NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the March newsletter. It has been so lovely to see some nicer weather and the lighter nights beginning to arrive – a sure sign that spring is on the way.
Thank you for the effort you all went to for World Book Day. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and were wonderfully snuggly in their pyjamas. We had a great day and the children really enjoyed it. It was fantastic to see them all sharing their favourite stories and exploring new books together.
Thank you also to everyone who supported the book fair. Your support helps us to continue developing our reading areas and ensures that the children have access to a wide range of exciting books to enjoy.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Nicola Waites

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 13th March, children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform. In exchange, we kindly ask each child to bring in a chocolate item to help support our upcoming Easter Bingo event. All donated chocolate will be used as prizes for the event, helping to make the event extra fun for everyone. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing the children in their non-uniform!



Labelled Clothing

Please can we ask parents and carers to ensure that all children's clothing and footwear are clearly labelled with their name. This helps us to return any lost property to the correct child quickly and easily. We are finding an increasing number of unnamed items around school, so your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Contact Info

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Parents' Evening

A reminder to parents and carers to please book an appointment for our upcoming Parents' Evenings, which will take place on **Wednesday 18th March** and **Thursday 19th March**. Appointments can be booked easily through the Arbor app. If you experience any difficulties when booking, please speak to a member of the team in the school office who will be happy to help. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

Easter Competition – Friday 27th March

On **Friday 27th March**, we will be holding a special Easter competition in school, and all children are invited to take part. Children can choose to either make an Easter bonnet or decorate an egg and bring their creation into school to be judged. We are delighted that Mr Nixon, Head of Mount Pleasant Junior School, will be coming across to help judge the competition.

Please note that due to serious allergies within school, we ask that children do not use real eggs for the decorated egg competition. Instead, we will provide polystyrene eggs for any children who would like to take part in this activity. These will be available to collect from the school office from **Friday 20th March**. Children do not need to take part in both activities - just one if they wish. We look forward to seeing all of their wonderful creations!





School Streets

Last week representatives from the Local Authority and Cllr Leo Hammond met with Miss Waites and Mr Nixon (Headteacher of Mount Pleasant Junior School) to discuss the ongoing issues with traffic on Princess Road and the surrounding area. This is a complex issue and, unfortunately, there is no simple solution. However, it is important that all stakeholders work together and do everything we can to ensure the safety of the children in our community.

We would like to remind parents and carers that only those with the appropriate permits should be driving down Princess Road at the beginning and end of the school day. In addition, please remember that parking on the zigzag lines outside the school or in the bus drop-off point is not permitted.

From this week, these areas will be regularly monitored by the police and traffic wardens.

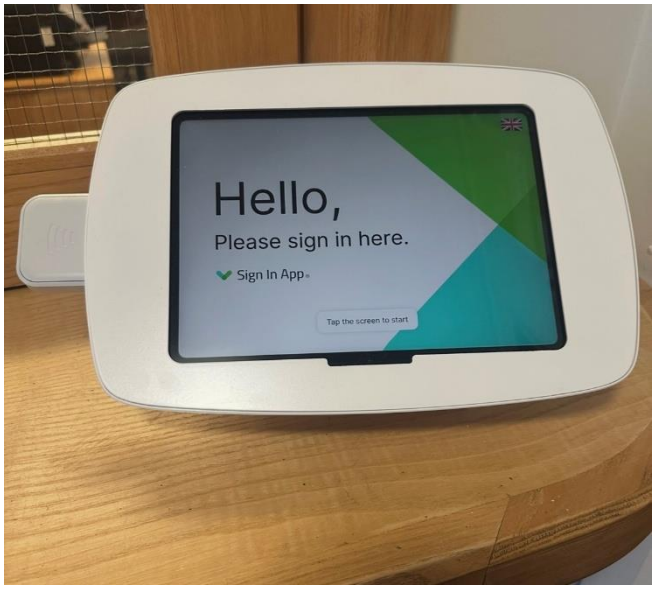
Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to keep our children safe.



New Electronic Sign In/Out System

We are now using an electronic sign in/out device for pupils who arrive late to school or who need to be collected early. The system is very straightforward to use and will help ensure that attendance is recorded efficiently and accurately. If you are unsure how to use the device, a member of the office team will be happy to support you. Please do not forget to select what your child is having for lunch.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Autism Awareness Week Fundraising Stall

To mark Autism Awareness Week, Mrs Levitt, Mrs Neal and Mrs Saltmer will be running a fundraising stall on the playground on Wednesday 25th March. This is something that has been very popular in previous years and we are pleased to be holding it again. There will be a lucky dip available for 50p per go and a Scratch and Win game for £1. All money raised will be used to purchase additional resources in school to support our pupils. Thank you in advance for your support.



Parent Workshops

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

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The Education Mental Health Support Team have asked us to share details of some upcoming online events they will be hosting. These sessions are designed to support parents and provide helpful information and guidance. Please note that booking is required to attend.

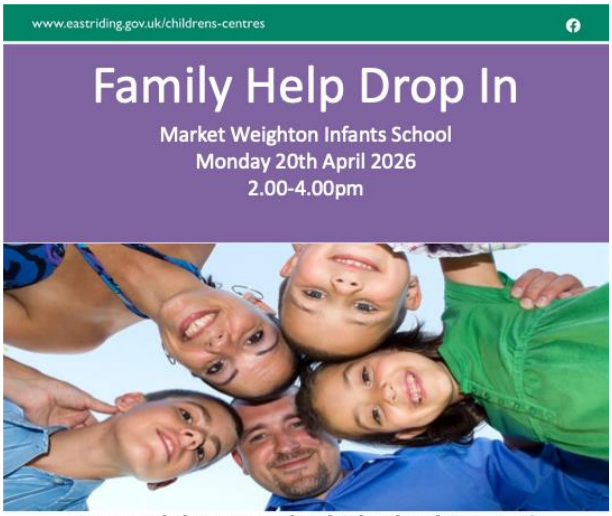
Understanding Anxiety
Friday, Apr 17 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
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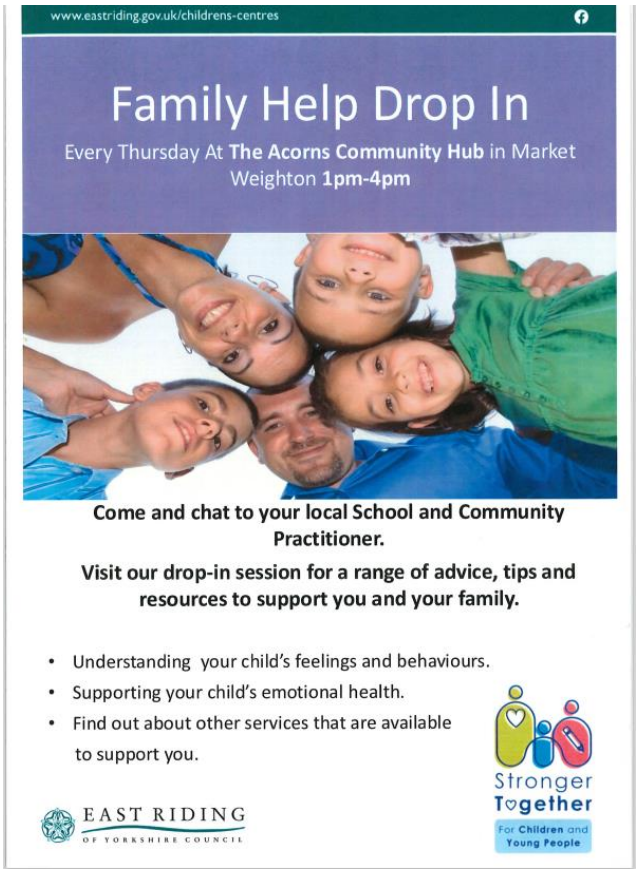
Behaviour as a Form of Communication
Wednesday, May 27 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behaviour-as-a-form-of-communication-a-parentcarer-workshop-tickets-1984614126276?aff=oddtdtcreator

Routines and Rhythms
Wednesday, Jun 10 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/routines-rhythms-a-parentcarer-workshop-tickets-1984614429182?aff=oddtdtcreator

Family Health Drop In

As you may be aware, there is a weekly Family Help Drop-In at the Acorns Community Hub in Market Weighton every Thursday from 1pm to 4pm. In addition to this, Sami and Gemma will be running a drop-in session for our parents in school on Monday 20th April between 2pm and 4pm. There is no need to book for this session—parents are welcome to come along at any time during the session. Sami and Gemma will also be attending our Parents' Evening on Wednesday 18th March, so please feel free to pop and see them for a chat if you would like to find out more about the support available.





NURSERY

In February……

February has flown by! The cold and wet weather has not put us off our learning. We have enjoyed winter walks in the school grounds. The children are very observant and have noticed the changes in the trees and what affect the weather has on their local environment.



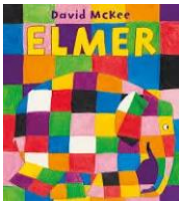
Class 1 love learning about numbers. We have been learning all about numbers 4 and 5.

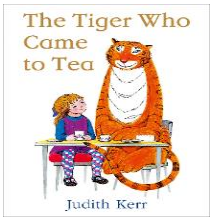


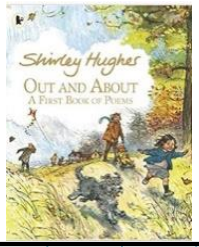
As we start to learn single sounds the children in Class 1 have been so enthusiastic to recognise and say the sounds m and a. Mrs Randle will continue to send QR codes and memos via Tapestry so that the children can continue to practise at home. If you are unable to access Tapestry, please contact the school office.

TAPESTRY

Below are some of the fantastic books and poetry we have been reading this month.







In March we are looking forward to…

- Learning all about the caterpillar life cycle
- Exploring the season of spring
- Starting to learn single sounds s, d and t
- Review our learning of numbers 1 - 5
- Continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills through lots of different activities
- Easter activities



RECEPTION

In February ...

The children have had great fun playing and learning outdoors in the rain. They enjoyed filling, emptying and pouring water, exploring capacity and working together to share the resources. We had lots of laughter while enjoying the weather together.





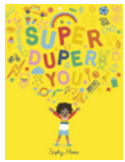


We have been learning about Chinese New Year and exploring the traditions and celebrations associated with this special festival. The children discovered that this year is the Year of the Horse in the Chinese zodiac. We also enjoyed reading the story of the Great Race, which explains how the animals were chosen for the zodiac calendar.



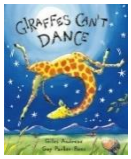
We have learnt the trick 'breathing colour.' A mindfulness technique to breathe colours in and out to change our feelings.











We have started reading our famous five stories for the spring term.

In March we are looking forward to...

- Welcoming our very own caterpillars and observing the lifecycle of a butterfly.
- Learning all about Easter.
- Learning about spring and going for a spring walk around the school grounds.



YEAR 1

In February ...



Our writing in February has focussed around Market Weighton. The children received a letter from Visit England asking them to write a reply with ideas of things people could do when visiting Market Weighton. The children have loved writing their replies and have shown a great knowledge of the town. When writing the letter, the children had to remember to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They have also begun to use 'and' to join sentences together.





We had a fantastic DT day making smoothies! Throughout the day, we tried different fruit and vegetables, chopped them all and blended them to make the smoothie. We loved trying what we had made!





In geography, we have been learning about the UK. The children have named the four countries, capital cities and surrounding seas.





In science, we have been on a wild flower hunt in our school grounds. We have also been naming the different parts of a plant.



Congratulations to all of the Year 1 children who have received Head Teacher's Awards this month for working hard with their handwriting, making good choices, always being ready to learn and demonstrating fantastic participation in lessons.

In March, we are looking forward to...

- Performing the songs and poems we have been practising for our performance.
- Learning about London through the story 'Katie In London'. We're looking forward to producing some great writing recounting the landmarks that Katie visits.
- Learning more about plants in science. We're excited to go on a hunt looking for signs of spring.



YEAR 2

In February ...

We really enjoyed being chefs during our DT day. Our challenge was to design a healthy, balanced wrap which included a protein, fruit or vegetable, dairy and carbohydrate. Just like chefs, we started by tasting different combinations of food before designing our wraps. We learnt how to use sharp knives and graters safely, then we enjoyed making, eating and reviewing our healthy wraps.








In science, we had lots of fun learning about hygiene and how germs spread.
Our visitor from the NHS brought a special light box that showed whether or not our hands had been washed properly.



We have celebrated our February birthdays, NUMBOTS achievements, swimming certificates and many more successes outside of school. We have enjoyed sharing our half term adventures and art work from home inspired by our lessons.



Congratulations to all of the Year 2 children who have received Head Teacher's Awards this month for always working hard, always listening, trying new foods in Design and Technology, safe cutting/grating skills, working hard to learn times tables, writing fantastic poetry, excellent voice choices, super sketching of apples and amazing dancing in P.E.

In March, we are looking forward to...

- Learning about animals and their lifecycles in science
- Using atlases to find and name the seven continents and five oceans of the world in geography
- Learning about why Easter is important to Christians in R.E.



Diary

March

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

Other News ...

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This course helps to build a child's confidence whilst improving balance and core strength.

The aim is to provide the skills and ability to ride a bike independently.

Your child will learn how to:

- Mount and dismount correctly
- Balance
- Steer
- Brake

Find out more about your childrens eligibility by scanning the QR code or on our website below.

Easter Holiday Sessions 2026

The Market Weighton School – Tuesday 31st March

Bridlington Sports Centre (CYP) – Wednesday 8th April

The service will be provided by National Standard / Bikeability trained cycling instructors.

Find out more about your childrens eligibility by scanning the QR code or on our website below.

To book your childs place visit eastriding.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

For any further information contact the team on road.safety.training@eastriding.gov.uk

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Other News ...

HOWDEN EQUESTRIAN

PONY EXPERIENCE DAY

Howden Equestrian, DN14 7ND





31ST MARCH & 3RD APRIL
10AM - 2PM

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HOWDEN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Other News ...

HomeFit UK

EASTER CARD COMPETITION

Get creative and design an Easter card!
Draw it, paint it, craft it or design it digitally — we'd love to see it.

🥇 1st Prize - Family Ticket to Williams Den
🥈 Runner-Up - Easter Chocolate Hamper

How to Enter

Submit your entry in person to Home Fit UK Pocklington, or digitally to kbarker@homefituk.co.uk by Wednesday 25th March 2026.

All entries to include:

- Child's name, age & school.
- Parent/guardian contact details.

