

I would like to start with a heartfelt thanks to everyone who came to school wearing purple and green on Wednesday to show Mrs Byers that our school family was thinking about her. It meant so much to her and her family, so thank you so much for taking the time to do this. The messages of support and love that you have shared have been greatly appreciated by everyone in school. Thank you again!

On Monday 19th May, our Yr6 Young Leaders had their celebration event with the mayor, Margie Longhurst, joining our governors and members from the community that have benefited from their work. It was a privilege to hear our Yr6 children talk about what they have learned through their Young Leader journey and to hear how they have inspired the next group of children to take up the challenge next year. It was also wonderful to hear from the different groups in Knaresborough, The Village and Inspire Youth, explaining what a difference these children have made to their organisations. This is our 7th year of being a part of the Young Leader scheme and I am pleased to say we are committed to many more years!

As we get to half term, I hope that everyone has good break in preparation for the busy final half term of the school year. We have many events to look forward to, ranging from Sports Day through the our Yr6 Leavers Production! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June!

Best wishes

Mr A Hope
Headteacher

We need YOU to help US!

Have you moved?!

Have you changed your mobile phone number?!

If so, please email admin@ksjprimaryschool.org with this new information.

Without it, the schools records are not up to date & this is a Safeguarding concern in case matters arise.



Knaresborough Celtic Football

Knaresborough Celtic under 11 football team and looking to add more players for next year in the under 12. We would like to make contact with ANYONE who would fancy trying out. We are continuing to train into the summer so can join now looking ahead for next season. Please see Flyer attached.

Rise in cost of school lunches

Due to the considerable rise in the cost of food and catering services within school, we have had to look at the charge for a pupil school lunch. As per the letter from Mr Nigel Ashley sent out to all parents/carers on Thursday 13th March, from Tuesday 22nd April all school lunches will increase from £2.50 to £2.85. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE FRONT STAFF CAR PARK FOR ANY REASON. THIS CAR PARK IS FOR THE STAFF AT ST JOHNS ONLY. THANK YOU!

Knaresborough St John's Newsletter

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Summer Term Dates 2025

23-05 Whole school Walk to School Day!

23-05 School closes normal time for Half term

02-06 School reopens normal time

11-06 6.00-7.00pm September 2025 New Starters Parents evening. Invite only.

18-06 to 20-06 Yr6 Dearne Valley Residential

23-06 to 27-06 Whole School Enterprise week. Info to follow.

24-06 Sports Day at the school field

EYFS & KS1 9.00-11.30am

KS2 1.00-3.00pm

25-06 Yr6 trip to Crucial Crew

25-06 PTA Summer Disco

EYFS, Y1 & Y2 – 3.00-3.45pm

Y3&Y4 – 4.00-4.45pm

Y5 & Y6-5.00-5.45pm

27-06 Whole school Walk to School Day!

01-07 Yr6 Leavers celebration at Ripon Cathedral. Pupils only.

02-07 Whole school transition day

02-07 & 03-07 Yr6 King James Transition days

04-07 5.00-6.30pm PTA Yr6 Leavers Ball

04-07 PTA Whole School 'Break the Rules' day

Info to follow

15-07 Reserve sports day

EYFS & KS1 0930-1130am

KS2 1.00-3.00pm

15-07 & 16-07 6.00-7.00pm Yr6 Production

18-07 9.00-10.00am Yr6 Leavers Assembly

18-07 School closes normal time for Summer!

SUMMER HOLIDAY

01-09 Teacher training day

02-09 School reopens to pupils normal time

WISDOM

967

PEACE

1155

TRUST

929

HOPE

1081

Year 1 had a great morning den building at Meadowside for our DT project. Look at our amazing outdoor shelters!

Photo's attached to this newsletter :)



IMPORTANT—School Trips

Due to not receiving enough parent/carer contributions for school trips, there might be a possibility that we are unable to book future events. As a school we can't continue to heavily subsidise these events due to financial restraints to cover the unpaid outstanding amounts on ParentPay.

Thank you!



PTA

We would like to thank all our wonderful PTA team for organising the Y6 leavers hoodies. They all look great and we hope the children enjoy wearing them.

Scotton Scorchers Football Club

We are currently recruiting at the Scorchers and have the following spaces -

Boys

U5 Reception

U7 School Year 2

U8 School Year 3

Girls

U5 Reception

U6 Year 1

U7 Year 2

U8 Year 3

We are offering free sessions throughout May and June.

Scotton and Staveley Scorchers are run by volunteers and are non profit making, our ethos is about everyone playing in a safe and fun environment.

Next season, fees work out at around £4 per session and we also have a hardship scheme, so fees can be spread over the season, reduced and in some cases removed.

If you would like to find out more please get in touch at mikeandjanec@googlemail.com

Best wishes

Mike Collier

Vacancy for Multi-Site Caretaker

Elevate MAT are looking to appoint a Caretaker on a full time basis covering two schools in Knaresborough.

There is a letter explaining more further on in the Newsletter which also shows how to apply.

Application closing date : **Tuesday 27th May 2025**

Interview date: w/c **Monday 2nd June 2025**





Multi-Site Caretaker

Salary: £25,574.05 - £26,382.70

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours of work: 40 hours (all year round)

Start Date: From August 2025

Application Closing Date: noon on Tuesday 27th May 2025

Interview Date: W/C 2nd June 2025

We are looking to appoint a Caretaker on a full-time basis to join our committed staffing team. This role will involve working across two of our larger academies within our Knaresborough hub of schools, and we are able to offer a degree of flexibility for the right candidate.

As part of Elevate Multi-Academy Trust, which is committed to providing high quality education across all our schools, we are seeking a reliable and proactive Multi-Site Caretaker who has general knowledge of building maintenance procedures and relevant skills able to support the maintenance, security, and compliance of our school buildings and grounds.

Flexibility is essential, as the role may, at times, involve varied start and finish times, occasional evening work, and responding to urgent issues across both sites.

This role is key in ensuring that our learning environments remain safe, well-maintained, and welcoming for pupils, staff, and visitors.

At the same time, we understand the importance of work-life balance and offer flexibility where possible in return, including consideration of working patterns and site assignments.

Key Responsibilities:

- Conducting site inspections and routine maintenance
- Managing site security, including opening and locking premises
- Liaising with contractors and overseeing minor works
- Ensuring compliance of Health & Safety policies and procedures; fire, asbestos and legionella
- Supporting site setup for events and lettings
- Responding to emergencies such as leaks, alarms, or weather-related issues

Benefits of Joining Our Team:

- Exclusive discounts and offers at high street and local shops
- 24/7 access to health and wellbeing services
- Free onsite parking
- Over 18% employer pension contribution
- Working alongside a hardworking and committed team

- Training and CPD opportunities

Further information

A Job description and application form are available by contacting Katie Meynell on email on k.meynell@elevatemat.org. Further information can also be found on the academy website <https://www.elevatemat.org/>. Should you require an informal discussion about this role prior to application please contact Terry Bland, Head of Estates and Health & Safety on 07568 109336

How to apply

Please return your completed application form to Katie Meynell at k.meynell@elevatemat.org or post to Elevate Multi Academy Trust, Alanbrooke Academy, Alanbrooke Barracks, Topcliffe, Thirsk, YO7 3SF. Please ensure that all parts of the application are completed. We do not accept CVs as part of the selection process. Reference: REC/CT/000001011

Elevate Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.



KNARESBOROUGH CELTIC U11'S

RECRUITING PLAYERS

We are looking for experienced players to join our team for the 2025/26 U12's season.

KCFC U11's are welcoming experienced players to come along and train with us with a view to potentially signing up for next season as we move up to U12's.



This is for current Y6's going in to Y7 in September 2025.

**Contact Assistant Manager
Pierre Olesqui on 07852 105615**

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

KNARESBOROUGH CELTIC U10'S

We are looking to add new faces across our teams for the 2025/2026 U11's season.

KCFC U10s are welcoming players to come along and train with us with a view to potentially signing up for next season as we move up to U11's and 9 aside games.

This is for current Yr 5's going into Yr 6 in Sept 2025



If you have a player interested
contact Alan 07815773017



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- **Make your own Workhouse Wastrel - May 27th from 10:30am**
- **Make wooden spoon dolls in the Workhouse Museum -
every day of the hols**
- **Create your own Victorian optical illusion at the Prison
& Police Museum - every day of the hols**
- **Play 'Guess Who' at the Courthouse Museum to discover
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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



Friends of the Honey Bee Newsletter

Vol. 7 Summer Term 2025



Spring has sprung!

Since the equinox in March, the days have been growing longer, and the warming weather is giving us a taste of summer. Most insects are now active, and our outdoor spaces will be alive with various species racing to complete their life cycles. This term is also busy for students and teachers as many prepare for exams.

Spending time outside enhances our health and well-being, so it's beneficial for everyone to take breaks from study and work to enjoy our surroundings. This edition features themed activities that can be used to celebrate designated days, fill study gaps, or serve as summer holiday projects.

'Friends of the Honey Bee' members are encouraged to share environmental projects.
schools.office@bbka.org.uk

This is a great time of year to showcase your school's garden, wildlife area, allotment or other environmental initiatives and outdoor projects.



Millbrook Primary Market Garden

What's Happening in the Hive?



In the wild, honey bees create hives in trees or other suitable spaces. Beehives are designed to replicate wild hives while enabling beekeepers to inspect the colony. [Click here to learn more about beekeeping.](#)

May: By this time, a strong and thriving colony should have grown in size and be preparing for reproduction, leading to a swarm of bees. Beekeepers will be busy managing this process, as swarming not only diminishes the colony's size but can also be a nuisance to neighbours!

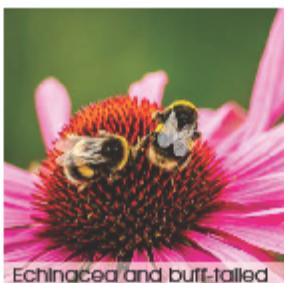
June: Ongoing inspections of the colony are crucial to prevent swarming, but June can also bring a gap in food resources. Beekeepers will monitor their colonies and provide substitute food if needed; some lucky beekeepers in areas with abundant forage may begin collecting their first harvest of honey.

July: The growth of the colony begins to slow as the bees prepare for winter by focusing on storing honey and pollen. Beekeepers will manipulate the hive enabling the bees to store enough honey while providing a harvest to the beekeeper.

August: If the season has been successful then now is the time to harvest honey, ensuring the bees have plenty left to survive the winter. Now beekeepers begin preparations for pest and disease control.

Who's That Bee?

In Britain we have only one species of honey bee, but around 270 species of other bees! They are wild and many live solitary lives. This year we are following the: Buff-tailed Bumblebee, *Bombus terrestris*. [More info here.](#)



Echinacea and buff-tailed

The buff-tailed bumblebee is the largest bumblebee you'll encounter in your garden.

Throughout summer, the queen stays in the underground nest while approx. 350 worker bees gather nectar and pollen from nearby plants. Occasionally, you might spot them chewing holes at the base of flowers to access nectar that their short tongues can't reach!



Strawberry and honeybees

Gardening for Insects

- Now is the time to add more flowering plants to your garden. [Information on plants for pollinators can be found here.](#)
- Leave areas of lawn to grow long, take part in [No Mow May](#).
- Keep ponds full and [create watering station's for insects](#).
- Avoid using pesticides; weed killer and insect deterrents can be harmful to many insects, even in small doses. [See organic gardening techniques](#).

Does your school have a **wildlife garden** or any **features for insects**? Please share with us!



Protecting Pollinators

Honey bees are pollinating insects, alongside at least 1,500 other insects in the UK!



Pollination is an essential ecosystem service.

3/4 of crops grown in the UK require insect pollination.



Pollinating insects are in rapid decline, many factors contribute to this such as:

Climate Change

Rising temperatures and shifting weather patterns are reshaping habitats. Additionally, changes in seasonal timing can disrupt the synchronisation between pollinators and flowering plants, resulting in decreased pollination efficiency.

Pesticides

Insects may be exposed to pesticides through direct contact or residues in nectar, pollen, soil, or water. Such exposure can impair navigation, memory, and foraging, as well as hindered reproduction. These interactions could be explored in both biology and chemistry lessons.



These issues affect all native wildlife, see the [State of Nature Report](#) for more information.

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Invasive Species Week

12th-18th May

Invasive species, including the yellow-legged asian hornet, can outcompete native species, prey on them, or transmit diseases, which can disrupt ecosystems and the essential services we depend on. This is a crucial subject when educating about species, their interactions, and interdependencies.



[Invasive species resources](#)

Bees In the curriculum



Biological Diversity Day

22nd May

A day to increase understanding of biodiversity, from species to genetics.

World Environment Day

5th June

Encourages action for the protection of the environment. An opportunity to run a poster competition to promote [environmental campaigns](#)!



[Ashbrow School Bee Blog](#)



[Insect Monitoring sheet](#)

Summer Holiday Insect Research Project

Encourage students to study their surroundings by monitoring insects and documenting their observations; including the locations, durations, and findings. In September, these results can be compared as an introductory activity to the new term, or used to contribute to [other surveys](#).

Please share updates and photos as well as feedback to: schools.officer@bbka.org.uk



BEES in the CURRICULUM

INSECT MONITORING

Check your monitoring station daily and record what you see.

Use this sheet to record your observations.

Date	Location	Weather	Insects	Bait	Maintenance
Date of inspection	Location of monitoring station Ideally use what3words or GridRef	Describe the weather conditions	List or describe the insects seen, if any	Refilled/What type	Clean traps regularly and check for damage

Do not touch or disturb insects. Do visually observe insects as they feed.

Monitoring can inform local records about the population distribution of native species.

Monitoring will also help to identify invasive species, such as Yellow-Legged Asian Hornets, and locate nests before they become established.

Monitoring stations are open feeding sources that do not trap or kill insects



Bait can be purchased or homemade.

They can be easily made using a tray or pot



A simple 2:1 sugar to water solution will attract bees, butterflies, and other insects.

Do not fill the container with liquid



To attract hornets and other wasps a suggested recipe is:

Soak sponges with bait or use a cloth wick in a pot.

Place in an easy to see location
and check as often as possible.

1kg	sugar
2ltrs	water
50g	blackberry jam
1 teaspoon	bakers yeast



BEES in the CURRICULUM

Insects you might see:



Honey Bee

Native. Pollinates plants. Produce honey.



Wasp

Native. Pollinates plants. Eats pest insects.
Cleans up deceased insects.



Bumblebee

Native. Excellent pollinators of plants.



European Hornet

Native. Pollinates plants. Controls insect populations. Largest native wasp.



Hornet-mimic Hoverfly

Native. Looks like Hornet but does not sting.
Pollinates plants. Eats pest insects, especially aphids.



Horsefly

Native. Pollinators of plants.
Also feeds on horses and cattle - can bite humans!



Butterfly

Native. Attractive and pollinates plants.
Larvae are caterpillar which can be considered pests.



Yellow-legged Asian Hornet

Invasive non-native.
Rapidly spreads, competes with and predares native insects.
If seen, please report!



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