NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

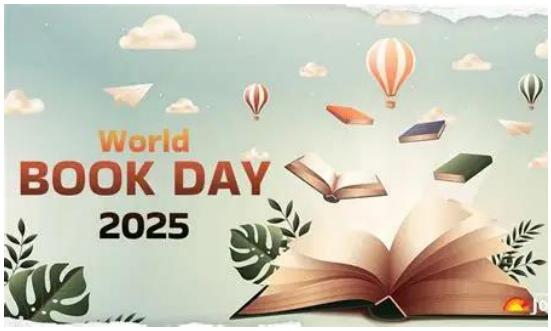
Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our latest school newsletter. As always, it is a pleasure to share news, updates and celebrations from across our school community. In this edition, you will find a range of important dates, including events organised by our wonderful MWISFC, as well as information about the upcoming World Book Day. This newsletter offers a snapshot of the many things happening in school and highlights the hard work, enthusiasm and achievements of both our pupils and staff. Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. Working together makes a real and positive difference to our children's learning and wellbeing.

Kind regards
Nicola Waites

World Book Day

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day at school on **Thursday 5th March**! To mark the occasion, all children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas and bring along their favourite book to share with their class. Alternatively, children may choose to dress up as their favourite book character. It promises to be a fun and cosy day celebrating stories, imagination and a love of reading.



Reading Books

We kindly ask all parents and carers to check at home for any school reading books that may not yet have been returned. Some of our book sets currently have missing copies and returning them will help ensure that every child has access to their own book during reading sessions. Thank you very much for your support with this.

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Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be taking place on the evenings of Wednesday 18th March and Thursday 19th March. This is a valuable opportunity to find out how your child is getting on at school, discuss their progress, and ask any questions you may have. Further details about how to book an appointment will be shared with you shortly.

MWISFC

MWIS Fundraising Committee



Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 10th February**, we will be marking Safer Internet Day in school. The children will take part in activities designed to promote online safety and help them understand how to stay safe when using the internet. This year's theme is "Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI", encouraging thoughtful and responsible use of technology. Please see the links below for useful information and guidance for parents and carers on how to help keep children safe online.

Keeping children safe online | NSPCC
Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre

Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

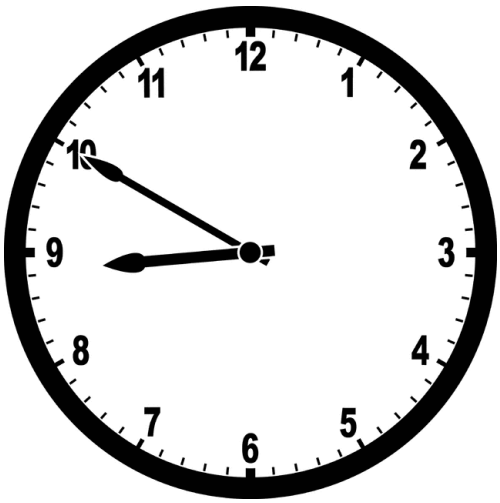
saferinternetday.org.uk

NSPCC

UK SIC

Punctuality

We would like to gently remind families about the importance of punctuality. Daily, we have a number of pupils arriving at school after 8:50am, which means they are marked as late. Pupils who arrive after 9:20am are recorded as having an unauthorised absence for the morning session. Across all year groups, phonics and reading are taught first thing in the day, and it is really important that pupils arrive on time, so they do not miss out on this valuable learning time. Thank you for your continued support in helping children start their school day calmly and ready to learn.



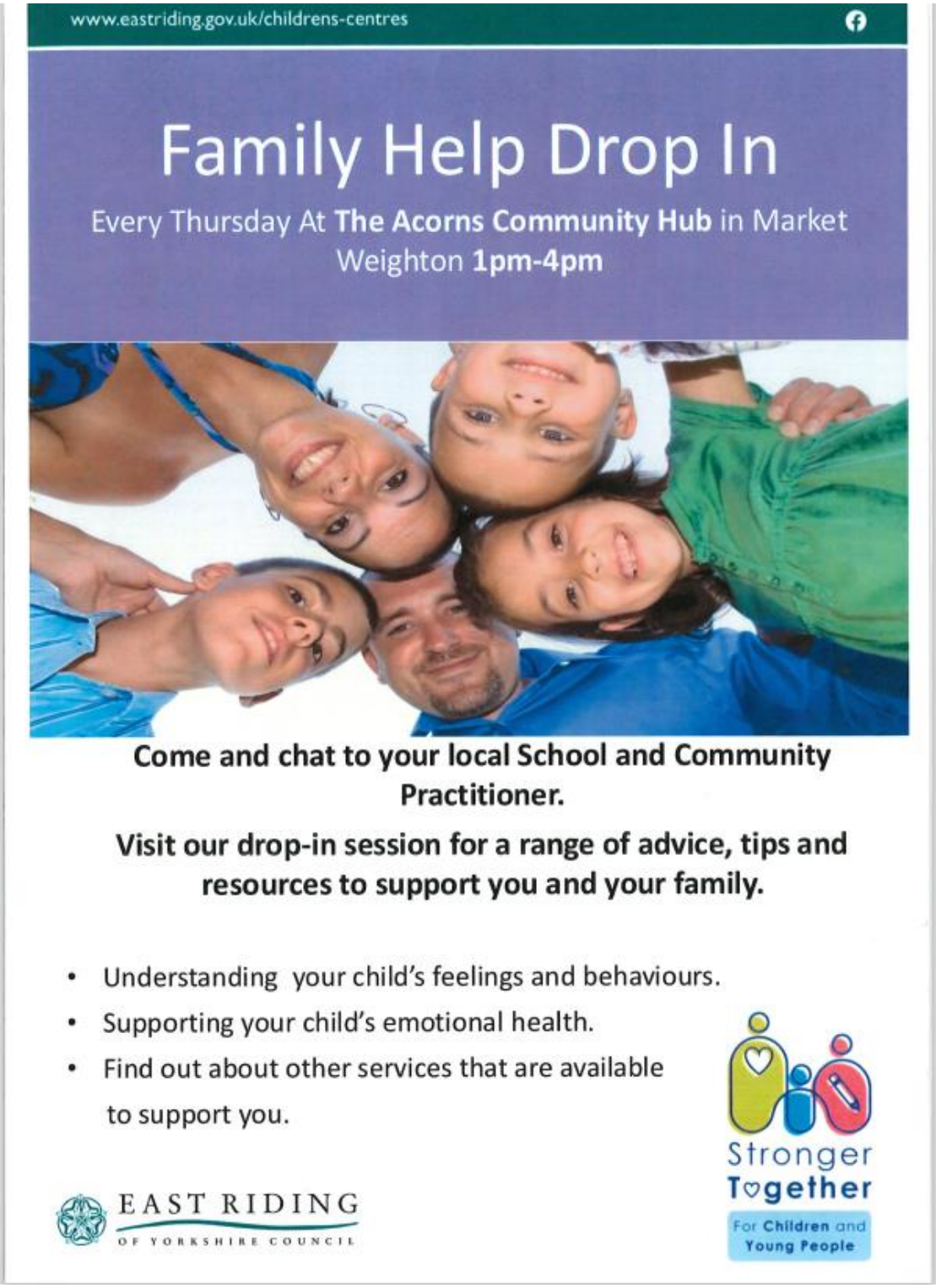
Attendance – Worried if your child is well enough for school/nursery?

We know that, particularly during the winter months, it can be hard for parents to know whether to keep their child at home when they've been unwell. With so many coughs, colds and bugs circulating, it's not always an easy decision to make. To help support families with this, we'd like to share a helpful NHS website which gives clear, trusted guidance on common childhood illnesses and when children are well enough to attend school. We hope this information helps you feel more confident in making the right choice for your child and for our school community.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

Family Health Drop In

We are pleased to share that we have a dedicated local School and Community Practitioner, Sami Sayers, who will be holding weekly drop-in sessions for parents. These sessions are available to support families with a range of day-to-day issues, worries or concerns. Sami can offer practical ideas and strategies, as well as signpost families to other services if more targeted support is needed. Please see the flyer below for further details.



NURSERY

In January……

January has been a busy month in the Nursery. We have welcomed ten new children and their families to our school. They have all settled quickly and we feel like they have been part of our school family for a long time already.



Our topic has been the season of Winter. We have observed the changes in weather and made bird feeders.

We have learnt the names of animals that live in cold places around the world and compared them with animals in hot countries.



The children have also explored colour mixing and used these colours to paint animals that live in hot places. We have also listened and followed instructions to learn to draw a penguin!

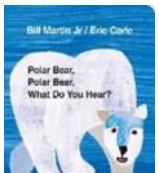


We had a visit from the school nurses who explained to us the importance of washing our hands, so that we don't get poorly from 'bad' germs.

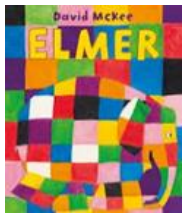
The Nursery children love books and we have been reading stories and non-fiction books related to our topic as well as fantastic traditional tales.











In February we are looking forward to…

- Learning about Number 4 and Number 5
- Starting to learn the single sounds m, a and s
- Going on a winter walk around the school.
- Continuing to develop our fine and gross motor skills through lots of different activities.
- Being introduced to the festival of the Chinese New Year.



RECEPTION

In January……

In Foundation we have been learning all about people who help us. The children have been learning about different professions and how they help us in our day to day lives and in our community. We have had some amazing visitors in to bring our topic to life. The children have enjoyed meeting them and learning about their roles and responsibilities





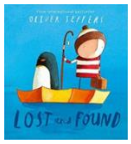


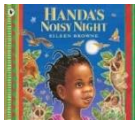


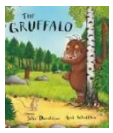


We explored the season of Winter by carrying out an investigation into freezing and melting ice. We observed how temperature changes affect ice and linked this to winter weather conditions.

We have been enjoying our Famous Five stories, that we read regularly to the children to support them to talk confidently about the characters, events and meanings behind each story. We also focus on the rich language within these books to develop the children's use of vocabulary.











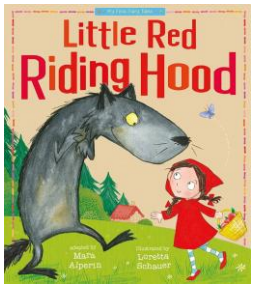
In February we are looking forward to…

- Continue to welcome our visitors to help us understand all about the different people that help us.
- Making healthy fruit salads.
- Going on a winter walk around the school.
- Learning about how animals stay safe and warm in winter.
- Exploring high and low pitches using vocal sounds.

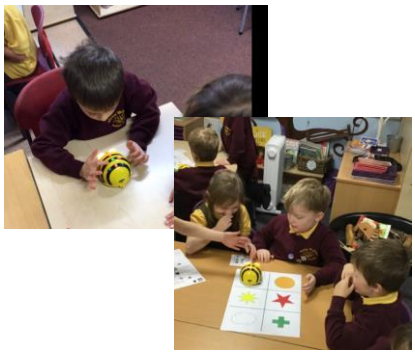


YEAR 1

In January ...



We have been reading the story Little Red Riding Hood and using it to inspire us to write perfect sentences. The children have loved listening to the story each day, acting it out and retelling the story. When retelling the story, the children have been working hard to write sentences with capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and perfect letter formation.



In computing, we have enjoyed learning about programming. The children have loved using Bee-Bots and learning how to input an algorithm.



We have been using our fieldwork skills in geography to create maps of the classroom and Year 1 outdoor area.



In art, we have been learning about Wassily Kandinsky and have been inspired to create our own abstract art.



We have enjoyed celebrating our January birthdays, NUMBOTS achievements, swimming certificates and many more successes.

Congratulations to all of the Year 1 children who have received Head Teacher's Awards this month for sentence writing about Little Red Riding Hood, creating fabulous artwork, learning number bonds to 20 and for always following the golden rules.

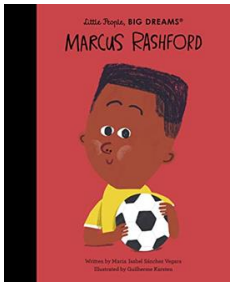
In February, we are looking forward to...

- Continuing our fieldwork in geography and learning about key features of Market Weighton.
- Developing a sense of beat in music and creating a musical movement picture.
- Learning more about Kandinsky's work, creating more abstract art and evaluating our own work.



YEAR 2

In January ...



We have been inspired by the *Little People, Big Dreams* stories by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara, and we enjoyed being authors and writing our own big dreams stories. We aspire to be vets, doctors, teachers, soldiers, dancers, singers, musicians, hairdressers, car mechanics, builders, engineers, scientists, palaeontologists and many more professions.



In Science, we have enjoyed learning about what animals (including humans) need to survive and about different food groups.



We were proud to show Miss Waites our design and technology structures.



In art, we persevered when learning to draw circles like artists.



We have enjoyed celebrating our January birthdays, NUMBOTS achievements, swimming certificates and many more successes.

Congratulations to all of the Year 2 children who have received Head Teacher's Awards this month for always being ready to learn, working hard to improve, always being kind and helpful, challenging themselves in P.E. and sharing their knowledge and skills.

In February, we are looking forward to...

- Designing and making healthy wraps in design and technology.
- Playing percussion instruments in our class 'orchestras' to improvise sound effects for stories.
- Using observational skills to sketch apples in art.
- Learning how to write instructions and algorithms.



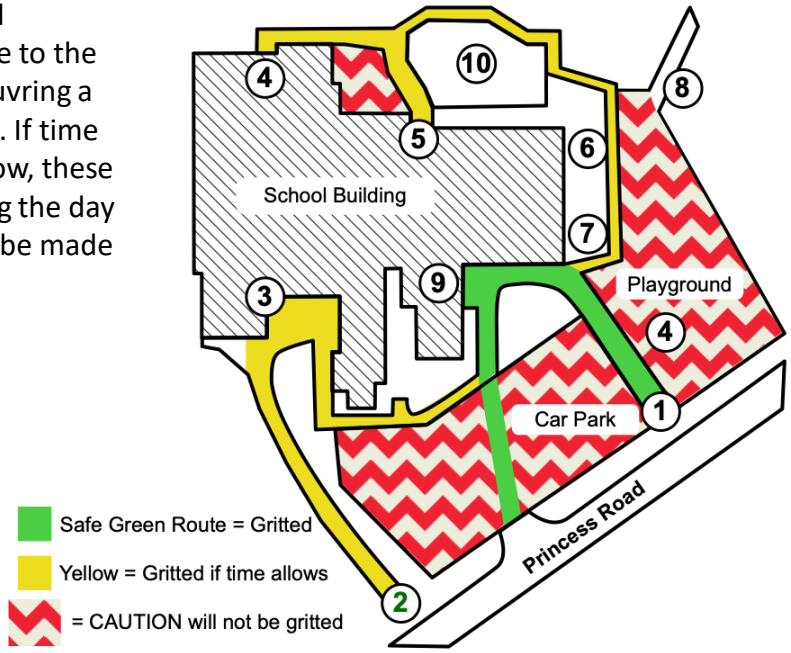
Snow Clearance and Gritting Policy

As the winter weather has started we would like tor remind all parents and carers of the school's policy, which we have attached to this letter. When it is icy please stick to the paths in school that are gritted.

Safe Green Route (will always be gritted if the school is open) – pathway leading from the public footpath on Princess Road past the bike shed on the top playground, down the steps, through the wooden gate (adjacent to Class 2), around past the main school entrance and across the car park to the double metal gates.

Amber Route (will be gritted in addition to the green route on typical icy days but not in exceptional circumstances and/or extreme weather. This is from the wooden gate (adjacent to Class 2) following the yellow metal fence around past the Foundation Stage building and the grassed area, up to the Foundation entrance door (adjacent to the staffroom). The gritting will continue from this area, along the edge of the playing field to the Year 2 door. (Please be aware that the tarmacked area in front of the staffroom and Class 10 will not be gritted). The Amber Route will also run from the main school entrance along the path between the offices and car park and right at the corner of the Caretaker's area down to the Year 1 door. The footpath from the public footpath on Princess Road nearest the bungalows will also be gritted down to the Year 1 door.

Red Areas – The top playground, the slope down to the lower playground, the staff car park and the area in front of the staffroom and Class 10, will not be gritted. Extreme caution should be exercised when moving from a vehicle to the pathway and when manoeuvring a vehicle around the car park. If time and weather conditions allow, these areas may be cleared during the day but the assumption should be made that care must be taken.



Key:

1 = Gate onto top playground from Princess Road
2 = Gate to Year 1 path from Princess Road
3 = Year 1 door
4 = Year 2 door
5 = Foundation door (Class 3 & Nursery gate)
6 = Gate to Class 4 door
7 = Gate to Class 2 door
8 = Pathway to MPJS (junior school land)
9 = Main school office entrance
10 = Foundation barked area

Diary

February

Thursday 12th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12th	Year 2 Healthy Handwashing
Friday 13th	MWISFC Valentines day bake and craft sale
Friday 13th	Break up for half term
Monday 23rd	Children return to school

March

Monday 2nd	9am -Parent workshop – Understanding anxiety within children and young people
Wednesday 4th	Scholastic Book Fair for Nursery and Reception (3.30pm)
Thursday 5th	Scholastic Book Fair for Year 1 (3.30pm)
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Friday 6th	Scholastic Book Fair for Year 2 (3.30pm)
Wednesday 11th	MWISFC Someone Special Sale
Friday 13th	MWISFC Non-uniform day (for Easter chocolate donations)
Wednesday 18th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25th	Year 1 performance to parents (2pm)
Thursday 26th	Year 1 performance to parents (10am)
Friday 27th	Decorated egg competition
Friday 27th	Break up for the end of term
28th March	MWISFC Easter Chocolate Bingo (6pm)

April

Tuesday 14th	Children return to school

May

Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th	Class photographs
Monday 11th	9am - Parent workshop - Routines and rhythms workshop
Friday 22nd	Break up for half term

June

Tuesday 2nd	Children return to school
W/C 8th June	Phonics screening week
Wednesday 24th	Sports day

July

Thursday 2nd	Parent Workshop – Transition - 9am
Wednesday 8th	Year 2 Leavers concert (pm)
Thursday 9th	Year 2 Leavers concert (am)
Friday 17th	Break up for the Summer Holidays



🎨🌼 SCRAPSADAISY – FEBRUARY CRAFT SESSIONS 🌼🎨

📍 The Acorns, Market Weighton

Messy hands, creative minds, and lots of arty fun!
Scrapsadaisy is a relaxed craft market where children **and** adults can explore creativity together using a variety of materials.

🗓️ **WHEN**

🖌️ **Friday 13th February**

⏰ 10:30am – 12:30pm

🖌️ **Friday 20th February – HALF TERM SPECIAL!**

⏰ 1:00pm – 4:00pm

💷 **COST**

✨ £2.50 per crafter

✨ £1 per spectator

👧👴 **WHO'S IT FOR?**

✔️ Ages **5+** (due to equipment available)

✔️ Crafts suitable for **children & adults**

📌 **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

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Spaces are limited – book early and enjoy some colourful, creative time together this February!

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Find us on Facebook - Scrapsadaisy Market Weighton