



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2026...

Child Safety Week was a great opportunity for all classes to focus on simple ways we can help keep our children safe in everyday situations, whether at home, at school, or out and about. For example, in Byland and Fountains class they focussed on accident prevention. They discussed possible dangers facing children, such as swallowing tiny objects and batteries, putting chemicals out of reach and keeping hot drinks away from children. Super discussions led to poster making highlighting the dangers.



WOW! What an amazing day and workshops all classes had with **Sowerby Music – Music For Life**.

Byland and Fountains learnt the song 'Underneath the Sea' which they performed brilliantly using percussion instruments. Bolton and Rievaulx learnt a piece on the glockenspiels, listening carefully and playing in time with each other. The whole school performed to each other at the end of the day – some amazing musical talents shone through and the whole musical experience was very much enjoyed by all.



Sessay Songbirds Summer Serenade Concert was most certainly a beautiful and talented performance enjoyed by our whole school community at Sessay Village Hall. Our choir were amazing as always and our Year 6 choristers sang solo parts. From pianists and drummers to harmonies, the talent was endless... A huge thank you to Mrs Pollard and Mrs Price for hosting this event.





Years 3/4 Cluster Mini Tennis – Ten Year 3 and 4 children went to Thirsk High School to develop their tennis skills. There was a round robin of activities for the children to participate in and by the end of the afternoon all the children had improved their skills and had a wonderful time. They were all great ambassadors for Sessay school.



Years 5/6 Cluster Cricket Final

Rievaulx Class represented the school brilliantly at the Hambleton Cricket Finals in Thirsk, showing determination, teamwork and real sporting spirit throughout the day. They played with confidence, supported one another superbly and were excellent ambassadors for the school from start to finish.

Another successful Sports, Health and Wellbeing Week 2026.

Thank you to all of you for once again supporting our School Sports afternoon.



Byland: The children have loved Sports and Wellbeing Week and thrown themselves into every activity! On Wednesday we had a round robin' of activities that included a game of rounders, bikes and gardening/meditation. Well done everyone for being such good sport and having lots of fun!



Fountains: The children have had an amazing week with all the different activities! They have shown such great sportsmanship with congratulating and cheering each other on, especially in our Sports Day on Monday. They enjoyed spending some quiet time in the garden listening to the birds and enjoyed the dance workshop on Friday. Well done Fountains for such an enjoyable week!

Bolton: The week began with our fabulous Sports Afternoon – the space hoppers were a big hit! The children loved the assault course and bringing in their bikes and scooters was a real treat; they were all fabulous on the bike trail. Everyone is looking forward to their Urban Kaos dance workshop and performance today - Well done Bolton!



Rievaulx: Everyone had such a fantastic week of sporting activities. What a fabulous last Sport's Day for our Year 6! The children made sure that everyone could join in and enjoy the week. Highlights have included the obstacle race, when the water pistols were a welcome addition, lacrosse and the bike trail. We have had lots of hydration water breaks and supported each other throughout.



Friday 5th June 2026

Byland, Mrs Fielding.

Sessay Acorn Award - Lucy has been a superstar writer and all-round superstar this week! She has come back to school excited to learn and to push herself to achieve. Well done for such as positive attitude Lucy.

Headteacher's sticker – Ivy has a talent for hoopla! Not only can she keep one hoop going, but in PE we watched as she did 5! Wow, what an achievement Ivy.

Mathlete – Lara has been working hard in maths this week as we learn about doubling numbers to 10 and number bonds to 5. Keep up the hard work Lara, well done.

Writer of the week – Ollie has done some super writing this week about the life cycle of a butterfly. It was well presented, using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Well done Ollie.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.

Sessay Acorn Award – Fran for her enthusiasm and acting in her group's version of Theseus and the Minotaur on our Greek Day.

Headteacher's sticker – Wilf for sharing his photos of rare breed chicks and giving the class an interesting tutorial about them!

Mathlete - Esme for her fantastic effort with ALL her times tables, you've worked so hard, well done!

Writer of the week – Teddy for some super ideas when discussing explanation texts in class this week.

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Billy is such an enthusiastic member of Fountains and always listens carefully to instructions. He particularly impressed me with his singing and actions in our music workshop on Thursday. Well done Billy.

Headteacher's sticker – Hailey has worked so hard with writing her story, and she also produced some super work relating to Child Safety Week in our PSHE lesson. Well done Hailey.

Mathlete - Gege has impressed us with telling the time to o'clock and half past this week. Great maths Gege – well done.

Writer of the week – Daisy has worked hard with publishing her story this week. Her writing is super neat and she carefully checked her spellings to make sure they were accurate. Well done Daisy.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.

Sessay Acorn Award – Henry for his creativity, enthusiasm and enjoyment during our music workshop.

Headteacher's sticker – Jack M and Stuart for their teamwork in problem solving in maths, working together to find solutions.

Mathlete - Jack J for his problem-solving involving cooking times. He worked methodically to find the correct answers.

Writer of the week – Olivia for her well-organised research into the yellow-spotted lizard.

Friday 11th June 2026

Byland, Mrs Fielding.

Sessay Acorn Award - Ollie is always full of enthusiasm for school. He loves to see what is on offer each day and it's great to see him making progress and having fun with his friends. Keep up the positivity Ollie.

Headteacher's sticker – William is always keen to come to school. He arrives with a beaming smile and ready to take on the day! He works hard and enjoys having fun with his friends. Well done William.

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award – Finlay for his enthusiasm and contributions in our science lesson this week and for being such a great, supportive friend to others. Well done Finlay.

Headteacher's sticker – Olivia for her super work in PE practising for Sport's Day, and for working so hard with her English comprehension. Well done Olivia.

Mathlete – Martha has worked hard with telling the time to quarter to and quarter past the hour this week. Keep up the great work Martha.

Mathlete – Lila has impressed me in maths this week. She has been working hard calculating number bonds to 5 and can use stem sentences accurately. Well done Lila. Writer of the week – Ivy has been writing some super sentences in phonics this week. She can listen carefully to each sentence and write it independently. Well done Ivy.	Writer of the week – Fearn wrote a super re-count of her weekend this week. She used adjectives and a range of conjunctions to extend her sentences. Great writing Fearn.
Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton. Sessay Acorn Award – Edith for her great determination and listening skills in both PE sessions this week – keep up the fantastic effort! Headteacher's sticker – Elkie for some super work on food chains in science. Mathlete - Charlie for consistently scoring 40/40 in his daily times tables AND always in less than one minute! Amazing accuracy and fluency. Writer of the week – Frankie for writing a fabulous explanation of how bubbles get into a fizzy drink.	Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman. Sessay Acorn Award – Rosie for her adaptability; stepping in for a missing cast member and learning extra lines so she can be an under-study for the production. Great enthusiasm and dedication, well done! Headteacher's sticker – Jack J for his sensible, mature attitude to his role in the play and the sense of fun that he is bringing to it. Mathlete - Henry for his methodical and logical method of working. He persevered with the bakery problems and was able to explain how he had arrived at his answers. Writers of the week – Imogen and Denver for their non-chronological reports on the yellow spotted lizard, incorporating writing and illustrations to produce attractive double page spreads.

Friday 18th June 2026

Byland, Mrs Fielding. Sessay Acorn Award - Lucy is a super star in Byland class and fully deserves the acorn this week, and in fact most weeks! Lucy is hard working, fun and a great friend to others. Well done Lucy! Headteacher's sticker – Sienna is such an asset to Byland class. She can always be relied upon to work hard, do the right thing and of course enjoy herself! Keep being you, Sienna! Mathlete – Struan has been working really hard on number bonds to 5 and 10. This is becoming more fluent with each day. Keep up the hard work Struan, you can do it! Writer of the week – Lara has made wonderful progress in writing over the year, and I am very proud of how far you have come. Well done Lara, super effort!	Fountains, Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award – Elsie loves learning and always puts in 100% into everything we ask of her. She is also kind and considerate and is always willing to help others. Headteacher's sticker – Etta for her super mapwork skills locating cities and rivers on a map of China. Well done Etta. Mathlete - Jackson has impressed us this week with his knowledge of money. He was able to identify all the notes and coins and say how much they were worth. Super maths Jackson. Writer of the week – Genevieve for her hard work with our comprehension quizzes this week, and for using commas in a list accurately. Well done Genevieve.
Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton. Sessay Acorn Award – Stanley for his excellent attitude to our assessments this week, he read the questions carefully and remained focused until the very end – well done! Headteacher's sticker – Emily for working hard using the Micro – Bits this week. Mathlete - Josephine for some excellent work on acute, obtuse and right angles in maths.	Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman. Sessay Acorn Award – Ellie for knowing when to ask for help showing real maturity. Also being an amazing friend and creativity in our maths task this week. Headteacher's sticker – Alice and Connie for their service to our school community, stepping up and helping to organise Collective Worship. Mathlete – Mia for her amazing progress in maths over the last term

Writer of the week – Leila for producing a lovely piece of writing about the animals and vegetation in the Amazon Rainforest, keep up the super work!	Writer of the week – Stuart for his persistent editing and dedication to improving his writing.
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Friday 26 June Awards	
Byland, Mrs Fielding Team Spirit – TEAMWORK: Lara & Sienna True Sportsperson - HONESTY: Gilly Tried Hardest - DETERMINATION: Lucy & William Giving 100% - PASSION: Ollie & Struan In It to Win It – SELF BELIEF: Ivy Awesome Athlete – RESPECT: Lila	Fountains, Mrs Bennison. Team Spirit – TEAMWORK: Gege True Sportsperson - HONESTY: Alfie Tried Hardest - DETERMINATION: Elsie Giving 100% - PASSION: Emmie In It to Win It – SELF BELIEF: Ted Awesome Athlete – RESPECT: Billy
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This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration Collective Worship** which today will be slightly different and held on the school field at 2.45pm, hosted by Mr Chapman. The children will be doing an Urban Kaos Dance performance and Sports awards for the week will be presented.

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Enjoyment – through the theme of Creativity. Your child brought home a school values sheet of ideas at the beginning of this half term in their book bag, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- Classes 2026-27.** As you know we have got Class Transition meetings coming up over the next fortnight.

CLASS	YEAR group(s)	CLASS TEACHER(S)	Class transition meeting date and location
BYLAND	Reception and Year 1	Mrs Fielding & Mrs Bennison	New Reception parents - Took place on Monday 8th June at 5pm in Byland classroom Year 1 parents - Thursday 9th July at 4.30pm in Byland classroom
FOUNTAINS	Years 2 and 3	Miss Grayson	Thursday 9th July at 5.00pm in Bolton classroom
RIEVAULX	Years 4, 5 and 6	Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman	Tuesday 30th June at 4.30pm in Rievaulx classroom

We look forward to welcoming Miss Grayson to our Sessay family and the children will be having two transition mornings on the 7th and 9th July in their new classes in preparation for September.

- School Meal Prices Sept 2026**

We would like to inform 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.

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES:

29 June	Non uniform day in return for a 'Summer Fun' tombola prize
30 June	10:30am New Reception Starter Teddy Bears' Picnic 6.30pm Rievaulx Production Sessay Village Hall
2 July	3-4pm Summer Fair
3 July	Bag2School Y6 Ryedale Activities Afternoon
6-10 July	Y6 Thirsk Transition Week
7 July	Whole School Transition Morning 5.30-7pm Sessay Fest
9 July	Whole School Transition Morning
10 July	1.45pm FOSS AGM
15 July	Partnership Day – Carnival Theme (Byland and Fountains at Husthwaite)
17 July	2.15pm Leaver's Service at St. Cuthbert's 3.15pm School closes for the Summer Holidays

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