



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'
Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter

March 2026...

A very busy final month of the spring term.

At the beginning of March our Years 5 and 6 pupils set off for an unforgettable residential at **PGL Newby Wiske Hall**. Throughout the trip, pupils took part in a brilliant mix of activities designed to build confidence and cooperation. It was a fantastic trip filled with excitement, teamwork, and personal achievement. Amazing memories made.



This month we have been enjoying the first of the spring sunshine. Our outdoor reflection area and playtime Calm Club has been utilised and enjoyed by many and we even ate for the first time outside this year!



We had a fantastic celebration of World Book Day! The children arrived in a wonderful variety of costumes, showcasing characters from classic stories, favourite novels, and popular picture books. It was great to see so much creativity and enthusiasm across the school.

A special congratulations goes to **Noah**, who won the NYC Catering *Best Costume* award and received a book voucher for his impressive effort.

Throughout the day, each class took part in themed activities, including creating character masks, completing word searches, and designing their own bookmarks. The children enjoyed getting creative while celebrating their love of reading.

Class 3 enjoyed a **WOOFYT** (Wooden One-octave Organ For Young Technologists) afternoon in Easingwold, combining Music (could we keep up with his rhythm and follow his tune?), Science (what is in the air around us? How can we hear? What is an echo?) and Technology (using pump technology to create music). It was an extremely informative and enjoyable afternoon.



On Monday 9 March it was the North Yorkshire Cross Country finals at Thirsk. Our four Hushwaite finalists showed great stamina, sportsmanship and a good pace. Positions were as follows: Ana – 4th, Robert – 7th, Eliza W – 10th and Eliza M – 11th, amazing achievements by all.

Explore Love with Rev Katie and Lucy on Tuesday 10 March. We had another amazing and fun-filled Explore session with Rev Katie and Lucy. The Children explored the theme of love through games, a story from the Rhyming Bible, crafts and discussion. Thanks to all who came and if you missed this session, look out for next term's theme, details coming soon...



STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths was celebrated by all classes as an enrichment day. Class 2 celebrated with a hands-on STEM challenge. The children had great fun designing and building different types of bridges using only newspaper. They worked collaboratively to test which structures were the strongest, exploring ideas around stability, weight distribution, and problem-solving. It was a fantastic opportunity for creativity, teamwork, and practical science in action.



Class 3 investigated paper planes. We asked various questions, such as which design will travel the furthest? Does the size of plane make a difference? We also had lots of fun in the sun testing our designs.



Class 1 have most certainly spent the last few weeks in **awe and wonder, awaiting the arrival of new Spring life**. The children have been looking after their eggs in their class incubator and every morning this week at least one has hatched!



Key Stage 2 Poetry Workshop – Climate Action Inspiration!

Our Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3–6) took part in an exciting Poetry for Climate Action workshop inspired by resources from CPRE (Council for the Preservation of Rural England). The session began with exploring the importance of water on our planet and learning about climate change through interactive activities such as origami and discussion. The children then channelled what they had learned into creativity by writing their own acrostic poems, using powerful words linked to nature, climate, and caring for the Earth. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they played with language, shared ideas and crafted thoughtful messages about protecting our planet.

The afternoon was full of imagination, teamwork, and plenty of proud smiles as the children read their poems aloud. We're incredibly proud of their efforts and their growing voices for positive environmental change!



All our children really enjoyed dressing in red for **Comic Relief**, they learnt all about the important work that Comic Relief does in supporting families and communities in the UK and around the world. We raised an incredible £96!



EYFS and KS1 educational visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park was an amazing day out, the children loved seeing all the animals, especially the polar bears. A lovely treat at the end of the day was an ice lolly from FOHS before we boarded the coach to return to school.



N.E.E.P.S PERFORMANCE

The school was buzzing with excitement as our talented **NEEPS band** took to the stage showcase some of their talents to the Pupils and Staff. This was a preview to the special performance they are holding for everyone on Tuesday 21st April at 6.30pm at school. Tickets are available from the school office after Easter.





Bikeability

Our Year 5 pupils have been busy developing their cycling confidence and road-sense through this year's **Bikeability training**. The sessions gave children the chance to build practical skills, learn how to stay safe, and enjoy the freedom that comes with being a responsible cyclist.

Friday 6th March Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award - Jack for his wonderful World Book Day story recall, he love telling us all about his tractor story.

Headteachers sticker - Archie for his super use of his sound mat to spell some cvc words.

Writer of the week - Freya for her super poem about her pet.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Isla has shown wonderful enthusiasm during her measuring work in maths this week. She has also worked confidently with a range of partners across different subjects. She is a fantastic team player!

Headteacher's Sticker – Ana has impressed us with her determination in computing. After missing a week, she worked hard to catch up on her Logo coding and produced some brilliant shapes. Well done, Ana!

Writer of the Week – Archie has shown great enthusiasm while planning and drafting his pet poem this week. He has also worked very hard on publishing his final piece. Excellent effort, Archie!

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Beatrix. With Year 5 and 6 away, Beatrix stepped into the role of Golden Oldie. She is always sensible and caring, but stepped up to a new level of brilliant, helping others, being responsible and leading by example. She also answered several (very) tricky questions during Class 3's WOOFYT trip, impressing everyone.

Headteachers sticker – Phoebe R, for overcoming fears and challenging herself with tasks that were out of her comfort zone during the residential. An amazing achievement!

Writer of the week – Douglas for his work on fronted adverbials, including those of manner, identifying them within text and using in his own sentences.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Oscar, for bringing games to life, using everyone's ideas to make sure no one is left out.

Friday 20th March Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award – George Wise, For his amazing number work, super counting all the way to 20, and fantastic number recognition. Well done, George!

Headteacher's Sticker – Primrose, Awarded for her fantastic writing about Gecko's Echo and her wonderful ideas about who wants to eat the eggs. Great work, Primrose!

Writer of the Week – Alfie for his continued and persistent effort to write his name independently. Keep it up, Alfie!

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Alice, for working brilliantly on her measures of mass and capacity.

Headteacher's Sticker – Hunter, for working hard in school and putting great effort into his reading homework.

Writer of the Week – Sharday, for working hard to maintain a high standard in her writing and presentation across different subjects, such as Geography.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Charlotte. She has only been with us for 4 weeks, but she has settled in amazingly well. She has quickly become used to our routines and has made many friends. We hope you will be really happy here!

Headteachers sticker – Eliza Bullock. Her calm presence in all lessons is highly valued. She listens carefully, follows instructions and always tries her hardest in EVERYTHING.

Writer of the week – Hope, for her thoughtful, detailed reflection, linking images of Jesus to 5 key Christian concepts.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Evie-Mae, for always being so happy and enthusiastic, even when she finds something hard.

This morning you are warmly welcome to **our Easter Service** 9.30am at St Nicholas' Church.
We wish everyone a very happy Easter. Enjoy the Easter break.

NOTICES:

- **Drop off and pick up.**
Safety for all at drop off and pick up is paramount. School opens at 8.40am, if waiting please ensure the footpaths are used only and not the school or neighbours drive/ front garden bank. Any children that arrive before the blue gate is opened must wait on the footpath leading up to it. Children must be supervised at all times.
- **Local Residents**
Please can we respect our local residents and the environment by ensuring that at drop off and pick up car engines are not left running.
- **BROMCOM**, our new management information system. As you know after Easter we are moving to Bromcom. Please ensure any outstanding debts are paid by Sunday 29th March. Credit balances will be transferred to the new system. Please **download the My Child At School app (MCAS) before we return to school on 13th April**, if you have not already done so. MCAS offers more than the Arbor app and will be used extensively by school as we continue to roll out the benefits of moving to Bromcom.
- **March online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the March online safety newsletter to support you in providing your child with a safe online environment. As always we want to promote having a safe online environment for children both at school and at home.

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES:

27 March	9.30am Easter Service St Nicholas Church FOHS Easter Egg Hunt 3.20pm School closes for Easter Holidays
13 April	School opens for Summer Term 1
15 April	9-9.30am Elevate SEND parent drop in session
21 April	PSHE/RSE Meeting for Federation parents- 4pm details to follow. N.E.E.P.S School Band Concert. 6pm.
26 April	Sessay and Husthwaite Dog Show at Sessay CE Primary School
11-14 May	KS2 SAT's Week
19 May	Years 5 and 6 Bradford, City of Culture educational visit
22 May	Break up for May half term

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