

25th April 2025

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

Welcome back from the Easter Holidays and the start of the new Summer Term.

As many of you will be aware, the infamous Wray Scarecrow Festival will be starting on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. This year the theme is all around 'Circus'. We will once again be entering a scarecrow into the school's section of the festival. Please do go along and see our wonderful creation! Thank you to Mrs Chapman for co-ordinating efforts and supporting children with their entry.

For many of our youngest children in Nursery, this will be their final term before joining Reception in September 2025. As a school we have lots of opportunities planned to help support children's transition into full-time school. Further information can also be found in a very useful transition leaflet which can be accessed using the following link : <https://startingreception.co.uk>.

When we returned to school on Tuesday, children in classes were all enthusiastic to be back with their friends and to start learning!

In Butterfly Class children started to look at Spring and how this season impacts growing. Children really enjoyed planting their own seeds and are eagerly awaiting signs of shoots appearing! Rumour has it that there are also some tadpoles in class, which children are observing and watching grow.

In Hedgehog Class children are finishing off their topic work based on Kenya, including looking at the environment and the traditions of people that live in this country. Next Tuesday, school will be welcoming a special guest, Mr Nutsford. Mr Nutsford will be talking to children, across classes, about Kenya, sharing stories and information from his time living in the country.

In Rabbit Class children have started a new story as part of English. Children also discovered a pirate treasure ship and treasure chest, in which they found

some pirate hidden treasure, including a necklace, compass, old iron and coins! How exciting. In Maths children have been busy learning all about money.

Children in Badger Class have been focussing on their grammar skills and looking at their times-tables which we would encourage parents/carers to practice with their children at home.

Meanwhile, in Fox Class, this week children have started their Forest School Sessions with Mrs McGregor and Mrs Tyrer. Children have also been looking at the heart and circulatory system in Science. On Monday next week, Fox Class will be going on a field visit to Lawkland Hall as part of a 'Curlew Project'. More information is being sent home in a separate letter.

Our oldest children in Owl Class have been busy practising their SATs; children also started their Forest School sessions earlier this week. Mrs Coyle has been busy planning an exciting trip involving 'Beach School' activities and a visit to Lytham Hall for children in both Fox and Owl Class. This visit will support work around 'coasts' in Geography lessons.

Mrs Naylor is really excited about a new resource that is being made available to our families. Spelling Shed is an interactive website and app that aims to improve children's spelling skills making learning fun and engaging. As a school we are delighted to be able to offer this resource to children in Reception through to Year 6. More information has been sent home in a separate letter.

Next week children in Year 3 will be taking part in an outdoor adventure day to the Norber Erratics on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, with children in year 2 visiting the Norber Erratics on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. More information about what children will need on the day has been sent home previously by letter. If you have not already done so, can you please ensure that you have completed the on-line electronic consent form and considered making a small voluntary contribution

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of £10.00 per child towards the cost of these trips via Parentpay. Cash payment can also be handed into the school office.

To help parents/carers with planning, this term, children's PE days will be as follows :

Day	Class
Monday	Rabbit
Tuesday	Rabbit Badger
Wednesday	Butterfly Hedgehog
Thursday	Hedgehog Fox
Friday	Badger (Year 4 Swimming) Owl

**In addition to the above, Fox class has Forest Schools on Wednesday and Owl Class has Forest Schools on Thursday.**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.30pm, our wonderful fundraising FOBS will be having a meeting here at the school to discuss their future fundraising plans! Please do come along and join this friendly informal group and help support their efforts.

Finally, a special welcome to Ross and Duncan, along with their parents, who have joined us in Year 2.

Have a lovely weekend. See you next week.

Mrs C Pearson  
Headteacher

## Monday 28th April 2025

Battered Fish  
Veggie Sausage Roll (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

9.00am Visit to Lawkland Hall Farm (Fox Class)  
2.30pm-3.30pm FOBS Meeting (all welcome)

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Pasta Bolognese  
Sweet Potato and Lentil Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

All Day : Mr Peter Nutsford talking to children across school about Kenya

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Chicken and Tomato Bake  
Crispy Topped Summer Vegetables (v)  
Jacket Potato

9.00am Norber Erratics (Year 3)

1.00pm Forest School (Fox Class)

3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club (Years 1 -4) PLACES STILL AVAILABLE BOOK VIA PARENTPAY

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

All Day Breakfast (v)  
Veggie All Day Breakfast (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

9.00am Norber Erratics (Year 2)

1.00pm Forest School Owl

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

***Fun Day Friday – all children invited to join in and try a school lunch!***

Pizza (v)  
Curry Topped Naan (v)  
Jacket Potato

10.30 Year 4 Children in BADGER Class Swimming lessons (2/10)

3.00pm Celebration Assembly in the School Hall

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## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Making Friends Online.

## Keep button batteries away from your child

If your child swallows a button battery, it can get stuck in their food pipe. It can burn through to the main artery and badly harm or even kill them. This can happen very quickly.

Children aged 6 months to 4 ½ years are most at risk.



### Which batteries are most dangerous?

Lithium coin cell batteries are slightly bigger than a 5 pence piece. They are big enough to get stuck and are strong enough to kill. Smaller button batteries can still cause harm, especially if they are new.

### Where are they?

Your child can find button batteries in things like:

- small remote controls
- car key fobs or key finders
- musical cards and books
- light-up toys and novelty items
- nightlights
- digital scales
- thermometers
- old toys in the toy box.

Children may also find spare batteries that are stored within reach or have fallen from the pack. Even used 'flat' batteries still hold enough charge to be dangerous.

www.capt.org.uk

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### Check your home

- Hunt around your home for button batteries
- Keep products well out of your child's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured
- Store spare and 'flat' batteries well out of reach too
- Beware of bargains from online marketplaces or local discount shops. They may have button batteries your child can get to easily.

### Has your child swallowed one?

- Don't delay. Take them straight to A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.
- Tell the doctor you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- If you have the battery packaging or the product the battery came out of, take it with you.
- Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick
- There may be few symptoms. So trust your instincts.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance.

Attendance at our school **NEEDS TO IMPROVE**. If you need any support with your child around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the School.



## Community Creative Day

Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> | 10:30 - 16:00

The Folly Museum, Settle

Family-friendly activity-packed day, with drop-in crafts and films, in addition to bookable sessions

### FREE DROP IN SESSIONS:

- badge making • art exhibition • short films • make a nature journal • grow our blanket bog • weave a mini hay meadow • balancing birds

### TICKETED EVENTS:

- song session (age 3-7)
- make a wild puppet (age 8+)
- craft a 3D nest (all ages welcome)



Learn more & book here

www.ywt.org.uk/events/ground-nest-fest

ywt.org.uk



Here is a simple guide to seat categories.

Categories	Height Based	Weight Based	Approximate Age
Infant Carriers	Birth to 75 or 87cm	Birth to 13kg	Birth - 15mths
Toddler Seats	76 to 105cm	9kg to 18kg	15mths - 3 1/2
Combination Seats (Infant and toddler combined)	Birth to 105cm	Birth to 18kg	Birth - 3 1/2
Child Seats	100 to 150cm	15kg to 36kg	3 1/2 - 12 years
Combination Seats (Toddler and child combined)	n/a	9kg to 36kg	3 1/2 - 12 years