Friday 2nd October 2026

Newsletter

Inspire ● Enrich ● Enjoy ● Succeed

Head Teacher's Award
Monty

Metacognition
JJ, Henry

Christian Values
Ben

A message from Mrs Wood

As we move further into the autumn term, I continue to be incredibly proud of how well our children are engaging with their learning. Across school, we are seeing positive attitudes, determination and resilience as children embrace new challenges. We place great importance on developing a growth mindset, helping children understand that mistakes are opportunities to learn and improve. It is always a pleasure to celebrate those learners who demonstrate these qualities through our weekly Metacognition Certificates.

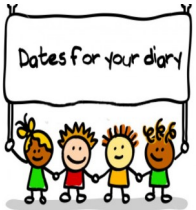
Our school vision of **Inspire, Enrich, Enjoy, Succeed** continues to permeate every aspect of school life. We encourage our children to "let their lights shine" through their words and actions, living out our Christian values of **Compassion, Forgiveness, Hope, Justice, Respect, Honesty and Love**. These values are at the heart of our school community.

It was wonderful to see our community come together for the **MacMillan Superhero Coffee Afternoon at Snape**. The event was very well supported, and it was fantastic to see the children (and staff!) embracing the occasion by dressing up as superheroes.

We are also looking forward to our first **Open Morning on Saturday 3 October, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon**. We would be delighted to welcome families with children due to start Reception in September 2027, and to share information about our teacher-led nursery provision for three-year-olds. Please help us spread the word to friends, family and members of the local community who may be interested.

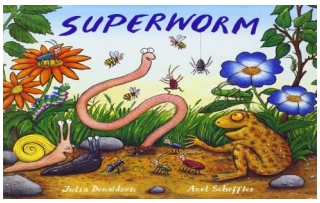
DIARY DATES

Saturday 3rd October - Snape 'Open Day' 10:00 - 12:00pm
Thursday 8th October - Open evening for Y6 students at SFX (Richmond)
Wednesday 14th October - Harvest Festival at St.Mary's, Thornton Watlass at 2:00pm
Thursday 15th October - Open evening for Y6 students at Richmond School
Friday 16th October - Sunshine Corner
Monday 19th October - Parents' Evening at Thornton Watlass 4:00- 7:00pm
Wednesday 21st October - Parents' Evening at Thornton Watlass 4:00 - 6:00pm
- Parents's Evening at Snape 3:40—6:00pm
Thursday 22nd October - Parents' Café at Thornton Watlass 2:00 - 3:00pm
Thursday 22nd October - School closes for half term
Friday 23rd October - Staff training day
Monday 2nd November - School reopens for Autumn 2 half term



Robins & Sunflowers





We've had an incredibly busy few weeks in Robin's and Sunflower's. Robins have been detectives of history, exploring how technology has developed over the last 60 years. We have looked specifically at ways in which we can talk to each other. We had great fun working out how a rotary phone worked. In science we have looking at plants in our garden. discussing how the seasons and weather may affect plants. In art we have had great fun being abstract artists and used our learning from science and gardens linking with our exploration of using primary and secondary colours.

Sunflowers have loved reading the story 'Super Worm' by Julia Donaldson; it has inspired us to measure using a range of apparatus. We have drawn our own worms in chalk and worked out which was the longest and the shortest. We even had a go at drawing around ourselves and working out our different heights. We have also been counting using conkers that Mrs Lapthorne and Mrs Verity collected for us; we also had a go at making patterns with them. Some of us have been teachers this week, as we have become more confident at reading our 'tricky words' in phonics.

We wanted to say a massive thank you to all those that supported our MacMillan coffee event last week. We were so overwhelmed by everyone's support and contributions; we raised an amazing **£146 for the charity.**





Juniors

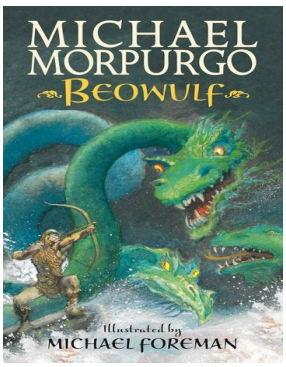
I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Thornton Watlass and have been incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved.

In English, the children have continued to use *Beowulf* as their focus text and have produced some truly amazing pieces of writing, demonstrating creativity, imagination and excellent use of language.

As scientists, they have been exploring dissolving and investigating how different materials dissolve in water, making careful observations and drawing thoughtful conclusions. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and the progress they have made across the curriculum.

Mrs Paylor





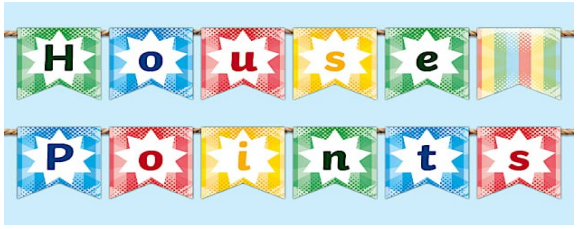


House Points

Thornton Watlass House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
02.10.26	16	15	13





Autumn Running Totals

Sycamore	64
Beech	74
Oak	62

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY

Thornton Watlass Village Hall
are holding a delicious
'Soup and Puds' event on
Saturday 3rd October between 12:00 - 1:30pm.
Everyone welcome to come along !



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Snape and Thornton Watlass



Snape Community Primary School is holding an 'Open Day' on
Saturday 3rd October
- 10:00 am until 12:00pm.
Prospective families welcome.
We have teacher-led 3 year old provision.
We look forward to welcoming you.

Safeguarding Update: Fire Drills



As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we recently carried out our termly fire drills. These drills provide an important opportunity to remind both children and staff of the procedures to follow in an emergency and to talk about how to keep ourselves safe.

We were extremely proud of all our children, who were calm, sensible and listened carefully throughout. A special mention goes to those who are new to our schools, who managed the experience brilliantly.

We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home by discussing what children should do if there were ever a fire in the home, including how to leave safely and where to meet afterwards. Working together helps ensure everyone knows how to stay safe.