Friday 26th Sept 2025

Newsletter

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Metacognition
Poppy Rosie Ben

Reading
Clarence Jack

Mathematics
Thomas B Alfie

Golden Welly
Leyna

A message from Mrs Wood

The term is well underway and I have spent some time in classrooms, talking to children and looking at books. I have been impressed with how much learning the children have already completed, particularly in Maths. It is great to see children demonstrating growth mindsets in their learning, recognising the importance of a positive approach, resilience and perseverance.

There has been a lot happening at Snape - yesterday, we welcomed Rev'd Simon (from the Masham group of parishes) for his first visit. We look forward to his further visits. Yesterday, Mrs Paylor, held an information meeting for parents of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 during which she explained our approach to teaching phonics and early reading, and early Maths. The meeting was well attended and parents/ carers were also able to ask any questions that they had. If you do have any questions about your child's learning, please do contact their class teacher. We are planning on holding a range of parent/ carer information sessions this academic year on areas including metacognition, reading and mastery maths. If there are any other areas of learning that you feel it would be useful to run sessions on, please do let us know via admin@stw.n-yorks.sch.uk . Suggestions are welcome.

Finally, many thanks for the support with the MacMillan Coffee morning. It was a great turnout and was lovely to see parents/ carers and members of the community coming together to raise money for a good cause. We appreciated the donations of cake. Thanks also to the school staff for organising.



Friday 3rd Oct - Snape Harvest Festival at Snape Castle Chapel, 9.30am
Saturday 4th Oct - Snape Open Morning for new Nursery/ Reception 2026 starters (details TBC)
Monday 6th Oct - Snape OPAL drop-in session, 9-10am
Monday 6th Oct - TW Harvest festival at St Mary's Church, 2pm
Tuesday 21st Oct - Snape Parent Teacher meetings, 3.30-5pm/ Thursday 23rd Oct, 4-6pm
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Wednesday 22nd Oct - Cross Country, Y3-6, at Richmond School (details TBC)
Thursday 23rd October - Last day of Autumn 1 half term
Friday 24th October - Teacher Training Day—school closed to pupils
Monday 3rd November - School re-opens after Autumn Term holiday

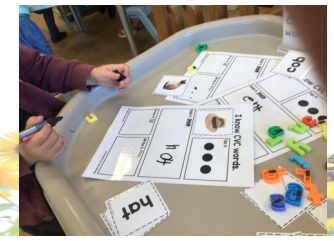
Sunflowers and Robins Class

Robins Class : **Super Scientists** As scientists, we've been investigating what animals eat. The children have been learning how to group animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Zac made a brilliant observation: *"Herbivories are animals that only eat plants. Some humans only eat plants. They are called vegetarians."* Great thinking, Zac! **Reading Star!** A huge well done to **Euan**, who has completed a reading challenge from the library! We are all incredibly proud of his dedication and love of reading. Keep it up, Euan—you're an inspiration to us all!

Sunflowers have been working hard and having lots of fun. Here's a little peek at what we've been up to - **Phonics & Writing:** Everyone has been practicing writing words using their phonic sounds. We are so proud of the progress they are making with their early writing skills. **Apple Exploration:** We had a wonderful time looking closely at apples. We washed them, cut them up, and counted the seeds inside. We even used the apples for printing, which helped us practice counting numbers 1 to 3. We have seen some fantastic learning and are incredibly proud of all our children. Well done, everyone!

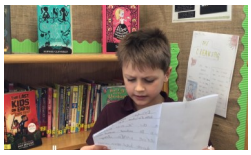
Best wishes,
Snape Team.

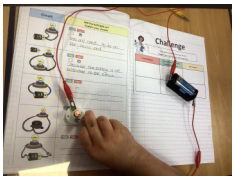






Owls Class





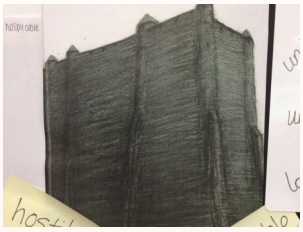
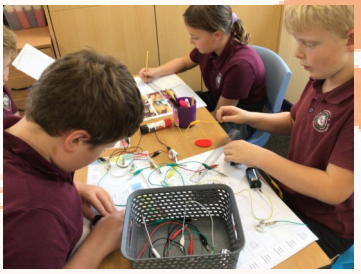
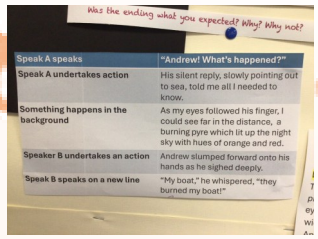


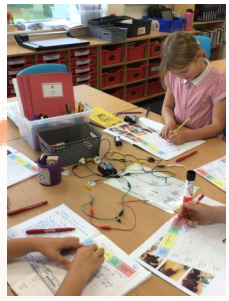
It's been a busy two weeks in Owls and we have now settled back into our routines after the long summer break. In English we have been reading the book "The Seed of Doubt" and have done lots of great writing based on it. We are writing a leaflet to help to inspire younger children to reach their dreams and also really enjoyed writing and recording motivational speeches which have been uploaded to Seesaw. In French we practised speaking to each in role play situations. We played out a visit to the doctors and spoke in French as we explained how we were feeling.

Red Kites Class

We are currently writing our own sequel story to the Island... we are calling it 'The Outsiders'. It explores the juxtaposition between the hostile and prejudiced people of the original Island and the welcoming and inclusive people who inhabit the second island.

In science, we have been exploring electricity, exploring circuits with plenty of hands-on activities and investigations. Later this term, we will be exploring renewable energy and the importance of this in our changing world.



House Points

House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
12.09.25	34	29	29
19.09.25	37	46	42

Autumn Term Running Totals

Sycamore	122
Beech	115
Oak	137

News and Information

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Harvest Festival

Please come to our Harvest Festival on Monday 6th Oct at St Mary's Church at 2.00pm. Please could donations of food be bought to school in the week before so it can be taken for display.



Safeguarding

This week we have completed our termly fire drills on both sites. We were very impressed with how the children responded, in particular the younger children who have joined us in Nursery and Reception. All of the children were super sensible and calm, and were able to explain why we have these drills, why it is important to stay calm and listen to Instructions.

It is recommended that parents/ carers discuss with their children what they would do at home if there was a fire.