Friday 28th November 2025

Newsletter

Inspire ● Enrich ● Enjoy ● Succeed

Headteacher Awards

Thomas B

Metacognition

Lizzie Sam Joel Beatrix

PE

Sofia Bradley

Christian Values

Ella Henry

A message from Mrs Wood

This week, children in Years 1 to 6, have been completing their 'Sticky Knowledge Checks' which happen once a half-term. This, along with routine daily checks in lessons, is our approach to retrieval practice which is important in supporting children to know more and remember more. Children are routinely given the opportunity to recap knowledge from the previous lesson, previous topic and previous year. Teachers use the outcomes of these checks to adapt planning and provide opportunities to close gaps in knowledge and learning. Our approach to retrieval practice supports our children to 'know more and remember more'.

Over the next week, children from Years 1 to 6 will be completing standardised assessments; these are designed to monitor outcomes and progress, but just as importantly they are used to inform planning and teaching.

It has been lovely to hear singing across both school sites as children begin to prepare for the upcoming Snape Nativity and TW Carol Service - we are all in for a treat and we look forward to seeing you there!



Saturday 29th November - Bedale choir singing at Bedale Festival, 2.00pm
Thursday 4th December - Sport Hall Athletics Y5 and 6 (details TBC)
Thursday 11th December - Snape Nativity, 2.00pm Snape Chapel
Tuesday 15th December - Snape Farm Visit, 12.45-2.45pm Nursery/Reception/Y1 and 2
Wednesday 17th December - Pantomime Trip (AM), all pupils
Thursday 18th December– Snape Christmas Crafts, 9.30am
Thursday 18th December - TW Christmas Carol Service, 6.00pm at St Mary's Church
Friday 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term, school closes
Monday 5th January 2026 - Teacher Training day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th January 2026 - School re-opens for pupils

Sunflowers and Robins Class



This week, the Sunflowers have been learning all about the celebration of **Thanksgiving**. We explored what it means to be thankful and shared the things that make our hearts happy. **Martha** said, *"I'm thankful for my family."*
Alasdair shared, *"I'm thankful for Izzy, my dog."*
We also enjoyed fun activities, stories, and crafts to help us understand the importance of giving thanks.

Robins have been designing their own planets that the toys in our book could land on. "The colourful plant has a delicious chocolate plant." "There are dangerously, poisonous plants, under the tree, with spiky teeth." "It's a dangerous planet with a fast asteroid nearby." What imaginations!





Owls Class

We have had a really enjoyable two weeks in Owls. Last Thursday morning was our Art Collaboration Day. Unfortunately as the minibus is off the road at the moment, Snape couldn't join us, but we still had a great time. Lizzy and Ben's mum came in and taught us different ways of printing , which we really enjoyed. In Owls class, Eleanor's mum showed us how to make felt pictures of our happy places. It was quite tricky, and we had to do a lot of rolling to get the water out of the felt, but the results looked fantastic. In the hall, Mrs. Collins taught us how to use acrylic paints on canvas. We didn't use brushes and put the paint on the canvas with wooden sticks and rollers. Our finished work was really impressive! We would really like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Orwin, Mrs Parish and Mrs Collins for coming into school to work with us. The Owls Team







Red Kites Class

Year 6 went to Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge and enjoyed learning about how to keep themselves safe as they begin their journey towards high school.






All the children enjoyed the Art Day, where they got to try out a variety of different skills and techniques including felting, printing and textures on a canvas. Some wonderful helpers came in to help us with our art—thank you.

The children have been practising for their Christmas Carol Concert and are looking forward to performing for everyone at St Mary's on Thursday 18th December at 6pm. We hope as many of you as possible are able to join with us for this lovely event.




House Points

House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
14.11.25	47	54	50
21.11.25	69	60	70

Autumn Term Running Totals

Sycamore	549
Beech	576
Oak	630

News and Information



Please come and watch our school choir perform at Bedale Christmas Festival tomorrow, 29th Nov. Our singing slot is 2pm. There will be lots of lovely festive stalls and treats to eat and drink for all the family.



Our collection point for blue tokens is live at the new Ripon store. It will be there until mid January so make sure you make this your destination for some Christmas food shopping. Will we be awarded £500/£100 or £1500!?

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Safeguarding



This week we have completed our termly emergency lockdown drill. This term it was a partial lockdown which would be needed to keep everyone safe in the event of significant air pollution. When carrying out any type of drill, we always explain this to the children in an age-appropriate way. The drills went really well; children were very sensible.