Infant Info
February 2025

Our School Values
Safety
Respect
Happiness
Teamwork
Effort

Our vibrant and exciting curriculum is at the heart of our school to engage our children's curiosity and love of learning. Each half-term's planning is available on our school website via the "Curriculum" tab, so please take a look to find out more. Staff are working really hard to help all children make good progress with their reading. Please hear your child read their book at least three times to consolidate their phonics and develop their fluency. Many thanks for your continued help with this. It makes such a difference!

Up and Coming Events

Monday 10th February *Classes 2-4*	**National Child Measurement Programme (Classes 2, 3 & 4)** Further to our letter on 10th September, all children in Classes 2, 3 & 4 will have their height and weight measured unless you withdrew consent. Parents will receive results within 6 weeks to explain their child's weight category and can contact their child's GP for advice and support.
Tuesday 11th February *ALL*	**Safer Internet Day** Children will develop their growing knowledge about using the internet safely. For further information about teaching your child about internet safety, visit the "Think u Know" website.
Tuesday 11th February (pm) Y2	**Y2 Visit to The Market Weighton School** Children in Y2 have been invited to TMWS to watch the school's performance of Beauty and the Beast. We will walk there and ask that parents collect from TMWS at 3.30pm. Please see separate letter.
Friday 14th February *Classes 5-10*	**University Day (Year 1 and Year 2)** Children are invited to participate in another new extra-curricular activity when they choose a new subject to study to experience a taste of what university might have to offer! We hope the children enjoy their afternoon.
Friday 14th February 3.30pm	**Half Term** School closes for half-term on Friday 14th February 2025.
Monday 24th February 8.45am-8.55am	School re-opens for the start of the second half of the Spring Term
Wednesday 5th March- Monday 10th March *ALL*	**Scholastic Book Fair** The popular Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting school from Wednesday 5th March to Monday 10th March. Look out for the special book fair letter coming home soon and please support the fair if you can- every book you buy helps us to get free books for our school. Every child will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be used towards purchases at the book fair (or at participating booksellers).
Thursday 6th March *ALL*	**World Book Day– Non-Uniform Day** World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to dress up in their pyjamas and bring a teddy and a bedtime story with them.
Friday 21st March *ALL*	**Red Nose Day– Non-Uniform Day** Red Nose Day returns on Friday 21st March. We are asking children to tell a joke and dress up in red, black and white. Children are invited to bring a donation to support Comic Relief.
25th & 26th March 4pm - 6.30pm *Classes 1 -10*	**Parents Evenings (F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2)** Parents are invited to speak with class teachers to find out more about their child's progress in school. Appointments can be booked via the Arbor App from Monday 3rd March.
Tues 1st April 2pm Wed 2nd April 10am *Classes 5, 6 & 7*	**Easter Concerts (Year 1)** Parents of children in Classes 5, 6 & 7 are warmly invited to attend the Year 1 Easter Concert. Please **come to one performance only** as this keeps audience numbers manageable. Children participate in both performances so choose the date that suits you best.
Friday 4th April 3.30pm *ALL*	**End of Term** School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 4th April for the Easter holidays and re-opens on WEDNESDAY 23rd April 2025 at 8.45am-8.55am.

Reminders…….

- Children need a pair of indoor shoes. This helps keep the school clean and tidy especially on wet days and encourages the children to take care of the school environment. On rainy and snowy days please make sure your child has a NAMED pair of wellies for outdoor playtimes.
- Please remember we are a **nut-free school** so do not send any nut products in your child's packed lunch or any chocolate or sweets.
- Don't forget your child needs a water bottle in school every day (in addition to the packed lunch drink). This is so your child has quick and easy access to water. Please send a NAMED plastic bottle full of water to school every day (no juice please).

Attendance Matters

School attendance for January was:

Class 2	92.4%	Class 6	95.9%
Class 3	95.8%	Class 7	98.9%
Class 4	96.2%	Class 8	97.7%
Class 5	96.2%	Class 9	97.3%
		Class 10	97.3%

We have set a school attendance target for the year of 96%.

The average attendance for the whole school since 3rd September 2024 is 95.7%. This is above the national figure of 94.5%.

Class 7 had the highest attendance during January with 98.9% . Well done!

Staffing Update

After 12 years of dedicated service to the school, Miss Wray, our school cook, will be leaving at the end of this half-term. We thank her for all her hard work to ensure that our children receive a nutritious meal and wish her well for the future. Our school meal service will continue as usual in the capable hands of Mrs Smith (assistant cook) and Mrs Lilly (kitchen assistant). We are also saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs Hunter-Howard, our HLTA in Year 2. Mrs Hunter-Howard is leaving us to take up a new position at the East Riding Council.

Governing Body Update

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Linstead as the latest member to join our governing body as a co-opted governor. For more information about our Governing Body, please see our school website.

School Streets Scheme– reminder

The School Streets Scheme is designed to tackle congestion outside schools and improve the environment to make it safer and easier to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Princess Road is a pedestrian and cyclist only zone between 8.15-9.15am and 3-4pm during term time. Vehicles are not permitted to enter, exit or manoeuvre during the restriction and doing so will be committing an offence which could lead to a fixed penalty charge notice. Blue badge holders are exempt, as are any residents if vehicles are registered for a permit. Unless you have an exemption, please use the Park & Stride at the nearby Tesco or otherwise park considerately, respecting the access needs of local residents and ensuring no obstruction to the carriageway or footpath. Please pass this information on to any friend or family member who brings / collects your child.

Please note the new parking restrictions (double yellow lines) at the entrance to Shipman Road.

Winter Weather Conditions

It's cold! Please send your child to school with a NAMED hat, scarf and gloves. In case of severe weather, we will inform you of a school closure via our Arbor app. **Please ensure you have downloaded the app and turned notifications on.** Please stick to the main paths in frosty weather. We advise you to read our Snow Clearance & Gritting Policy (available on our website under Statutory Information/Policies).

Please make sure you send your child to school in named wellington boots on any snowy days so that they can still play outside.

School Photographs

A thank you to all parents and carers who ordered school photographs before Christmas. The school has raised £80 for Cancer Research.