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Dates to remember

**Monday 24th February—
Wednesday 5th March**
Galley Poetry Award class competitions

Monday 24th February
Back to school
Healthy: Inside and Out day

Friday 28th February
5HC leading collective worship
Y5 global workshop

Tuesday 4th March
2.30-3.15 *Reception 'stay and read' —parents/carers of Reception children encouraged to attend*

Wednesday 5th March
Lent services in St Peter's Church 9.15-9.45 for Rec-Y3 and 10.00-10.45 for Y4-6

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day—see separate letter for more details
3.20 *Exhibition of work from our art/writing week—refreshments available*

Training days for 24-25
Monday 21st July 2025
Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Dear parents/carers,

We have arrived at the end of the half term and we are half way through our academic year now.

It has continued to be a busy few weeks with a number of activities taking place. Today has been our local charity day and thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising. We have so far raised £340 and this will be shared between our chosen charities.

This week we have held our art and writing project week. All the classes have focused on one picture and then completed work inspired by it. It has been lovely to see the children engaged in this project and the creativity it has brought out. We will be holding an exhibition of the work in the second week of next half term so you will be able to see what has been produced.

This week we have also recognised Safer Internet Day. Technology changes at a fast pace and there are many challenges that children have to face around technology in today's world. We support children in their understanding of how to navigate the use of technology and the internet safely. We remain concerned about how some of our pupils are using technology. These concerns include a lack of supervision when children are on phones and tablets, children watching films or clips from films which are designated as 15/18 age rating, children watching inappropriate content generally on the internet and the amount of screen time children are having.

A couple of pieces of news about staffing. Mr Mulvihill and his partner have had their baby. Their daughter was born a little early but things are going well and we look forward to seeing Mr Mulvihill back after half term.

Sadly Mrs Prouse will be leaving our school at Easter as she moves to another school to be their Deputy Head. She has had a big impact on our school in the years she has been here and she will be missed. We have appointed a new SENDCO who will hopefully start after the Easter break. She will hopefully be spending some time in school with Mrs Prouse before she leaves.

I hope you have a good break next week and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Esplin



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BSP – updates

In the second week back after the half term break we are going to trial a different system for coming into school in a morning. When we had the snow week, classes were not able to line up in the playground and so came straight in via set doors. The numbers of children were different but we felt there were some positives to this system. We recognise any system is going to suit some more than others but we want to trial the new system to see what the benefits may be. We will ask for your feedback afterwards as well as that from staff.

On the week beginning 3rd March we will not line up in the playground in classes. Each year group will have an allocated door and this will be open between 8.45 and 8.50. Staff will supervise this door and there will always be a member of staff from the year group around the doorway too.

- Nursery—continue use of their own entrance
- Reception then Y5 and Y6—main back door
- Y3 and Y4—door on Hough Lane (Y3 come out of this door at the end of the day)
- Y1 and Y2—side back door (by the dining room and same door they currently use)

At 8.50 the side doors will shut and the main back door will remain open until 8.55 as usual. Entry after 8.55 will need to be via the office door as the system currently stands.

There will be further information sent out in the first week back to clarify any details.

Mrs Esplin

Local charity day—charities being supported

Children's Heart Surgery Fund



The aim of this charity is to enable children, adults and families affected by congenital heart disease to live empowered lives, through family support and by fundraising for vital resources for the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit and region.

<https://chsf.org.uk/>

Aspire – Bramley Day Service



The aim of this charity is to provide a range of opportunities for people with a learning disability to lead fulfilling lives by engaging in healthy, safe and meaningful daytime activities. People attend between one and five days per week depending upon their assessed needs. <https://www.aspirecbs.org.uk/aspire-fulfilling-lives-service/>

Debra



DEBRA is a UK national medical research charity and patient support organisation for people living with the rare, extremely painful, genetic skin blistering condition, epidermolysis bullosa (EB) also known as 'butterfly skin'. <https://www.debra.org.uk/>



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BSP – Gallery

This half term has been such a busy one with lots of activities being undertaken. Here are some examples of the sports, snow and creative activities that have taken place.

Year 6—Volleyball



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Y3/4 Dance Club



Y3/4 Multi Skills



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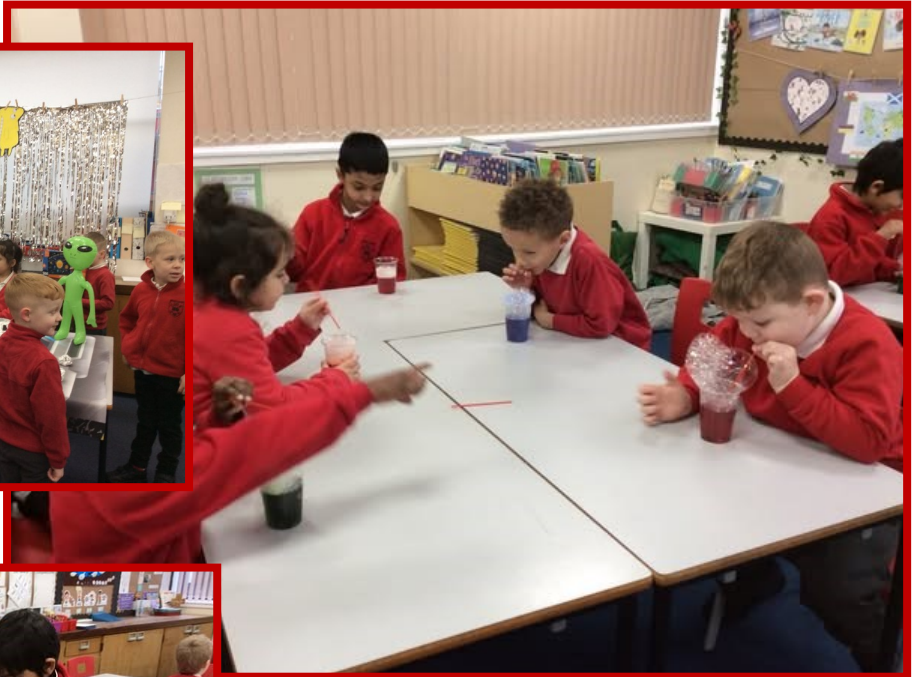


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Science Day



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Reception—Visit to Costa Coffee



KS1—Gymnastics



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And we made the most of the snow....



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