

# SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

## Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025



### SAVE THE DATE...

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July

Helmsley Class trip: Ripon Museums  
"Sponsored by The Friends"

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers' Church Service 9.30am.  
Y6 Parents are invited to join us at the church.

Celebration Assembly at 1.45pm followed by tea party for all children at 2.00pm. Donations of food are much appreciated. Sign-up sheets on class doors.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July

Fun Activity Day / Non Uniform Day £1.00 donation

**LAST DAY OF TERM, FINISH 2.30PM (NO BAFTA)**

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July and Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> July

Summer Holiday Club 2025

**BACK TO SCHOOL - TUESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**2025/2026 Term dates are on the website under News**

The July 2025 Online Safety Newsletter is now available on the website under News.

➤ **Oliver with a Twist – what a performance!**

The children put on a fantastic show we are so proud of them. Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation and on the night! Please check out Dojo for more photos.



➤ **Newby Class Trip**

The children really enjoyed their day at the farm. Thank you to all the parents and fantastic staff who came to help, we couldn't do it without you!



➤ **Ripon Cathedral Leavers' Service 2025**

The Graffiti Tags of names are now on show. The display will be on view until Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, situated near the pulpit within the Cathedral.



### Get close to nature with the Summer Reading Challenge 2025!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Story Garden and is all about firing up imagination through the power of reading and creative expression.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice. They will be able to collect special stickers and prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – families can find out what's happening locally by contacting their library, on local library Facebook pages and on our webpages: [Summer Reading Challenge | North Yorkshire Council](#)

The poster is titled 'Children's Photography Competition' in large green letters. Below the title is a green banner with 'North Yorkshire Nature' in white. The main text describes the competition: 'Take a photo of something from the natural world around you - it could be an animal, river, plant, tree, insect, or a great view - and your picture could feature on a limited edition library card'. It specifies 'For children aged 7 - 11', provides the email 'libraries@northyorks.gov.uk', and the closing date 'Saturday 13 September'. The poster features a smartphone displaying a rainbow over a landscape, a small green robot character, and logos for 'Story Garden', 'Summer Reading Challenge', 'THE READING AGENCY', and 'NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL'. The entire poster is framed by green leafy borders at the top and bottom.



➤ **Star of the Week Awards**

Congratulations to the following children for excellent effort and attitude in class and for demonstrating resilience and perseverance with their work:

Newby            x

Ripley           x

Harlow           x

Helmsley        x

➤ **Hot Chocolate Award**

Congratulations to the following children for the exemplary behavior and for living out our school values of kindness, courage and respect:

Newby            x

Ripley           x

Harlow           x

Helmsley        x

➤ **Ambassador Award**



## The Friends' Calendar 2024/2025



### **Thank You for Your Support!**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our **Summer Sports Day** event – we truly appreciate it! ☀

All funds raised are going directly towards the **refurbishment of the Early Years area** taking place this summer. Our goal is to raise **£1,500** to help create a refreshed, inspiring space for our youngest learners — and your support is helping make it happen. Every contribution makes a real difference!

### **Final Ice Cream Friday - 18th July**

Don't miss your last chance before the holidays! Ice creams are **£1.50 each**, with both cash and card accepted.

### **Non-Uniform Day – 18th July**

Children can come dressed in an outfit of their choice for a **£1 donation**.

You can pay via bank transfer to the Friends account, or at the end of the day alongside your ice cream purchase!

### **School Uniform Exchange**

Have any good-quality, pre-loved uniform, coats, or shoes? Please drop them at the **school office** – we'll collect them.

If you're looking for items, keep an eye out for the **uniform rail** at pick-up and drop-off times.

### **Club 100 – Next Draw: Friday 18th July**

As there won't be a celebration assembly on Friday, **Mrs Thirlaway will draw the winning numbers on Thursday 17th July**, and we'll share the names of the lucky winners as soon as we can. Good luck!

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## **WhatsApp Group**

On behalf of the Friends Committee - Sophie, Beth, Laura, Sally and Nick we would like to invite you to join the Friends WhatsApp Community Group.

The Group is used for announcements, reminders for upcoming events along with key information you will want to know.

We appreciate there's often a lot of messages from the school and Friends group so we thought a Friends WhatsApp group would be a sensible way forward, streamlining information so everyone gets all the messages but are not overwhelmed by duplicated messages.

We'd love all parents to be part of the group and if you're agreeable please contact Sally Parker on 07719014615 and she will add you to the group.

The Friends of Marton-cum-Grafton school exists to support our children. Without the group and its supporters, the children would not receive such fantastic enrichment opportunities.

Here are a few examples of what the money has been spent on during the last 12 months.

9 school trips including Monk Park Farm, The Deep and Jorvik Centre plus the whole school Panto trip. Purchased laptops worth £2,500, Instruments to the value of £1,200 and leavers hoodies!

We would like to welcome parents to get involved as much as they can.

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## REGULAR REMINDERS...

### ➤ School start and end of day times

Nursery	8.45-11.45 AM session / 1.00-3.00 PM session
Reception	8.40 for register at 8.50 / 3.10
Years 1-2	8.30 for register at 8.50 / 3.10
Years 3-6	8.30 for register at 8.40 / 3.15

Parents should provide supervision outside of these times when on school premises. Children should not use the play equipment and non-pupils and toddlers should be supervised at all times.

### ➤ BAFTA - For any queries about before and after school club please email: [admin@mcgprimaryschool.org](mailto:admin@mcgprimaryschool.org)

Morning sessions start at 8.00am

After School sessions finish at 5.15pm Monday - Thursday and 4.15pm Friday (School Hall)

### ➤ Absence reminder

If your child is going to be absent, please telephone the school by 9.00am rather than send an email.

### ➤ Lateness

If you think you are going to be late, please do not keep your child off school for the rest of the day. Being late and in school is better than being absent.

### ➤ Safeguarding

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs ML Thirlaway

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Wilkie

### ➤ Holidays during Term Time

Parents who take a child on leave in term time without the permission of the Academy risk being issued with a penalty notice fine for unauthorised absences. Mrs Thirlaway is only able to authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

### ➤ Collecting Children from School

Please inform a member of staff if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day. If your child walks to/from school, please complete a walk to school form which is available from the School Office.

### ➤ Free School Meals

If you get certain benefits, your child could qualify for free school meals during all school years. Anyone can check eligibility and apply online: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

### ➤ Parking Outside School

Please remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited. Please pass this information on to other family members who may be dropping off/collecting. Thank you.

### ➤ Easyfundraising

Raise funds for school simply by shopping online. This really does make a difference to our school. Please click the link for more info: [EASYFUNDRAISING](#). Thank you for your continued support.

### ➤ Music Tuition in school

For children who are interested in applying for music tuition in school, you can find out more information here:

[Music Lessons](#)

## "Aspire, Believe and Achieve in a Caring Christian Community"

Our children will flourish, be safe and valued, in a nurturing Christian community. They will aspire to be the best that they can be; believe in their abilities and gain the courage and confidence to achieve their goals.

Our Christian Vision is lived out through the values of **Kindness, Courage and Respect** and illustrated through the parable of **The Seed and The Sower**

The seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams" Mark 4:2