

Stillington Primary School



Weekly bulletin Friday 22nd May 2026

Good morning everyone,

What an incredibly busy term we have had! We are so proud of our Y2 pupils who took their KS1 SATs this week! They all did incredibly well and showed determination and resilience to showcase their fantastic learning! All our pupils have thrived with their learning this half term and had so much fun doing so. We cannot wait for what the rest of the summer term holds!

Residential:

As we prepare for the upcoming residential visit, please ensure that if your child will need any medication during the trip, you complete the school medical form with full and precise instructions (If you have not already done so). This must include the exact medication name, dosage, and the specific times it should be administered. Please note that we are unable to accept general instructions such as *"if he/she feels unwell, give some medicine"* or anything open to interpretation, as staff must be able to follow clear written guidance.

In addition, **please ensure your child brings a packed lunch with them on Monday 1st June** for when we arrive at our destination.

Residential staffing

Mr Carlisle, Miss Jackson, Mrs Redding, Mrs Foster and Miss Tordoff will be attending the residential alongside: Miss Stringer, Miss Lakin, Mr Yip and Mrs Rutherford. We are all very much looking forward to what promises to be a memorable experience for the children.

Children who remain in school during the residential will be taught by Mrs Lee a supply teacher who has previously worked with our school.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure the trip runs smoothly and safely.

World Environment Day 2026:

On Friday 5th June we will be celebrating world environment day 2026. To consider the impact of plastic waste on the environment, we are going to reuse some plastic waste to create something new. Please can you collect plastic waste, including plastic bottles and milk bottles and bring them to school on the day.

Careers Day:

On Friday 10th July we will be holding a careers day at school. We would welcome volunteers to come in to talk to the children about their career. If you can volunteer some time on this day or have any family members or friends who could, please can you email the office to let them know your career and availability. Your support is very much appreciated.

House point winners

This half term, the winning house is Lewis Carroll. Pupils in the winning house will receive a non-school uniform day the first Friday back after the half term.

Have a wonderful half term holiday everyone!

Thanks,

Miss Tordoff

Head of School



Swimming Lessons

Next half term, KS2 children will begin swimming lessons as part of their PE curriculum. Lessons will take place every Friday, starting on Friday 5th June.

Children will travel by coach to Thirsk Pool, leaving school at approximately 10:30am and returning by around 12:00pm. Lunch will therefore be slightly later than usual on Fridays, depending on our return time. Children are welcome to bring their usual healthy morning snack.

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school every Friday, as we do not have spare equipment available. Each child will need:

- Swimming costume/trunks
- Towel
- Clean underwear
- Goggles (optional)

Thank you for your support.

Wow Class work



EYFS and Year 1 & 2 – Miss Allwood

This week in Class 1, in English we have been finishing our learning on the Magic Finger. In Maths we have been looking at problem solving and reasoning and working with partners.

In Science, we learnt about different types of seeds, and different types of plants. We have finished our computing topic for this half term. In Geography we have been learning about France, and Paris. We have learnt that Paris has the Eiffel Tower in it, and a big museum called The Louvre.



Y3,4,5,6 – Miss Jackson

This week in KS2, in English we have been publishing our narratives we wrote a couple of weeks ago. The children have worked really hard on these and it is showing through their writing. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning this half term using some math mysteries. Again, the children are really enjoying these, and they are helping to understand how the maths topics relate to each other.

In our Foundation Subjects, we have been finishing the learning for these topics and completing our end of unit assessments. We have also started looking at the play that we are doing ready for next half term.

Have a lovely half term holiday, and I look forward to welcoming you back to school next half term.

Parent News

Monk Park Farm Trip

On Friday 19th June, nursery and reception will be visiting Monk Park farm to take part in a selection of forest-based activities, linked to our 'understanding the world' curriculum. We will be travelling by coach, leaving at 9am so all children will need to be in school at 8:45am to allow for a prompt departure. We will be returning before the end of the school day. All children will need a water bottle and packed lunch. To order a school packed lunch, please email the school office with your choice of ham, cheese or tuna sandwiches before 5th June.

We will be outside for the majority of the day so children will need to wear practical clothes according to the weather. If it is hot, children will need a hat and suncream and if it is raining, they will need wellies and waterproofs.

To cover the cost of the bus, entrance, and activities, we would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £20 per child, which will be added to Arbor shortly. Please log in to Arbor once notified to give consent for your child to go on the trip.

Safeguarding Advice for Parents and Carers: Viral “Squishy Toy” Trend

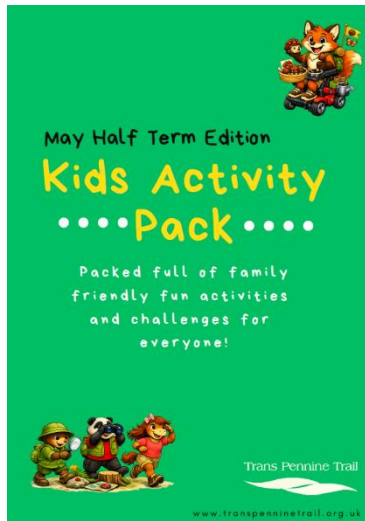
We are aware of a viral trend circulating online where children are encouraged to heat soft “squishy” toys (sometimes called NeeDoh or jelly cube toys) in a microwave.

This is extremely dangerous. When heated, these toys can burst and release hot contents, which may cause serious burns to the hands, face and skin. What you can do:

- Talk to your child about the risks of copying online challenges or trends
- Remind them that not everything seen online is safe or accurate
- Ensure squishy toys or similar items are never heated or microwaved
- Encourage your child to come to you if they see something online that concerns them

If you would like more information and practical advice, please see the safeguarding alert here: [SAFEGUARDING ALERT: Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack



The Trans Pennine Trail activity pack is filled with fun nature-themed activities including an i-Spy challenge, planting seeds, a recipe and a puzzle for families to enjoy during the holiday. It's a great way to inspire children to get creative, explore the outdoors, and learn more about the outdoors and the Trans Pennine Trail.

With colourful characters leading the way, this activity pack inspires kids to discover spring wildlife, get creative, and enjoy the magic of the outdoors. There are opportunities to share their adventures and to earn a digital certificate.

They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. Download it from our Children's page at: [Welcome to our Children's Page | Trans Pennine Trail](#)

Helmsley Arts Centre Activities

ACTING FUNDAMENTALS 2 DAY WORKSHOP

Tue 26 May - Wed 27 May, 10am - 3pm



Join actor Freya Poplewell in a two day theatre workshop covering voice, movement and teamwork, through fun drama games! Seize the opportunity to amp up your artistry in a workshop that not only develops your skill-set, but inspires the actor within you. At the end of the second day, families will be invited to join in and be led in an hour of drama activities led by the participants themselves!

Info / Book - [ACTING FUNDAMENTALS 2 DAY WORKSHOP](#) - [What's On](#) - [Helmsley Arts Centre](#)

Ages 8-14

The Magic Faraway Tree (U)

Wed 27 May, 6pm



When a family moves to the countryside, the children are reluctant to embrace their new lives until they discover an enchanted wood full of eccentric characters in this fantasy adventure film.

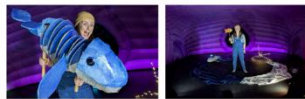
Length of film: 110mins
Directed by: Ben Gregor
Starring: Andrew Garfield, Michael Palin, Mark Heap, Nono Anozie, Simon Russell Beale

TRAILER - [The Magic Faraway Tree | Official Trailer | In Cinemas Everywhere 27 March](#)

Info / Book Tickets - [The Magic Faraway Tree - What's On](#) - [Helmsley Arts Centre](#)

Hoglets Theatre - The Tale of the Loneliest Whale

Sun 31 May, 2pm



A magical and interactive show that celebrates friendship, difference and the beauty of being yourself. Written by Andy Curry

"I can hear someone out there. They're singing to me." Whale sings his heart out into the deep blue sea, but nobody sings back. Is he the only one like him in the whole ocean? Just when he's about to give up, a mysterious voice echoes through the waves. Determined to find the singer, Whale embarks on an unforgettable adventure—diving through glowing coral caves, dodging wibbly jellyfish and facing wild-eyed sea monster! But will he ever find a friend who hears his song?

Join Hoglets Theatre for an exciting deep-sea adventure packed with beautiful puppets, hilarious sea creatures, original songs and lots of audience interaction! For ages 4+

Info / Book Tickets - [Hoglets Theatre - The Tale of the Loneliest Whale - What's On](#) - [Helmsley Arts Centre](#)

Hoglets Theatre - Whale Puppet Craft Workshop

Sun 31 May, 3pm - 4pm

Join Gemma from Hoglets Theatre for a fun, hands-on craft session inspired by The Tale of the Loneliest Whale. In this workshop, children will create their very own paper whale puppet, then learn how to make it "swim" through the ocean! Guided step-by-step by Gemma, this playful and creative activity is perfect for little makers and storytellers.

All materials are provided - just bring your imagination and get ready to dive in! For ages 4-11yrs - children must be accompanied by an adult.

Info / Book Tickets - [Hoglets Theatre - Whale Puppet Craft Workshop - What's On](#) - [Helmsley Arts Centre](#)

Swimming Lessons

Swim strong and stay safe with Swimvincible

The fun, exciting swimming programme for children aged 4 - building water confidence and teaching independent swimming - skills for life!

Classes for Children Age 4 - 12 years

Email: littlefish@waterbabies.co.uk
Socials: Find us on Facebook & Instagram
Tel: 01423 457 000

swimvincible
swim for life!

- Weekly lessons
- Small class sizes
- Experienced teachers
- Fun structured approach
- Learn core aquatic skills, water safety and swimming strokes
- Take part in exciting activities including water polo, snorkelling and artistic swimming

Ryedale Festival

Sunday 12 July
Concerteenies: *The Duck with No Luck*
SELBY Brayton Community Centre 11am
YORK St Chad's Church 3pm

Sunday 19 July
Musical Curiosities: *Cloudland*
KIRKBYMOORSIDE Primary School 11am
EASINGWOLD Galtres Centre 3pm

Saturday 18 July
Opera North Little Listeners: *Mini Magic Flute*
MALTON Wesley Centre 3pm

spark your child's musical imagination this summer!

INFO & TICKETS: RYEDALEFESTIVAL.COM

York Festival of Ideas

YORK FESTIVAL OF Ideas
30 May to 12 June 2026

FUN FOR FAMILIES

ENJOY A HOST OF FREE FAMILY EVENTS AT YORK FESTIVAL OF IDEAS!

- ★ Full Steam Ahead @ Discovery Zone
- ★ Storytelling in a Virtual World
- ★ Where Are All the Aliens?
- ★ Festival Fringe Family Fun Afternoon
- ★ Treasure-Hunting and Origami Making

Plus, explore the world of graphic novels, connect with nature, discover a magical world built by fairies - and much, much more!

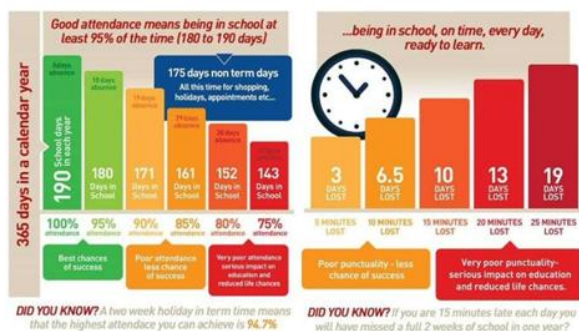
DON'T MISS Songs of Nature: An evening of words and music with author Michael Morgepuo and cellist Clare O'Connell

yorkfestivalofideas.com

Attendance

Please note that the school gates/doors are open from 8:45am until 9am and we kindly ask that children are dropped off in this time. The gates/doors will be closed at 9am, please be aware children arriving late after the register has closed will be marked as unauthorised for the morning. Arriving late for some children can be stressful and often means they have missed instructions for the morning activity. Please note we have breakfast clubs at our schools starting from 8am, should you wish to enquire about these, please speak to our school office staff.

As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils. We realise this is not always possible when your child is poorly. We are sure you will agree we all want our children to succeed, and good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible. Your child's attendance can now be monitored via the Arbor App.



Whole School Attendance

93.0%

93.0%	Today
91.6%	This year
94.7%	Arbor National Avera...
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What should I do if I am worried about a child?

If you believe that a child is immediate danger from significant harm, dial 999 to report it to the Police.

How do I make a referral?

Referrals can be made via the universal referral form or following an Early Help Assessment. Both can be located on North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/forms-and-tools/>

Urgent referrals can be made via telephone to the Customer Resolution Centre on 0300 131 2 131 or alternatively call the NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk

Dates for the Diary

End of term – Last day of school	Friday 22 nd May
Start of term – First day back	Monday 1 st June
KS2 Residential	Monday 1 st June – 3 rd June