



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School 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**. The children were a delight to take away and really appreciated all the exciting activities on offer, which included: climbing, zip-wire, archery, fencing, orienteering and bush craft skills. The evenings were fun too, when we danced to a silent disco and protected water balloons with different materials before they were thrown from the fire escape!



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 **Josephine**, 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 and the children enjoyed getting creative while celebrating their love of reading.

Byland enjoyed world book day, sharing their favourite book with their friends. Fountains were out at their Fun Run in the morning and then got changed into their costumes for the afternoon. They enjoyed talking about their favourite books.

Rievaulx and Bolton shared their favourite books with each other, taking time to read the best bits and talking about the characters in the books that they liked. The children also enjoyed dressing up.



Fountains had an amazing morning at Sowerby school for our **KS1 Cluster Fun Run**. Everyone tried their very best and showed fantastic determination throughout the run, which was 3 laps of the school field! Most importantly, no one gave up, and the children encouraged and supported one another the whole way round. It was lovely to see such great teamwork, resilience and positive attitudes and they represented our school brilliantly. We are so proud of you Fountains - a huge well done to you all.



On Monday 9 March it was the **North Yorkshire Cross Country finals** at Thirsk. Our two Sessay finalists showed great stamina, sportsmanship and great pace. Wilf came fourth and Henry B seventh in their year groups. A huge congratulations to them both.

Further congratulations go to our Gold Medal winning Years 5 and 6 Dodgeball team. Great sportsmanship was shown by all. An amazing sporting team achievement.



On Thursday 12 March – De-evolution our very own Sessay school band held a concert at Sessay Village Hall. The band gave a spectacular performance of a wide variety of songs. The audience were dancing in the isles and singing along and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge well done to them all for an amazing gig!

Byland Easter visit to **Riverside Court Care Home**- Wednesday 18th March. We had a truly egg-cellent time on our visit. It began with an easter egg hunt outside in the glorious sunshine, followed by juice and a chocolate crispy nest. Then we played pass the parcel and ended by giving out the Easter decoration we made for our friends at Riverside. It was a wonderfully heart-warming visit, and the children were an absolute credit to our school and their parents.



Byland and Fountains had a lovely educational visit to **The Yorkshire Wildlife Park** earlier this week. All the children were so excited to see, and learn more about, some of the animals they have been studying in class. As always, the children were impeccably well behaved.



Our school spiritual leaders and collective worship group planned and delivered a fabulous and active whole school end of half term collective worship this week on our school Christian value this term being Responsibility.



Finally, a huge thank you to FOSS for organising the school Easter Egg Hunt and the much loved Decorated Egg Competition to mark our next Christian church festival being Easter. As always the decorated eggs were superb and Rev David found it nearly impossible to judge. Lots of Easter fun has been had by all!



Friday 6th March 2026 Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding
Sessay Acorn Award – Lara is such a kind and caring member of Byland class. She is thoughtful towards others including her teachers, which is lovely to see. Thank you Lara for your kindness.
Headteacher’s sticker – Lucy is a valuable member of our class. She loves to help and organise the classroom and make sure everyone has what they need for their learning. She also works really hard! Well done Lucy
Mathlete - Lila has done some super maths this week. She has sorted pictures according to whether they happen in the morning or evening. She has also compared quantities with confidence. Well done Lila.
Writer of the week – Ivy and Struan have done some super pieces of writing this week. We are pleased to see how hard you are working on letter formation and sounding out words. Keep up the hard work.

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.
Sessay Acorn Award - Ralph has had a super week in Fountains. He has worked hard with writing his spring poem and with counting in 10s in maths. He was also super supportive of everyone at our fun run this morning. Well done Ralph.
Headteacher’s sticker - Marnie always put in 100% to everything we ask of her. She has persevered with getting her poem to rhyme and she has produced a super leaflet all about what animals eat. Well done Marnie.
Mathlete - Alexander is an absolute super star with his impressive knowledge of times tables and number bonds. He thoroughly enjoyed showing us all what he can do - a huge well done Alexander.
Handwriter - Rosalie has worked so hard with her cursive handwriting. She always takes great pride in her writing which is beautifully presented. Well done Rosalie.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.
Sessay Acorn Award – Wilf for some super work on special celebrations and the effort he put into decorating his Mother’s Day gift – well done!
Headteacher’s sticker – Obi for being really focussed on his assessments this week – great effort!
Mathlete – Cameron for persevering with finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, your hard work paid off!
Writer of the week – Leila for her science work on finding out about the different nutrients in foods and designing her own healthy meal, keep up the good work!

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.
Sessay Acorn Award – Harriet for her compassion putting others before herself.
Headteacher’s sticker – Mia for her friendship across the federation making the most of our trip to Newby Wiske.
Mathlete – Imogen for her efficiency when multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.
Writer of the week – Henry for his diary entry.

Friday 13th March 2026 Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding
Sessay Acorn Award –Ollie thoroughly enjoys school and it is clear from his enthusiasm each day as he comes into class. Keep up your positivity Ollie!
Headteacher’s sticker – Lila has been amazing in PE this week and Mrs Tyrka is thrilled that she can now skip with confidence. Well done Lila!
Mathlete – William is a super star mathematician, particularly in number work. He counted in 10’s to 100 with confidence. Well done William!
Writer of the week- Lucy & Gilbert have both been fantastic writers this week. They have shown how well they can sound out words and write them, using capital letters and full stops.

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.
Sessay Acorn Award – Joseph for his enthusiasm and super teamwork in our STEM activities this week. Well done Joseph.
Headteacher’s sticker – Martha for her work in science and maths this week. She is becoming so confident with her times tables. Well done Martha.
Mathlete – Jessica for her super work in maths partitioning numbers into tens and ones. She then recorded the number sentence independently. Well done Jessica.
Writer of the week – Robyn has worked so hard with her handwriting, and she wrote a lovely description of the topiary she created in art. Well done Robyn.

Bolton, Miss Bennett and Mr Houghton.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Miss Wilkie.
Sessay Acorn Award - Henry for the value of responsibility. Whether it is plugging in iPads, volunteering to make

<p>Sessay Acorn Award – Fran for perfecting her style and speed in breast stroke and her ability to skull and tread water.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker – Ebony for her much improved water confidence and progress in swimming.</p> <p>Mathlete – Seb for his maths work on length and conversions this week. You persevered with some very tricky calculations.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Charlie for his choice of vocabulary and layout in his written poetry work. Keep up your super efforts.</p>	<p>deliveries or making sure things are in their place to the benefit of our class community.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker - Denver, Rosie, Cora, Olivia, Farrah and Ellie for their amazing performance this afternoon.</p> <p>Mathlete - William A for his precision when using formal methods to solve problems.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Billy for using a range of punctuation including parenthesis and hyphens.</p>
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Friday 20th March Awards

<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award –Gilly is so enthusiastic at school which is a joy to see. He loves to explore all the areas in the classroom and in the outdoor area. Keep up your fantastic attitude Gilly</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker – EVERYONE in Byland for your superb behaviour at Riverside Court. Also, for your sense of fun and your joyous smiles, it makes such a difference to our friends there. I am a very proud teacher, thank you.</p> <p>Mathlete – Lucy has been impressing us with her subitising and number knowledge. This week we have been learning about numbers 6-10 and how they are composed, such as 7 is 5 and 2 more. Well done Lucy.</p> <p>Writer of the week- Lara and Lila have worked really hard in phonics and writing over the last 2 weeks. They have both improved their sentence writing by applying phonics and tricky words. Keep up the super work!</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Fearnie is such an enthusiastic learner and always puts in 100% into everything we ask of her. She listens carefully to instructions and always contributes her wonderful ideas to our class discussions. Well done Fearnie.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker – Alfie has impressed us this week with his extensive knowledge of The Easter Story and with his work in geography locating different landmarks on his world map. A super week Alfie – well done.</p> <p>Mathlete – Daisy has worked hard with measuring different objects accurately using a ruler, and then recording her findings in a table which she had drawn. Well done Daisy.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Una has written a fabulous review for our class book The Night Gardener. Her writing is so neat and well organised. Well done Una.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and</p> <p>Sessay Acorn – Alfie for his topic work – looking at the journey of the chocolate cacao bean.</p> <p>Head teacher sticker – Edith for excellent group work in Forest school during shelter building.</p> <p>Mathlete – Stan for consistently high multiplication scores and great work on decimals.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Wilf for his information writing about the character ‘No1’ from the class text.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – William A. for multiple reasons. He successfully saw off the competition in the class spelling bee; William has also had a great attitude this week and has set great examples to others.</p> <p>Headteacher’s sticker – Olivia for her circuits work in P.E. this week.</p> <p>Mathlete - Jacob for accurately and methodically working out his maths calculations involving the division of decimals by an integer.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Alice for her excellent effort in reading and spelling this week. Her perseverance with learning the spelling patterns is commendable, applying these to her poetry writing.</p>

SPRING TERM 2026 AWARDS	Award for attainment.	Award for progress and effort.	Award for good manners.
BYLAND	Rec - Gilbert	Rec – Lucy	Rec – Lara S

FOUNTAINS	Y1 - Una Y2 - Ted	Y1 - Alexander Y2 – Henry	Y1 - Billy Y2 - Marnie
BOLTON	Y3 – Lily Y4 - Teddy	Y3 – Charlie Y4 – Esme	Y3 – Alex Y4 - Ebony
RIEVAULX	Y5 - Alice Y6 – Stuart	Y5 - Rosie Y6 – Jacob	Y5 - Mia Y6 - Alfie

HEADTEACHER AWARD.

William Griffiths - He displays our Christian school values in everything he does – friendship, trust, respect, enjoyment, challenge and responsibility. He is always smiling, polite and well mannered. William always tries his very best and shows an excellent behaviour for learning. He contributes to our school as a whole in many different ways including being helpful at SOOSC. Thank you.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you all to **our Easter Service**, 2.15pm this afternoon at St Cuthbert’s Church.

We wish everyone a very happy Easter. Enjoy the Easter break.

NOTICES:

- **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 Bromcom. 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.
- All our children really enjoyed dressing in red and enjoying a playtime treat 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 a fabulous £93! Thankyou all for your support.
- We say farewell and huge thanks to **Mrs Tyrka** who after more than 18 years is leaving us this term and we wish her well in her new adventures in her family business. She had a beautiful last day and leaves with many fond memories of our Sessay CE Primary School family.

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES:

27 March	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt 2.15pm Easter Service St Cuthbert’s Church 3.15pm School closes for Easter Holidays
13 April	School opens for Summer Term 1
15 April	2.45-3.15pm Elevate SEND parent drop in session
21 April	Bolton parent evening with Mrs Sowray PSHE/RSE Meeting for Federation parents- 4pm details to follow
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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