lunch. Please drop your children off at 8.45am on this day to ensure the timing of the trip is kept to and the day runs smoothly, children will return to school by 3.15pm.**

Pupils should wear school uniform as usual and bring a jacket and a water bottle, their packed lunch, along with a sunhat and sun cream (weather dependent).

If you do not want your child to go, please speak to your class teacher.

Bikeability

Please remember if your child is taking part in Bikeability to bring their **bike and helmet** to school on **Thursday 25th May and Friday 26th May**. They also need to wear their **P.E. kit**. If you haven't ordered a packed lunch through the school office please ensure your child brings one from home. **Please can the parents of the children taking part in Bikeability remember to return the forms sent out last week.**

Fantastic Friday

We are really looking forward to our Fantastic Friday on **26th May**. Please remember **ALL** children need **packed lunches** and to wear their **P.E. kit**.

If you haven't done so already a voluntary contribution of £8 paid via ParentPay would be appreciated to go towards the cost of the day, this does not apply to those in EYFS or the Y6's taking part in Bikeability. Children spending the day at Stillington School will be provided with helmets for the bike try outs, however if they wish to bring their own **named** helmet they can.

Nursery and Reception children can bring in their own scooter and helmet too but will be remaining at their own school site.

Countryside Day

On **Wednesday 14th June**, KS2 pupils (Y3-6) will be attending the Countryside Day at Harrogate show ground. On this day, please can we ask that pupils arrive at school for **8:00am** and the estimated return to school is **3:45pm**. Pupils are asked on this day to bring a packed lunch from home or order one from the school office by **Friday 26th May**, with the options being: ham, cheese or tuna mayo. **A voluntary payment of £15.00 will be added to ParentPay.** If you have any questions, please send an email to the school office.

Year 4 Statutory Timetable Test

When we return to school after the half term, we will be getting ready for the Y4 timetable test in the first couple of weeks. Therefore, we would like to ask if all Y4 pupils can continue to practise their timetables at home. Some great websites for this are [TTrockstars](#) and [Timetable test](#).

Foston Clubs

Please find our extra-curricular clubs for next half term. To book a place, please email the school office.

For our extracurricular clubs, these will be available on a **block basis only. If you require break-fast or afterschool club please reconfirm your days and times.**

There will also be an art club at lunchtime for KS2 to prepare for our Roman Play.

	Monday	Tuesday
Club	Golf Club	Dance Club
Leading Adult	Malton Sport	Just Dance York
No. of sessions	7	6 (starting from Tuesday 13th June)
Age	Years 1- Year 6	Reception- Y4
Cost for the block	£18	£24
Maximum	18	18

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PAFFS Meeting

Please can we remind you there is a PAFFS meeting at 3.15pm on Friday 19th May to discuss the upcoming summer event. Please can we ask that as many parents as possible attend that would be willing to support at the event, without more support unfortunately it will not go ahead.

Tuckshop

Next Friday (26th May) will be tuckshop & this month is the turn of Y5/6 to bake/provide cakes or bakes - if you are able to, please let a member of the PAFFS team know & as ever no nuts/nut products please. Thank you to those who have already been in touch to say you will be doing.

Update for Parents

After a long period of anticipation we are delighted to announce that building works to create our new Early Years classroom will commence during the May half term and this will continue throughout the remainder of the Summer Term. We are delighted that the local authority are funding this project to give us the additional space we need in school. The dedicated Early Years space will also include proper "little people sized" toilets which I think Miss Midwood and Miss Hendry find the most exciting part of the project.

Along with our new EYFS classroom it will mean the current Y3/4 classroom can be at long last converted to its original intended purpose of a library and intervention space. We will begin planning this as soon as we are able along with PAFFs who are going to support us in this exciting addition for our school and the surrounding community.

This exciting news will, however, cause some disruption. The builder's area will take up the hardstanding playground area leaving a pathway that can be used to bring children into school. Luckily, the children will be able to play on the school field during break and lunchtimes. The Early Years outdoor area will temporarily be relocated to the field so our children can still engage in regular outdoor play.

The early years entrance area will not be accessible for the period of the building project so can we please ask that children in **Nursery/Reception are dropped at the main front door where they will be greeted by an adult**, can parents leave quickly and do not enter the school building as we will need the entrance area free from adults for children to come into school. **Year 1/2 children** should be dropped at the **large wooden gate and walk through the gates themselves**. **Year 3/4/5/6 children** should be **dropped at the school playground gate to walk into school themselves** and go straight to their classroom. As usual children can be dropped off anytime between 8.45 and 9.00am. Could parents leave swiftly once they have dropped off and not stay in the carpark.

At the **end of the day** the children will be **collected from the field where they will be lined up in classes at the usual time of between 3:15 and 3:20pm**. Parents should park in the usual carpark and walk with their children out of school.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but all should be worth the wait in September. The planned finish date for the project is 4th September, so it will be all hands on deck to set the classrooms up ready for a 6th September start for children. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time and throughout the first week back as we iron out any problems.

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Diary Dates

PAFFS Meeting (Summer Event)	Friday 19th May, 3.15pm
Flamingo Land Trip (year 1/2 only)	Wednesday 24th May (8.45am drop off)
Bikeability Course (year 6 only)	Thursday 25th May & Friday 26th May
Fantastic Friday	26th May
PAFFS Tuckshop (year 5/6 to bake/provide)	26th May, 3.15pm
Holiday Dates (last day at school)	Friday 26th May
Holiday Dates (first day back)	Monday 5th June
KS2 Swimming (every Thursday)	Thursday 8th June
Countryside Day Trip (year 3/4/5/6 only)	Wednesday 14th June (8am drop off)
Sports Day	Tuesday 4th July (reserve day 6th July), time tbc
KS2 Performance (Thornton-le-Clay village hall)	Thursday 13th July, 5.30pm
Y6 Leavers' Service (Thornton-le-Clay village hall)	Wednesday 19th July, 2.30pm
Holiday Dates (last day at school)	Friday 21st July