Friday 16th October 2026

Newsletter

Inspire ● Enrich ● Enjoy ● Succeed

Head Teacher's Award
Jack & Sofia
Metacognition
Liliana, Maisie, Emily
Maths
Thomas
Creative Arts
Rosie
Lunchtime
Eleanor & Martha

A message from Mrs Wood

Our Harvest Festivals have been a wonderful success. We are incredibly proud of the children for the confidence and enthusiasm they showed, and it was lovely to see them enjoying their performances. Thank you to everyone who attended; it was fantastic to see such a strong turnout and our community coming together.
We were also delighted to welcome families to our recent Open Morning at Snape. It was a pleasure to meet local families, showcase our school, and share all that makes our federation special.
This week, we welcomed the Local Authority for our annual safeguarding review, which included discussions with children, staff, governors and myself as Headteacher and one of the Designated Safeguarding Lead. I am pleased to report that safeguarding was recognised as strong and effective across the federation.
I have also recently monitored phonics sessions in Reception and Year 1 and was impressed by the children's engagement, enthusiasm and the excellent progress they are making in their early reading.
Finally, a reminder that Parent/Teacher Meetings take place next week. These provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps. As usual, attainment and learning behaviour profiles will be shared in advance to support these conversations.

DIARY DATES

Monday 19th October - Parents' Evening at Thornton Watlass 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Tuesday 20th October - Parents' Evening at Snape 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Wednesday 21st October - Parents' Evening at Thornton Watlass 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Thursday 22nd October - Parents' Café at Thornton Watlass 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Parents' Evening at Snape 3:30 - 6:00 pm
Thursday 22nd October - School closes for half term
Friday 23rd October - Staff training day
Monday 2nd November - School reopens for Autumn 2 half term
Friday 6th November - Sunshine Corner
Saturday 7th November - Breakfast Morning at Thornton Watlass School 8:30 - 10:30 am
Monday 16th November - Y6 Crucial Crew
School Photographs
Friday 20th November - Sunshine Corner



Sunflowers & Robins



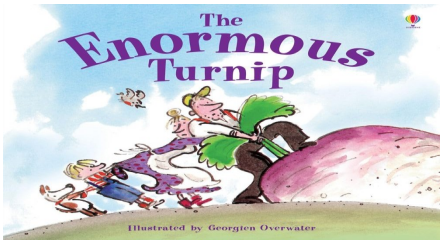
We have had a great time at Snape over the last couple of weeks. In Sunflowers we have been exploring colour through mixing the primary colours into secondary colours. We have used printing techniques, such as apple printing and observational painting of harvest items.

We have had great fun learning new sounds and exploring them through games. Our story we have been looking at is 'The Enormous Turnip', we have loved planting some seeds and waiting for them to grow.

In Robins we have been looking at rhyming poems and creating our own based on Harvest, we have also included onomatope and alliteration within them. We have also been exploring significant individuals that have shaped our history in technology, such as Tim Berners-Lee who created 'www'. We have loved using the 'Rotary' phone and learning how we can make calls from it. We have also been talking about what makes us special and how we can be kind to others. We have used stories and role paly to help us make the right choices.

Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for our Harvest Festival, the children have loved learning our Harvest songs and were very proud to read out some of their poetry.





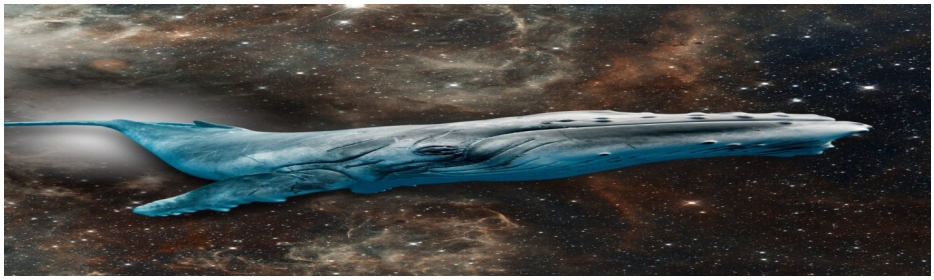
Juniors



We have had a busy but exciting few weeks in Juniors. We have attended several interesting webinars. One about the Bayeux Tapestry, allowing children to experience this important piece of history. We also joined an allergy awareness webinar which helped us to understand how we can be an allergy ally. Finally, we join a webinar called Helping Whales from Space' for Science week.

We think it is so important to enable the children to experience the wider world and engage with these important and current issues. Joining webinars really enriches the experiences our children have whilst developing valuable knowledge and understanding.





House Points

Thornton Watlass House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
16.10.26	53	40	45

Snape House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
09.10.26	35	35	27
16.10.26	38	35	52



Autumn Running Totals

Sycamore	208
Beech	256
Oak	203

What's On in the Community

Thornton Watlass Parent Café

Parent Café will be taking place on **Thursday 22nd October at 2:00pm**. Come along and enjoy tea & coffee, cakes, biscuits and a friendly chat with other parents and carers.

We will be holding a raffle with a selection of great prizes!
Raffle and refreshments are cash only. **Everyone is welcome!**

As an allergy aware school, we ask that if you have any allergies you let school know in advance.





Join us for a Breakfast Morning

On **Saturday 7th November** from 8:30 until 10:30am, we will be holding a breakfast morning at Thornton Watlass School. A delicious menu will be available on the day comprising of: Full English, Baby Breakfast and Breakfast Sandwiches all at very reasonable prices. To raise money for OPAL and the outdoor area. Cash only. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Snape and Thornton Watlass

Safeguarding Update: Allergy Awareness



To help keep everyone safe, we are asking regular visitors to inform us of any significant allergies or medical conditions that we may need to be aware of when they are on site.

As we regularly welcome parents and carers into school for events and activities, having this information helps us to respond appropriately in an emergency and ensure everyone can participate safely.

We greatly appreciate your support and partnership in helping us safeguard our whole school community. Further information will be sent home next week. Thank you for your cooperation.