



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

Sessay CE Primary School Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2025...

July has certainly been a very busy and memorable last month of the Summer term!

Sessay Songbirds Summer Serenade concert was most certainly a tuneful and talented performance enjoyed by our whole school community at Sessay Village Hall. Our choir were amazing as always and our three year 6 choristers sang solo parts. From pianists and guitarists to harmonies, the talent was endless...



Years 3 and 4 Carlton Lodge Federation Residential. The children from Bolton class had a fabulous few days at Carlton Lodge. The children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and courage—whether it was kayaking, climbing, or team challenges. They faced new experiences, overcame fears and supported one another every step of the way. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they developed new skills and made lasting friendships. The children were amazing and rose to every challenge. A huge well done to all of you. You did yourselves, the staff and the school proud!





Earlier in the month our Year 6 children received their KS2 SAT's results and we were very proud of each and every one of them. Congratulations to all!

This month a Years 1 and 2 team of children had a lovely afternoon at the Cluster multi skills event at Thirsk Secondary School. There were lots of different activities including hand football, hula hooping, space hopper races and frisbee throwing to name but a few. All our KS1 children were impeccably well behaved as always.



Last Thursday we held another successful Summer fair and raised £515.55! Thank you as always to everyone for supporting and donating Summer Fun tombola prizes for this event.



Our much loved Summer Sessay Fest was once again very much enjoyed by all. A huge thanks to FOSS for organising and hosting this event. Our very own Delinie Sessay Band did a live performance, outdoor music and dancing, candy floss and mocktails give you a flavour of the fest! FOSS raised an amazing £600.10 which like the Summer Fair proceeds funded our Federation school trip to Redcar beach.





On Wednesday 9th July Byland class enjoyed a summer visit to their friends at Riverside Court Care Home. It was a wonderful celebration of their time together and the relationships they have made over the year. It had a summer party theme, where they sang songs, played games and shared a drink and snack. The residents and staff were thrilled with their beautiful picture frames Byland had made for them, and they wished them a very happy summer!



The children in Fountains and Byland once again enjoyed a trip to our neighbours Spilman's Farm. This time seasonal strawberry picking! They all had an amazing time and enjoyed the most delicious ice creams as well as strawberries to take home and enjoy with their families. A huge thank you to Mrs Spilman and all at Spilman's Farm for hosting us once again and enabling us to harvest with our local farmers.



The children have enjoyed two half days in their new classes for September 2025 to ensure a smooth transition for all. All children are excited to be moving up to the next year group.

Year 6 from across the Federation marked the end of Primary School with the traditional Year 6 Fun Night! An ice-cream started the proceedings, followed by a HUGE water fight, where no pupils or staff remained dry! Pizza was ordered and eaten in copious amounts, then games and cake! It was a fantastic evening, enjoyed by all.



👏 Rievaulx Dazzled in *Archibald's War* 👏 We are so proud of our wonderful Rievaulx children for their fantastic performances in *Archibald's War*. Both performances brought the West End Theatre to Sessay school! Each and every one of them brought the story to life with such confidence, enthusiasm, and heart. From expressive acting to beautiful singing, they truly shone on stage. It was clear how much effort they had put into rehearsals, and their teamwork and dedication really paid off. The audience reviews were impressive and it was a joy to watch them perform with such pride and passion. Well done to all involved—you were amazing!



The highlight for all this week was most definitely our Federation Day, Redcar seaside visit. From learning about the Redcar Beacon landmark, to the sustainability of the more recent wind farm. The children thoroughly enjoyed a carousel of beach activities involving lots of team work, of course paddling in the North Sea and enjoying a seaside ice cream were highlights of the day! We were blessed with perfect weather and a huge thanks to FOSS for fully funding this visit.



Friday 4th July 2025 Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding

Sessay Acorn Award – Ralph thoroughly enjoys school, and it is wonderful to see him coming into school and ready to learn. Well done Ralph, you are ready for Year 1!

Headteacher's sticker – Alexander has settled really well at Sessay School. It is not always easy to move schools, but Alexander has taken it in his stride. Well done!

Mathlete – Elsie has been a superstar mathematician this week. She is capable and quick when sharing amounts into equal groups. Great work Elsie!

Writer of the week – Fearne and Jackson have impressed us with their writing this week. Fearne used some lovely phrasing in her work and added lots of detail. Jackson, it is great to see you being more independent in your work and sounding out words. Well done to both of you.

Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton.

This week, we had no choice but to nominate everyone for a Headteacher's sticker — and they truly earned it! Every single child has been fabulous throughout the residential trip, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and positivity. From the moment we arrived, the children threw themselves into all the different activities, whether it was kayaking, high-ropes, team games, or evening orienteering. Their

Fountains, Mrs Bennison.

Sessay Acorn Award - Genevieve for her super attitude to learning across the curriculum. Genevieve puts in 100% into everything she does. She produced some lovely written work in her diary all about sports week. Well done.

Headteacher's sticker - Frankie S for working hard on his rock pool habitat and for persevering with his diagram of coastal features. Well done.

Mathlete – Edith for her super work this week interpreting information from pictograms and block diagrams. Well done Edith.

Writer of the week – Finlay for his super writing all about sports week. Finlay has worked so hard with remembering capital letters and full stops in his sentences. Well done Finlay.

Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Miss Wilkie.

Sessay Acorn Award – Joshua not only for his continued excellent attitude across the curriculum but for his 100% effort in our rehearsals for the play.

Headteacher's sticker – Jack M for his writing this week; he always tries his best and has a conscientious attitude to his work.

Mathlete –. Farrah for working so hard on negative numbers and achieving full marks in her end of unit test.

teamwork, resilience, and kindness towards one another were clear to see, and they were a credit to themselves and the school. We couldn't be prouder of them — it was three days of smiles, laughter, and lots of personal achievements. A big well done to everyone!	Well done. Writer of the week – Jacob for his excellent story based on our text 'Happy Here' which is accurately punctuated and organised in paragraphs. His writing is legible and correctly joined.
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Friday 11th July 2025 Awards

Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Fielding Sessay Acorn Award – Jasper thoroughly enjoys school, and he comes into class with enthusiasm each morning. Keep up this energy as you move into Year 1. Well done Jasper. Headteacher's sticker – Una is such a kind and caring member of the class. She showed this during a transition session this week where she made a beautiful bracelet for a new starter who was feeling nervous. What a superstar! Mathlete – Etta loves using our new maths books. She remembers to put one digit in one square. Great job Etta, you are ready for Year 1. Writer of the week – Jessica absolutely loves writing. She often chooses to write during child-initiated learning. She is also a whizz when writing the sentences in phonics. Brilliant attitude Jessica.	Fountains, Mrs Bennison. Sessay Acorn Award - Martha for being such a lovely friend to the Reception children on our transition days. Martha was so kind and showed everyone around the classroom. Headteacher's sticker - All Year 2s for their positive attitude and maturity with their transitions this week. Mathlete – Alfie for his super work telling the time to o'clock and half past. Super work Alfie. Writer of the week – Marnie for her lovely letter writing this week. Her writing was so neat with all the letters correctly formed.
Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Mr Houghton. Sessay Acorn Award - Joseph for being a fantastic member of Bolton class this last year, we wish you all the very best at your new school but we'll miss you lots! Headteacher's sticker – Alice for producing some super instructions for her creative snack – apple turtles. Mathlete – Cameron for working hard this week on interpreting pictograms and charts. Writer of the week – Rosie has also produced a detailed set of instructions for her 'creative snack', a Fruity Butterfly - well done!	Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Miss Wilkie. Sessay Acorn Award – William At. for being a happy, thoughtful and sensible member of the class. He always shows a calm and positive attitude, makes good choices and treats everyone with respect. Headteacher's sticker – Joel. It's been a pleasure to see Joel develop personally and academically, showing real maturity and a positive attitude along the way. He is really ready for the next step and should feel proud of everything he has achieved. Well done, Joel! Mathlete – Jacob. Jacob is a STAR! He consistently completes all Century Tech assignments and tries really hard with each task, ensuring answers are accurate. Writer of the week – Cora for producing a lovely booklet during Transition. Thoughtful responses and beautifully presented.

SUMMER TERM AWARDS 2025	Class award for attainment.	Class award for progress and effort.	Class award for good manners.
BYLAND	Rec – Elsie	Rec – Billy and Una	Rec – Jackson
FOUNTAINS	Y1 - Olivia Y2 - Seb	Y1 - James Y2 – Alex and Wilf	Y1 - Daisy Y2 - Edith
BOLTON	Y3 – Ebony Y4 - Rosie	Y3 – Teddy Y4 – Mia	Y3 – Stanley Y4 - Harriet
RIEVAULX	Y5 - Cora	Y5 - Imogen	Y5 - William A

HEADTEACHER AWARD - Jessica Atkinson

Jessica 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. Jessica is always a good role model to all.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to our Leaver's Service in St. Cuthbert's Church at 1.30pm, hosted by Year 6, Miss Bennett, Ms Gauder, Miss Wilkie and Rev David.

We say goodbye and send our very best wishes to all our Year 6 children and their families who are taking their next big step to secondary school.

Wishing you all a fabulous summer break! We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

NOTICES:

- **Summer Reading Challenge 2025.**



This year's theme is Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and The Great Outdoors. Do sign your child up at your local library, as always there are stickers and goodies to collect along the way and if you complete the challenge of reading 6 books and visiting the library 3 times, there is a medal and certificate of recognition.

- **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.
- **School Meal Prices Sept 2025**

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 £3.50 (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.

- **Summer Holiday Activities available.**

FEAST <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

Mr Shimwell's Summer Holiday Programme will be held at Sessay school site this summer. Please contact Mr Shimwell to book a place (07966 626816).

- **Federation Local Committee.**

PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY – WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A FEDERATION PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER?

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details please don't hesitate to contact Miss Bennett.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS IN THE AUTUMN TERM 2025

What is it like to be a Committee member?

'Having been a School Governor since November 2023, I wanted to share some of my experiences and explain a bit more about what it is like to be a member of the Husthwaite and Sessay Local Governing Body.

Being a Governor is a great way to understand more about how the School's operate and support staff to improve the lives and education of the children and communities they serve. As a Governor, your role is to provide oversight of the School budget, curriculum, policies (including safeguarding), property and staff and act as a local voice to the trustees of the Elevate Multi-Academy Trust that we are now part of.

The Governing Body meets 3 times a year (once per term) for a couple of hours and Governor's should aim to visit at least one of the School's each term to maintain familiarity with the school and staff and discuss an area of school governance that you will have been assigned (known as a Link Governor). You do not need any specific skills or qualifications to be a Governor - however interest and experience in one of the areas listed above would be a great addition to our small group.

If you are interested to know more about being a Governor/Committee member then please contact Miss Bennett.'
(P White – Parent Governor at Husthwaite)

DIARY DATES:

18 July	1.30pm Leaver's Service at St. Cuthbert's 2.30pm School closes for the Summer Holidays
1 September	TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 2 September	Children back to school for the new academic year, Autumn term 2025.

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