



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are in the middle of a very busy and exciting term in school and have lots planned for the few months ahead. We have many wonderful events and activities planned for the children, including Sports Day, our Summer Fair, transition activities, school trips and, of course, our special Year 2 Leavers' Assembly. Information regarding upcoming trips and events will be sent home shortly, so please keep an eye out for letters and updates.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and hope to see many of you at the events we have planned throughout the term. Together, we can make this a memorable and enjoyable summer for all of our children.

Kind regards,
Nicola Waites

Sports Day

You are warmly invited to our annual Sports Day on Wednesday 24th June. Children will take part in year group races on the school field during their designated session. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. We look forward to a fun and exciting day for everyone!

Reception (Classes 2,3 and 4): 9:15am-10am

Year 1 (Classes 5,6 and 7): 10:15am – 11:15am

Year 2 (Classes 8,9 and 10): 2pm-3pm



Staff Training Day

Monday 1st June will be a staff training day, and the school will be closed to the children. Children will return on Tuesday 2nd June, following the half term break.



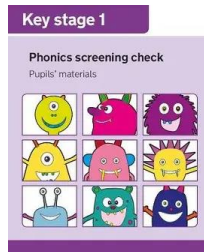
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Phonics Screening

Children in Year 1 take part in the Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning Monday 8th June. This involves your child working one to one with a teacher to read a selection of words to assess their phonic knowledge and identify those that need extra support. Those children in Year 2 who did not meet the expected standard last year, will retake the check.



Sun Safety

Now that the weather is beginning to warm up (hopefully!), please ensure that your child comes to school fully equipped to keep safe in the warm weather.

Please can parents apply sunscreen each morning before the children come to school.

Once-daily or long-lasting sun cream is particularly helpful, as it means children do not need to reapply it during the school day. If you do send sunscreen into school with your child, please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please can you also ensure that your child wears a sun hat on sunny days. We have a small number of school hats on sale for £4 from the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe in the sunshine



Year 3 Transition to Mount Pleasant Junior School

Mr Nixon, the Headteacher at Mount Pleasant Junior School, has invited the Year 2 parents to a New Parents Meeting on Wednesday 3rd June at 5.30pm. This will be an informative meeting where you will gain lots of information to ensure a smooth transition for your child as they move to Year 3.

In addition to this, we have met with the staff over at the junior school and arranged a thorough transition to ensure that the children feel comfortable and confident with the staff, building and routines for their start to Year 3 in September. Details of all of the transition activities will be provided in the coming weeks.



Mental Health Awareness Week

This week, from Monday 11th May to Sunday 17th May, the children will be recognising Mental Health Awareness Week across the school. The main theme this year is Action. Throughout the week, the children will take part in a range of age-appropriate activities designed to support emotional wellbeing and encourage positive mental health. These will include stories, games, discussions and group activities linked to the following daily themes:

Monday – All About Feelings: recognising emotions

Tuesday – Talking Helps: expressing feelings

Wednesday – Calm Minds & Bodies: self-regulation

Thursday – Kindness Matters: relationships and kindness

Friday – Express Yourself: belonging and identity

The children will also be introduced to a variety of strategies to help support these important areas of wellbeing.



MWISFC Non- Uniform Day

To help support our upcoming Summer Fair, we are inviting children to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 22nd May in exchange for a donation for the fair.

We kindly ask for the following donations from each year group:

Foundation (Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4) – sweets or chocolate (*nut free please – “may contain nuts” is absolutely fine*)

Year 1 (Classes 5, 6 and 7) – children’s tombola items (*toys, colouring books, paints, craft kits, etc.*)

Year 2 (Classes 8, 9 and 10) – anything in a bottle

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity – it is greatly appreciated and helps make our Summer Fair a wonderful event for the children.



Family Health Drop In

I just wanted to remind everyone about the weekly Family Help Drop-In at the Acorns Community Hub in Market Weighton every Thursday from 1pm to 4pm. In addition to this, Gemma Pickering, our Family Help School and Community Practitioner, will be running a drop-in session for our parents in school on various Mondays during the Summer term. Please see the flyer below for dates. There is no need to book for these sessions—parents are welcome to come along at any time during the session.

www.eastriding.gov.uk/childrens-centres

Family Help Drop In

Market Weighton Infants School
Monday 11th May, 8th June and 13th July
2.00-4.00pm
At The Acorn's every Thursday 1.00-4.00pm
(including school holidays)



Come and chat to your local School and Community Practitioner – Gemma Pickering

Visit our drop-in session for a range of advice, tips and resources to support you and your family.

- Understanding your child's feelings and behaviours.
- Supporting your child's emotional health.
- Find out about other services that are available to support you.

NURSERY

In April.....

It has been a busy start to the summer term. We returned to school with the excitement of hearing about fun in the Easter holidays (which now seems a long time ago!).

As part of our topic on occupations and people who help us, some of the children have painted vehicles. I am so impressed with the care and attention they have given to their work.



Mrs Thompson and Mrs Randle cared for the nursery butterflies and we were finally able to release them during the second week of the holidays.

We have shared some fantastic story books including Whatever Next! By Jill Murphy and Zog and the Flying Doctors by Julia Donaldson.



In May we are looking forward to...

- continuing our topic Occupations and Transport
- starting to learn single sounds p & g
- continuing our learning of numbers 1 - 5
- learning about weight and capacity
- beginning to use our fine motor skills to form letter shapes
- hearing some of our friends share their All About Me bags



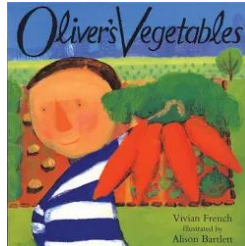
RECEPTION

In April...

We have been exploring plants and learning about their different parts. The children have really enjoyed planting sunflower seeds, and they continue to care for them while watching them grow.



We have used the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French to help identify a range of fruits and vegetables, and to support sorting them based on how they grow. We have also planted our own carrot seeds.



The children also enjoyed learning new skills during the tennis taster session.

We have learnt a new trick 'win win' to help the children think about each others' points of view as well as their own.



In May we are looking forward to...

- Learning about the artist Andy Warhol
- Exploring and creating our own pop art
- Observing our sunflowers and carrot seeds as they grow.

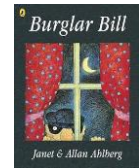


YEAR 1

In April ...



Our writing focus has been on non-fiction texts about animals. The children have enjoyed learning interesting facts and sharing their knowledge through their writing. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and taking pride in their work as they become more independent writers. We have also been nurturing a love for reading by exploring some engaging key texts together. Through these stories, the children have been developing their vocabulary, learning new words, and beginning to use them confidently in their speaking and writing. The key texts we have read are Burglar Bill, Leo and the Octopus and Small's Big Dream.



In RE, we have learning about the creation story.



We have been learning about animals in our science lessons. The children have been grouping and sorting animals based on their habitat.



We have also used the tablets in computing sessions to extend our learning on animals. The children sorted animals based on their appearance.



We have enjoyed celebrating our April birthdays, NUMBOTS achievements, Headteacher awards and many more successes. Please continue to use NUMBOTS at home and look out for phonics screening check practice that the children will bring home.

In May, we are looking forward to...

- Designing and making an animal sock puppet.
- Learning more about animals and finding out which animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.
- Reading more key texts including Tiddler by Julia Donaldson, Ruby's worries by Tom Percival and I'm in Charge by Jeanne Willis.



YEAR 2

In April ...

On Monday 20th April, the whole of Year 2 enjoyed a lovely spring walk. We walked an amazing 2.8 miles, as we visited the park, The Green, The Monkey Run and the Wildlife Sanctuary on Londesborough Road. As scientists, we were looking for signs of spring such as blossom, spring flowers and new life. We loved seeing the lambs! We also learnt about some of the history of Market Weighton, especially some of the old buildings including the old police station and fire station. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the volunteers from *Weighton Walkers* for supporting us on our walk and sharing their knowledge of Market Weighton.



We loved our Tennis Taster sessions with Dave!



We've been asking really BIG questions in RE, such as:

*How was the Earth made?
Why are there so many different religions?*

We had lots of fun investigating seeds in science.



We have celebrated our April birthdays, NUMBOTS achievements, swimming certificates, dance competitions and many more successes outside of school.



Congratulations to all of the Year 2 children who have received Head Teacher's Awards this month for always working hard, always being respectful, working hard to improve their writing, trying hard in maths, writing a fantastic recount of our spring walk, for being really helpful and for always keeping our Golden Promises.

In May, we are looking forward to...

- being authors in English and writing our own creative stories
- investigating how plants grow in science
- learning about how members of the Christian and Jewish faiths believe the Earth was created
- finding out about different environments around the world



Diary

May

W/C Mon 11 th	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 19 th	Nursery visit to the Fire Station 1.30pm
Thursday 21 st	Nursery visit to the Fire Station 1.30pm
Thursday 21 st	Krispy Kreme Donut sale MWISFC 3.30pm
Friday 22 nd	MWISFC Non- Uniform Day (Summer Fair Prizes)
Friday 22 nd	Break up for half term

June

Tuesday 2 nd	Children return to school
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 3 Welcome Meeting at Mount Pleasant Junior School 5.30pm
W/C 8 th June	Phonics screening week
Monday 8 th	Family Help Drop In at Market Weighton Infant School 2pm-4pm
Monday 15 th	Welcome Meeting for New Reception (FS2) Children (Sept 2026) 6pm
Tuesday 16 th	MWISFC Someone Special Shop
Wednesday 17 th	Year 2 Bridlington Trip
Friday 19 th	MWISFC Break the Rules Day
Wednesday 24 th	Sports Day

July

Wednesday 1 st	Reception William's Den Trip
Thursday 2 nd	Parent Workshop – Transition - 9am
Friday 3 rd	Year 1 Piglet's Farm Trip
Tuesday 7 th	MWISFC Summer Fair – 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 8 th	Year 2 Leavers concert – 2pm
Thursday 9 th	Year 2 Leavers concert – 10am
Monday 13 th	Family Help Drop In at Market Weighton Infant School 2pm-4pm
Tuesday 14 th	Open Classrooms/Meet the Teachers (3:40pm-5pm)
Friday 17 th	Break up for the Summer Holidays