



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'
Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

January 2026...

A busy and active start to the New Year!

In the first week of term our Years 5/6 swimming team represented Sessay at the Thirsk Cluster Swimming Gala. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event for all, competition was strong and all children showed amazing stamina and skill. A huge congratulations to Henry who achieved a gold medal in freestyle, William N a gold medal in breaststroke, Billy a silver medal in freestyle and Jack M a silver medal in backstroke.



Last week all our children loved taking part in the 'Young Voices Wicked Worldwide Singalong' it most certainly had a positive impact on everyone's wellbeing, self confidence and gave a great sense of community and joy to all. A huge thank you to Mrs Price for enabling us to be part of this National event.



All children in KS2 took part in the Thirsk Cluster Cross Country. It was very wet and muddy but that didn't dampen spirits with all the children trying their best and enjoying themselves. The children ran long distances, in challenging weather conditions and showed understanding of pace and stamina.



This week our Year 6 children had an amazing afternoon, watching Beauty and the Beast performed by Years 7-13 at Ampleforth College. All were in awe! The actors were believable, the singers sounded professional, the orchestra added depth and atmosphere, and the set was breath-taking. And to top it off, ice-cream was served during the interval. The children enjoyed every second.

Friday 9 th January Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Lucy has made a flying start to the term. She has enjoyed our maths work on shape, and she has also been extremely helpful to Mrs Fielding and her friends. Well done Lucy.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Sienna is a super star reader and shows such dedication at home. She read LOTS of books over the Christmas holiday. We were very impressed. Keep it up Sienna!</p> <p>Mathlete - William has demonstrated an excellent understanding of 2d shape. He can name them and talk about their properties. He also made a super rocket using shapes. Keep up your enthusiasm William.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Lara has impressed us this week with her effort in writing. She wrote a super sentence including the word 'chuckle'! Well done Lara.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Alexander has made a super start to the new term. He has worked hard with his reading and he is becoming more independent with writing sentences. A great start Alexander – keep up the fabulous work.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Joseph has made some super contributions to our class discussions in both science and history this week. Well done Joseph.</p> <p>Mathlete - Robyn has impressed us with her knowledge of 3d shapes and she has worked hard with her place value work with numbers to 20 this week. Well done Robyn.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Martha did some lovely writing explaining where she would go if she was an explorer. Martha would like to explore Japan to try different foods and to see how the people live. Great work Martha!</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Josephine for a fabulous drawing using tone and texture in art this week.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Alex for his performance of a cat jump in gymnastics; he had clear starting and finishing positions, well done!</p> <p>Mathlete - Alfie M for working hard on his 12 times table multiplication and division facts.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Wilf for trying hard with his re-tell of the 'The Three Pigs' story, he has included many elements of a fairy tale – keep up the good work!</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Cora for her fantastic recollection of how the French celebrate Épiphanie helping the whole class with their understanding of this celebration.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Alfie for his fluency when reading our new class text, Middleworld, aloud to the class.</p> <p>Mathlete - Denver for his clear explanations to prove his thinking when looking at ratio.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Jack M. for clear and well-organised presentation of ideas.</p>

Friday 16 th January Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Struan has been a font of knowledge this week in our winter topic. He knew lots of facts about animals and could explain that a polar bear is camouflaged in the snow. Thanks for sharing your facts with the class.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Lara is an enthusiastic reader and it is a joy to do group reading with her. She talks with confidence about the texts and likes to find all the funny bits! Well done Lara.</p> <p>Mathlete - Lila has been learning about measures and shape this week. She was able to order stick man by height, and sort 2d shapes successfully, talking about their properties. Keep up the good work Lila.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Ollie is working hard on writing a sentence during phonics. He is starting to remember a capital letter to start and a full stop to end a sentence. Well done Ollie.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Jessica has a super attitude to her learning. She listens carefully and always puts in 100% into everything we ask of her. Her writing is beautifully presented and a pleasure to read. Keep up the great work Jessica.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Marnie has impressed us in Science with her knowledge of different materials and their properties this week. Great work Marnie.</p> <p>Mathlete - Gege is enjoying our new maths topic on money. She can identify all the coins and notes and accurately make different amounts. Well done Gege.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Ralph worked so hard with his fact file all about James Cook. His writing was super neat and he included lots of interesting facts. Well done Ralph.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Freddie for his super attitude in swimming. He was extremely sensible and listened carefully to instructions.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Mia for her incredible swimming this week. Very graceful.</p>

<p>Headteacher's sticker - Cameron for his fantastic pencil drawing of a water bottle and cup using proportion.</p> <p>Mathlete - Ebony for some great thinking in an 'Odd One Out' activity this week.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Frankie for a great opening paragraph in his alternative version of Little Red Riding Hood.</p>	<p>Headteacher's sticker - Imogen for her amazing independence in learning. Keep it up!</p> <p>Mathlete - Connie for her impressive mastery of formal multiplication.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Jacob for his well-organised writing on Mayan ruins for a travel guide.</p>
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Friday 23rd January Awards	
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - William is such an enthusiastic member of Byland class. This week he has done some fabulous phonics. Phonics is getting trickier now with diagraphs and trigraphs, and he knows most of them with confidence. Keep up the hard work William.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Lila has worked hard in both maths and writing this week; subitising in maths and writing sentences in phonics. Well done Lila, keep up the hard work</p> <p>Mathlete - Ivy has done some magnificent maths this week. We have been learning about capacity and using the water tray. Ivy recognised different volumes of water and could order them from empty to full. Well done Ivy.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Gilly did some wonderful writing about his weekend. He did super sounding out to spell words and is developing his independent skills. Well done Gilly.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Una has a super attitude to her learning and always listens carefully to instructions. She used extended sentences, exclamation marks and adjectives in her postcard to Benjamin Bunny this week. Great work Una.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Jackson has worked so hard with his reading and writing this week. He is starting to write more sentences independently. Well done Jackson.</p> <p>Mathlete - Finlay has persevered with his maths work adding different amounts of money this week. There were some tricky questions, but Finlay didn't give up. Well done Finlay.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Elsie really enjoys writing and she has a super imagination. She has started to read her work through independently to check for capital letters and full stops. Keep up the great work Elsie.</p>
<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Poppy for making a super creative composition in art this week using layers and different textures – well done!</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Edith for her animation in computing.</p> <p>Mathlete - Leila for trying hard in maths, multiplying by 10 and 100. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Fran for her own version of the Little Red Riding Hood story, it is ready for publishing.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Harriet has shown precision in her awareness of the reader and considered her punctuation choices when writing travel reviews.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Jacob for his skilful tuck jump in gymnastics which showed control and flair!</p> <p>Mathlete - Farrah for showing perseverance and developing her understanding of ratio.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Stuart for his beautifully presented and well written travel guide.</p>
<p>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Sienna is a very well-deserved acorn award winner. She is an absolute Sessay star, who always tries her best, is kind and helpful and also likes to have fun with her friends. Keep being you Sienna!</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Lucy has embraced her learning this week, particularly in maths and creative work. She also chose to extend her learning independently during child-initiated time. Keep it up Lucy.</p> <p>Mathlete - Gilly is a super star subitiser! He can spot numbers instantly in patterns, such as the spots on a dice. He can also find '1 more than' numbers to 10. Well done Gilly.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Struan has done some super writing in phonics this week. He is able to complete a given sentence using his phonics knowledge. Well done Struan.</p>	<p>Fountains, Mrs Bennison.</p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award - Emmie for her fabulous story based on 'The Tale of the Two Bad Mice', and her work in maths finding change from £1. A super week Emmie – well done.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Rosalie for her super attitude to learning, and for helping others logging in and saving their work on the laptops. Well done Rosalie.</p> <p>Mathlete - Hailey has impressed us with her work finding number bonds to 20 using the tens frames. She worked systematically to ensure she found all the bonds. Great work Hailey.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Frankie has worked so hard with the presentation of his handwriting and his spellings when writing his story. His letters are beautifully formed using a cursive script and he has some super creative ideas. Well done Frankie.</p>
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<p>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.</p>	<p>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mr Chapman.</p>

<p>Sessay Acorn Award - Obi has done so well with his swimming this week. I watched him swimming under water and through a hoop; the instructor was very impressed with how his confidence has come on, keep up the great work!</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Seb for some super contributions to our local history session with Mrs Thorne this week, he was really engaged and had lots to say!</p> <p>Mathlete - Teddy for working really hard on the expanded method of multiplication, your times table knowledge is really helping you with your calculations – super effort!</p> <p>Writer of the week - Lily has not only published her own version of the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale, but she has also tried hard with her shape poem, well done!</p>	<p>Sessay Acorn Award - Farrah was extremely helpful to Mrs Harper and is also a sensible and kind role model to our younger pupils. Thank you and well done.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Jack M for his competence in maths; he worked methodically through the algebraic expressions and also completed some fluency work.</p> <p>Mathlete - Denver for his clear and precise explanations in maths, particularly with formulae.</p> <p>Writer of the week - Cora for her fantastic description of a setting.</p>
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For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Trust. Your child brought home a school values sheet of ideas at the beginning of this term in their book bag, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration Collective Worship** at St Cuthbert's Church at 2.45pm, hosted by Mr Chapman.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- For your information, next half term we will be moving from our Arbor app to a new app called BROMCOM. It will work in a very similar way to our current app, offering further opportunities of communication, services and at a much better cost. Further information will follow and support through this transition will be provided.
- January online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the January 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.

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES:

30 January	Bag2School Collection
2 February	Stay and Play 9am Y5/6 Newby Wiske Parent Information Meeting on Teams, 5pm Microsoft Teams meeting Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/39706517625211?p=u57RsHtoa20HpfZYt3 Meeting ID: 397 065 176 252 11 Passcode: D8TU2bn3
6 February 2026	Curriculum Enrichment Day – Maths and NSPCC Number Day. SOOSC 'Shrek' film night
9 – 15 February	Child Mental Health week 2026 – 'This is My Place'
9 February	FOSS School Disco
10 February	Safer Internet Day – Smart tech, safe choices.
13 February	School breaks up for half term holidays
23 February	School opens for Spring Term 2
23 – 26 February	Year 6 Mock SAT's week
1 – 4 March	Years 5 and 6 residential to Newby Wiske
2 March	Secondary School Offer Day Stay and Play, 9am
5 March	World Book Day
11 March	Curriculum Enrichment Day. STEM. Curiosity: What's your question?
20 March	Red Nose Day – details to follow
24 & 26 March	Parents evening
24 March	Decorated Egg Competition

27 March	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

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