NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has got off to a really positive start, and it's been lovely to see the children return to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. We have lots of exciting things planned for the weeks ahead (although we won't be mentioning the *'Christmas'* word just yet!).

Alongside all the wonderful activities for the children, we are also focusing on school improvement, including a revamp of our Reception classrooms. The staff are very busy planning this, and we can't wait to invite you in later in the term to see the fantastic changes we've made.

You'll also find in this newsletter an update from Paul Britton, CEO of the Wyke Learning Trust, about the ongoing academisation process. If you would like any further information on this, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

As always, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support—it really does make such a difference to our school community.

Best wishes,
Nicola Waites

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 takes place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November, and our school will be taking part with a range of activities and discussions designed to promote kindness, respect and understanding. Throughout the week, we will help children learn what bullying is, why it's never acceptable and how their words and actions can make a big difference. We'll also focus on how to manage disagreements in a respectful way, encouraging pupils to listen to others' opinions and resolve conflicts calmly and fairly. Together, we can make our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued and included.

The week starts off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November.

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Congratulations Mrs Fox!

We're delighted to share some lovely news from our school community. Over the half-term break **Miss Vickers** got married, and she will now be known as **Mrs Fox**. We're sure you'll join us in congratulating her and wishing both her and her husband every happiness for the future.

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need with a fun non-uniform day! This year we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in something spotty or, if they prefer, to wear their pyjamas for the day. I know that some of the staff are looking forward to wearing their pyjamas for school! We encourage everyone to join in and help raise money for this fantastic cause, which supports children and young people across the UK. Please send in a donation for Children in Need with your child on the day. We're looking forward to seeing lots of colourful spots and cosy pyjamas as we come together to make a difference!



Playground Improvements

Thank you for your patience!
A huge thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding while the work has been taking place on our playground. We're excited that these areas are now ready to be opened again for the children to enjoy. The new space will provide fantastic opportunities for them to develop their physical skills and, of course, have lots of fun during playtimes.

We'd like to kindly remind parents that children should not use the playground equipment before or after school, even if they are supervised by an adult. This helps us to keep everyone safe. Thank you once again for your continued support and cooperation – it's very much appreciated!



Wyke Learning Trust Update

Please see below the message from Paul Britton, CEO of the Wyke Learning Trust.

Hello everyone,

Here is the update on our plans to form a new Multi-Academy Trust with schools across East Riding, North Lincolnshire and Hull with the founder settings of the Riverview Family of Schools comprising of Baysgarth School and Castledyke Primary School in Barton upon Humber, The Market Weighton School and Market Weighton Infant School and Wyke Sixth Form College in Hull.

First, a quick recap of the project so far, especially for those of you who are new to settings this year. Back in summer 2023, a group of schools with Wyke Sixth Form College had some first discussions about the possibility of establishing a new multi-academy trust (MAT) to provide great education for our region. We quickly found that we had a shared vision around inclusive and high aspiration provision and felt we would be able to do this better by working together. We consulted with staff, parents and wider stakeholders in Spring 2024 leading to our governing boards agreeing to submit an application to form a new MAT in April 2024. Full details about our plans and the outcomes of the consultation process are available here: www.thewlt.co.uk.

Since then we have been working with the Department for Education (DfE) to get a decision about whether they support this new project. First, we had a surprise general election, followed by a new administration who have taken their time to express a clear view about how they think the education system should be organised. Then we needed to find a solution to some privately held loans that Wyke had taken out to invest in developing its estate. These issues were resolved in Spring 2025 leading to our submitting a revised application in June. This application has been considered at the Advisory Board, the people who make decisions about whether schools can academise, in September 2025 with the outcome being that they deferred a decision pending further information.

The whole process has become rather frustrating, we just want to get on with providing even better educational opportunities for our young people! However, we are near the end now. We are working with DfE to provide the further information they require with the plan that our application will have its final consideration at the Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday 9th December. At that stage we need to have a definitive answer so we can stop all this planning and crack on with doing.

In the meantime, we have all got to know each other much better as a group of schools and the college. Teams have worked together across all aspects of our work and we have developed plans for how the new organisation will operate. Those original shared values still hold true; we believe that **all** young people can achieve great things with the help of the right support and challenge and by working together we will be able to do even more to deliver this type of education for our region.

Thanks for your support throughout this process. We have created this together and your comments and suggestions are always helpful in making our project better. If you have got any further questions or suggestions, please do get in touch.

Very best wishes,
Paul Britton

Mental Health Support Team

Supporting Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing

We're really pleased to let you know that East Riding Mental Health Support Teams are now working closely with our school. This is an exciting partnership with Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust and the East Riding local authority, designed to help support the mental health and wellbeing of our children.

The team includes specially trained Education Mental Health Practitioners who will provide advice and training for staff and can offer sessions for parents and carers too.

We're delighted to welcome James to our school, who will be working with us over this academic year as an Education Mental Health Practitioner. James is excited to be joining our school community and is passionate about supporting children's and young people's wellbeing, helping them to become their best selves. We have already booked in lots of assemblies that the children will participate in on a variety of themes such as kindness, friendships, confidence, understanding feelings and transition.

We'll be sharing regular updates as the service develops, and I'm sure you'll see James and the team around school at key events such as parents' evenings and coffee mornings.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM EAST RIDING

Parent Workshops

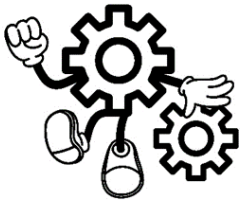
Parents and carers play the most important part in helping children overcome difficulties with their emotional and mental health and therefore it is essential that you feel skilled and confident in managing any difficulties that your child may have. James is going to be delivering some parent workshops that all parents are welcome to attend. Please ring the school office to let us know if you would like to attend.

Monday 24th November at 1pm (Children's Centre)
Behaviour as a form of communication

Monday 2nd March at 9am (Children's Centre)
Understanding anxiety within children and young people

Monday 11th May at 9am (Children's Centre)
Routines and Rhythms

Thursday 2nd July at 9am (Children's Centre)
Transition



Harvest Festival

A Huge Thank You for Your Harvest Donations

We'd like to say a big thank you to all our families for your incredible generosity this Harvest. We were truly overwhelmed by the amount of donations we received – it was wonderful to see our school community come together to help others. Your kindness will make a real difference to people in our local area, especially at a time when many families are finding things difficult.

It's also been a lovely opportunity to talk with the children about empathy, gratitude and the importance of supporting others. Our Harvest assembly was a special moment to celebrate these values together.



Thank you again for your kindness and support!

Admissions 2026

Will your child be joining Market Weighton Infant School in September 2026?

If your nursery child is due to start school in September 2025, you will need to apply for a school place through the local authority (even if you have already secured a place at our school nursery). The closing date is 15th January 2026. We are highly likely to be over-subscribed again in September, so please make sure you register, or your child may miss out on a place. If you know anyone with a child due to start school next September, please ask them to apply for a school place. Visits to the school are welcomed.

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Admissions 2026

Will your child be leaving Market Weighton Infant School in July 2026?

If your child is in Year 2, you will need to apply for a school place at the junior school or their next school through the local authority. The closing date is 15th January 2026.

Please contact Mount Pleasant Junior School on 01430 87338 or mountpleasant.juniors@eastriding.gov.uk if you would like to visit before your application.

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Diary Dates

November

Monday 3rd – School Opens
Monday 10th – Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 14th – Children In Need
Wednesday 19th – School Individual Photographs
Thursday 20th - School Individual Photographs
Monday 24th November – Wreath Making Evening
Friday 28th November – Step into Christmas Day (details to follow)

December

Monday 8th – 2pm Class 2-4 Christmas Production, dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9th – 10am Class 2-4 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10th – 2pm Class 2-4 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10th – 3.45-4.45pm Nursery Stay n Play for New January Starters
Friday 12th – Nursery Christmas Event
Monday 15th – Nursery Christmas Event
Wednesday 17th – Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18th – Christmas Party Day
Friday 19th – School Closes

January 2026

Tuesday 6th – School Opens

Market Weighton Infant School
Fundraising Committee

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