Friday 12th Sept 2025

Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Awards

Emily C

Metacognition

Bradley Lucy

Christian Values

Leyna Polly

A message from Mrs Wood

We have had a brilliant start to the new academic year; the children have settled quickly back into routines and have engaged enthusiastically in their learning. I have been particularly impressed with how well our new nursery and reception starters have settled - it seems like they have been a part of our federation family for a long time. Older children have adjusted well to the changes in structure with Y1/2 enjoying their time in the Robins' Nest and Owls enjoying their time with Red Kites on an afternoon.

This term is already looking busy with many events scheduled (please see 'Dates for your diary' below. Events are also on our website calendar).

Mrs Morley is now our lead for PE and Sports and has been busy planning for a range of sporting competitions and events this term. We always endeavour to try to involve as many children as possible across the range of events.

We are keen to promote our federation of schools and have planned an open morning for parents/ families of nursery children and reception starters for 2026. This will take place on the morning of Saturday 4th October at Snape. Details will be emailed out to current parents/ carers and popped onto Facebook/ Instagram - we would appreciate it if you could share the date of the open morning.

As per a previous email, we now have a new SENDCo - Mrs Smithson will be at TW on Tuesday 16th September from 3:30pm for an informal drop-in—a chance to meet her and ask questions.

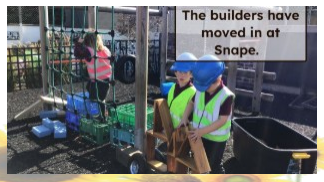


Thurs 25th Sept - Snape Parents Phonics and Early Reading, 5pm
Friday 26th Sept - Snape Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9-11am
Friday 3rd Oct - Snape Harvest Festival at Snape Castle Chapel, 9.30am
Saturday 4th Oct - Snape Open Morning for new Nursery/ Reception 2026 starters (details TBC)
Monday 6th Oct - 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
Tuesday 21st Oct - TW Parent Teacher meetings, 4-6pm/ Thurs 23rd Oct, 4-6pm
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

Sunflowers and Robins Class

We're thrilled to share that both **Robins** and **Sunflowers** have had an exciting and positive start to the new school year! **Robins** have settled beautifully into the Robin's Nest and are already rising to the challenge of the Key Stage 1 curriculum. Their enthusiasm for learning and growing together is shining through in every activity — we're so proud of how confidently they've embraced their new routines.

Sunflowers are absolutely loving the variety of learning areas available to them, especially the outdoor spaces! They've been exploring the fascinating world of **shadows**, discovering how they change depending on the light and time of day. It's been a joy to see their curiosity bloom as they investigate and play. We're looking forward to a term full of discovery, creativity, and joyful learning. Thank you for your continued support — it's going to be a fantastic year! Warm wishes, **Snape Team**



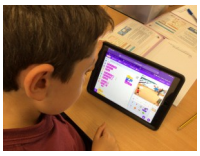




Owls Class







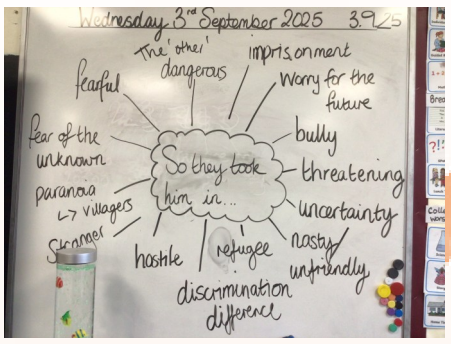


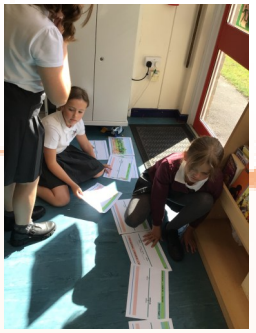
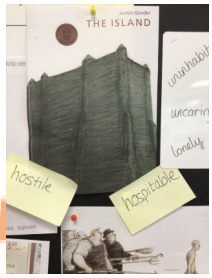

We have all settled back into school life and our new routines really quickly in Owls and are enjoying our mornings in Owls class and afternoons in Red Kites. We have been looking at timelines and chronology in our Egyptians topic and learning the difference between BCE and CE. We also really enjoyed singing a song about Egypt in Music. In PSHE we have been discussing manners and being polite. It was lovely to see how much we already knew about this subject and the children were great at giving advice about what good manners are. In Computing we are working on programming. We looked at Scratch and began writing a simple set of instructions. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival and are busy learning songs for it.

The Owls Team

Red Kites Class

We have had a fabulous start to the school year and all children have made a fantastic start. We have been enjoying our book 'The Island' in English; it has given us plenty to discuss and think about, with its thought-provoking themes. Emily said, "*The book reminded me of our book from last year 'Hidden Figures' as it has the same themes of discrimination and segregation.*" Children have also enjoyed their first history lesson on Ancient Egypt,; we discussed chronology and ensured we all use the correct historical vocabulary of CE (Common Era) and BCE (Before the Common Era).



House Points

House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
05.09.25	44	62	51

Autumn Term Running Totals

Sycamore	52
Beech	44
Oak	62

Celebrations

We are thrilled to share that we have been awarded the Healthy Schools Award Bronze Level.

Thank you to all involved for their hard work achieving this award.







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Play time snacks

The entitlement for free fruit in schools is only for Key Stage 1 children so we are no longer receiving it at Thornton Watlass. As an alternative you are welcome to send a healthy snack (fruit, crackers, cheese, breadsticks) for your child to eat during morning play.

Safeguarding



Each year a key safeguarding document, Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) is reviewed and then this is used to update our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy (this is available on in the Safeguarding section of our website). At the beginning of the academic year, all staff refresh their safeguarding training, completing an annual certificate, and across the year we complete a range of related training and receive regular safeguarding updates.

We very much value the relationship with parents/ carers in working together to safeguard our children; if you have any concerns about your child or any other child, please do contact us.