



CE Primary School *'Growing together in love and learning'*

## Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

**JULY 2026...**

It has been a very busy and eventful final month to the academic year.

At the beginning of the month, I was invited and represented our school at the **new Vicar at St Cuthbert's** licensing ceremony at All Saints Thirkleby Church. We look forward to welcoming **Reverend Nigel Wright** into our Sessay School family and community; he will be working very closely with Rev David who will continue to be on our Partnership Local Committee. All Saints Thirkleby Church will be celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and we will be exhibiting some school artwork – stained glass windows and Sessay Songbirds will be singing at their 2pm service.



**Summer Reading Challenge** We all thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Thirsk library to tell us all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge – 'Read to the Beat!' The children have been challenged to read 6 library books over the summer and can collect stickers and rewards as they progress through the books. There are also free library events and workshops happening in Thirsk and Easingwold libraries over the summer to which everyone is invited.

The **Rievaulx production of The Rocky Monster Show** was a huge success and a real showcase of the talent across Key Stage 2. Year 6 carried the main roles brilliantly, bringing humour, confidence and plenty of personality to their performances. They kept the story moving smoothly and really brought the characters to life on stage. The show featured some wonderfully brave solo and small group singing from both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Performing alone in front of a packed audience takes courage, and every singer should be incredibly proud of how confidently they stepped up and delivered their songs





Thank you to all for once again supporting our annual **Summer Fair**. The Year 6 children had great fun in the stocks, all stalls were a sell out with the 'Summer fun' tombola once again being a firm favourite!



A huge thanks to FOSS for hosting another amazing **Sessay Fest**! The weather was perfect and everyone was in the festival spirit!



**Healthy Schools Silver Award** We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded our Healthy Schools Silver Award by North Yorkshire Council. A huge thanks to Mrs Fielding our Partnership PSHE subject leader and all

our pupil voice groups for contributing towards evidencing our progress from bronze to silver. Next year we will be going for gold!

**Partnership Carnival Day** was very much enjoyed by both schools, who came together and worked in year groups. EYFS and KS1 were at Husthwaite and KS2 at Sessay. The children learnt about Carnival, its diverse culture and traditions through dance, music, carnival games and creativity. Teamwork at times was essential and friendships across schools were made.



After another glorious day of sunshine, Year 6 rounded off their final Partnership Day in style with a fantastic Year 6 Fun Night. The evening began with a very long water fight, with everyone getting soaked and plenty of laughter along the way. Once the water fight had finally come to an end, everyone tucked into a well-earned feast of pizza, chips and juice, followed by an impressive chocolate cake. Refuelled and ready for more fun, the children spent the rest of the evening enjoying games together in the sunshine.

A huge thank you to all our Year 6 children and their families who have bought the school a beautiful new bench for our playground and some Food Technology resources for all our children to use.



We would like to congratulate all our Year 6 children on their KS2 SAT's results which we received yesterday. All the children have worked hard, made good progress and we are proud of each and every one of you. We now wish them all well in the next steps of their learning journey on to secondary school and know they will take and leave many happy memories.

We also say a big thankyou and farewell to Mrs Sowray. After nearly 17 years at Sessay we thank her for all she has contributed to Sessay School and we wish her all the very best in her Retirement.

### Friday 3rd July 2026

#### Byland, Mrs Fielding.

**Sessay Acorn Award** - Lara really deserves this award for all the hard work she has put in since September. It is wonderful to see the progress she has made in all areas. A big well done Lara.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Ollie loved PE this week, we focussed on bat and ball skills, and Ollie was terrific at keeping the ball up in the air! Super skills Ollie.

**Mathlete** – Lila has worked really hard on number bonds to 5 and 10. She can now record them using the + and = sign. Keep up your super work Lila.

**Writer of the week** – Ivy has shown a super attitude to writing this week, especially in phonics. She can listen to a sentence and write it down independently! Excellent work Ivy.

#### Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.

**Sessay Acorn Award** – Alfie for a positive attitude to all his work this week, well done!

**Headteacher's sticker** – Alex for some fantastic shots in rounders yesterday, a great team player.

#### Fountains, Mrs Bennison.

**Sessay Acorn Award** – Robyn for working so hard with writing her pizza recipe, and for her work in maths finding missing numbers. Well done Robyn.

**Headteacher's sticker** – Emmie for her super attitude to all her learning and for being so kind and considerate towards others. Well done Emmie.

**Mathlete** - Henry has worked hard with our work on block diagrams and pictograms this week. His work was neatly presented and he was able to interpret the data accurately. Well done Henry.

**Writer of the week** – James has worked hard with the presentation of his writing when publishing his letter to Daisy from our class text. Keep up the great work James.

#### Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.

**Sessay Acorn Award** – Jacob for his characterisation of Elvis in our school production, The Rocky Monster Show

**Headteacher's sticker** – William N, Denver and Stuart for their service to the school community organising, running and thoroughly enjoying the Wet Sponge stall at the summer fair.

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| <p><b>Mathlete</b> - Lily for working really hard on her 4 times tables and achieving great scores this week, keep up the good work!</p> <p><b>Writer of the week</b> – Cameron for some super writing about the Amazon rainforest and some lovely illustrations.</p> | <p><b>Mathlete</b> - Rosie for her enthusiasm during ÷ by 10, 100 and 1000.</p> <p><b>Writer of the week</b> – Ellie for her editing and improving work in letter writing.</p> |
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### Friday 10th July 2026

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| <p><b>Byland, Mrs Fielding.</b><br/> <b>It is impossible in this last week of awards to choose only 4 children.</b><br/> <b>So, I have chosen EVERYONE in Byland!</b><br/> The children truly have been a joy to teach this year, and I feel extremely fortunate to have been on this learning journey with them. I am so proud of your children and how far they have come since September. They are fun, caring, resilient, happy, hard-working and a pleasure to teach.<br/> I am VERY happy to be teaching you again next year. Well done Byland on a wonderful first year at Sessay School.</p> | <p><b>Fountains, Mrs Bennison.</b><br/> <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Rosalie for her work in RE. She was extremely knowledgeable and took an active role in the class discussion. Well done Rosalie.<br/> <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Hattie for a super first week at Sessay School. You have settled in so well – it feels like you have always been with us.<br/> <b>Mathlete</b> – Frankie for accurate work interpreting pictograms this week.<br/> <b>Writer of the week</b> – Marnie has worked so hard with her spellings and handwriting this week. Your writing is lovely and neat – well done.</p> |
| <p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.</b><br/> <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Evelyn for settling in so well to class Bolton and for your fabulous long jumping in PE this week, a wonderful first week!<br/> <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Obi for a super attitude to his work this week – well done.<br/> <b>Mathlete</b> - Fynnley for recognising and trying really hard to accurately draw 2D shapes this week.<br/> <b>Writer of the week</b> – Ebony for her instructions on how to make her favourite salad – I look forward to seeing the real thing on Monday!</p>                      | <p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.</b><br/> <b>Sessay Acorn Award</b> – Alice for her positivity in lessons and can-do attitude.<br/> <b>Headteacher's sticker</b> – Billy for being a fantastic help to Mrs Sowray and sprucing up our outdoor reflection area.<br/> <b>Mathlete</b> – Connie for her methodical approach to learning and remembering all of her timestables.<br/> <b>Writer of the week</b> – Denver for his presentation of work across the curriculum, particularly in French.</p>                                                                                                   |

### Summer Term 2026 Awards

|           | Class award for attainment.  | Class award for progress and effort. | Class award for good manners. |
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| BYLAND    | Rec – Ivy                    | Rec – Lila                           | Rec – Ollie                   |
| FOUNTAINS | Y1 - Elsie<br>Y2 - Genevieve | Y1 - Robyn<br>Y2 – Martha            | Y1 - Jasper<br>Y2 - Alfie     |
| BOLTON    | Y3 – Wilf<br>Y4 - Joesphine  | Y3 – Seb<br>Y4 – Fran                | Y3 – Edith<br>Y4 - Freddie    |
| RIEVAULX  | Y5 - Rosie                   | Y5 - Connie                          | Y5 - Alice                    |

#### **HEADTEACHER AWARD – Emmie.**

Emmie displays our Christian school values in everything she does – challenge, trust, respect, enjoyment, friendship and responsibility. She is polite and well mannered. She always tries her very best and shows an excellent behaviour for learning. She is always a good role model to all and can be relied upon to carry out many areas of responsibility.

She contributes to our school as a whole in many different ways including Sessay Songbirds and much more. Thank you.

This afternoon you are very warmly welcome to our **Year 6 Leavers' Service**, 2.15pm at St Cuthbert's hosted by Miss Bennett and our Church Youth and Families worker Robyn.

We wish everyone a fabulous summer holidays and thank you all once again for your ongoing support throughout what has been another fantastic school year at Sessay.

#### NOTICES:

- **School Meal Prices Sept 2026**

We would like to remind you about an upcoming increase in the cost of school meals. Starting from September, the price per meal will increase to £3.85. (This is already subsidised by school as the actual cost from North Yorkshire Catering is over £4.00). We understand that this is a significant adjustment, but it is a decision that is unfortunately beyond our control.

- **HUSTHWAITE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY** We currently are seeking a HOOSC Play Leader, if you know of anyone who would be interested in this post please signpost them to our school office for further information.
- **July online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the July 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.

#### AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

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| 17 July            | 2.15pm Leaver's Service at St. Cuthbert's<br>3.15pm School closes for the Summer Holidays                                                             |
| 7 September        | Training Day                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>8 September</b> | <b>School opens for the Autumn Term 2026</b>                                                                                                          |
| 19 September       | 9.30am Ground Force morning<br>11-12 School Open Day 2026<br>2pm start Sessay songbirds performing at Thirkleby Church 175 years celebration service. |

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