Friday 24th April 2026

Newsletter

The Federation of Snape Community & Thornton Watlass C.E

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Headteacher's Award
Bradley

Writing
Leyna

Metacognition
Thomas H. Sofia Charlie

Christian Values
Liliana Lucy

A message from Mrs Wood

The Summer Term is already well underway; children settled back in very quickly and it has been great to see their engagement and enthusiasm in their learning and activities. All classes are particularly enjoying their new class books and these are really motivating them to produce quality pieces of writing.

As you will see in the dates below, there are a lot of events organised for this term. Summer Term is always a busy time for statutory assessments: Y6 are busy preparing for their SATs in May; Y4 are practising their times tables which will be assessed through the Times Table Checks in June; and Y1 will complete the Phonics Screening in June. The outcomes to these assessments will be reported to parents later in the term.

We have scheduled a date for Sports Day (and a back-up date just in case) and are pleased that the Friends of STW are hoping to put on a BBQ again this year. We really appreciate the work and fundraising that Friends do; what they raise supports us to provide a range of enrichment opportunities. Their AGM meeting is scheduled for 7th May and I know that they are keen for more parents/ carers to join them (see details later in the newsletter).



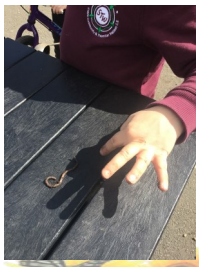
Tuesday 28th April - Y3/4 Cricket competition Bedale High School 10.00am-2.00pm
Friday 1st May - Y5/6 Cricket competition BOYS Bedale High School 10.00am-1.00pm
Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 5th May - Y5/6 Cricket competition GIRLS Bedale High School 10.00am-1.00pm
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - Y6 SATS assessments
Monday 11th May - Snape open morning with hot drinks and pastries 9.00-10.30am
Friday 22nd May - School closes for half term holiday
Friday 12th June - Snape craft afternoon 2.00-3.20pm
Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th June - Year 5 and 6 Residential to London
Tuesday 16th June - Ripon Sacred Spaces Workshop Y3/4...more details to follow
Friday 19th June - Class photos AM
Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June - End of Year Show...more details to follow
Monday 29th June, Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July - Wensleydale Transition Y6
Thursday 2nd July - Y3/4 Farm visit PM... more details to follow
Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July - SFX Transition Y6
Tuesday 7th July and Wednesday 8th July - Bedale High School Transition Y6
Thursday 2nd July and Thursday 9th July - Nidderdale Transition Y6
Monday 13th July Sports Day (14th reserve day in case of bad weather)
Wednesday 15th July - Y5/6 Farm visit PM... more details to follow
Friday 17th July STW Leavers Service at TW 9.30am
Friday 17th July - School closes for summer holiday

Sunflowers and Robins Class

Welcome to the Summer Term; we have been enjoying the lovely weather. We have ridden our balance bikes for the first time this year. We have also made a large 'digging' area which has been a great success. We have found worms of all different sizes!

Year 1 and 2 went on a 'plant hunt' in our front garden, noticing the different features of the plants growing there. We hope to have a big tidy up and will try hard to identify the difference between which are plants and which are weeds while we are working!




Owls Class

Everyone in Owls has settled back into the class routine after our Easter Holiday and are ready for the Summer Term. In English, we have started reading 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. Before we started reading we looked at a box of artefacts about WW2.

"It was interesting seeing the Ration Books and Identity Card!" commented Charlie. Eleanor said, *"The Army badges were really good and you could see a Lion and Unicorn on them!"*







In History we are doing a topic on the Romans. We began by looking at when the Romans lived and when they came to Britain. To help our understanding of the chronology of events in the past, we went on to the playground to create a human timeline! Jack said, *"It was good to see when people did things in the past."*

Ben remarked "It was interesting to see how far the Big Bang was back in history!"

Red Kites Class

Red Kites have had a lovely first week back and are looking forward an exciting and busy Summer term. We have been doing our independent writing based around Harriet Tubman, former slave and abolitionist. Children have researched and produced their own biography based around her life.



On Thursday, Y5/6 visited Nick Broadwith's farm to learn all about microorganisms and the water cycle.




House Points

House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
17.04.26	14	21	14

Summer Term Running Totals

Sycamore	14
Beech	14
Oak	21

News and Information

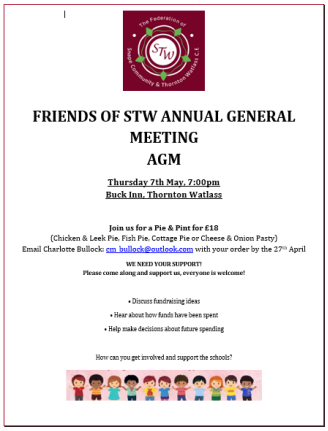
A huge thank you to the team from North Yorkshire Police, who came in this afternoon to start a mini police course for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Over the next 10 weeks, they will learn all about what it what it takes to be a police officer and how to be a good citizen. Today they took their oath and were sworn into the Mini Police scheme.











FRIENDS OF STW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGM

Thursday 7th May, 7:00pm
Buck Inn, Thornton Watlass

Join us for a Pie & Pint for £18
(Chicken & Leek Pie, Fish Pie, Cottage Pie or Cheese & Onion Pasty)
Email Charlotte Bullock: cm_bullock@outlook.com with your order by the 27th April

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
Please come along and support us, everyone is welcome!

- Discuss fundraising ideas
- Hear about how funds have been spent
- Help make decisions about future spending

How can you get involved and support the schools?

Please see above for details about attending the Friends of STW AGM next month.

Follow us online:

Are you currently following our social media platforms?

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Attendance Spring Term

CONGRATULATIONS to Joel, Thomas B, Rosie, Charlie, Jack, Nova, Jaxon and Paige for 100% attendance during the Spring Term.

Please can we remind you our school attendance target is **96%**. As a school we achieved 96.34% for the Spring Term. Let's try together to improve this!

Safeguarding



Just a brief reminder that our website contains a wide range of useful Resources and signposting on how to keep your child safe online: https://www.stwschoolsfederation.co.uk/online-safety/

It also includes information on how to keep safe in a range of other contexts, i.e. sun, water: https://www.stwschoolsfederation.co.uk/safeguarding-support/