

Newsletter –04/09/2026

Dear Parents

Good morning, I am pleased to share this week's news below and I have also attached our monthly online safety newsletter which includes information about Youtube and AI generated images.

Just a reminder that all diary dates at the end of the newsletter and any new dates/ amendments are added weekly and highlighted yellow for your attention.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Barnett

SENCO

Our new SENCO Rachel Mackay is in school each Thursday. You can contact Rachel or myself/ Mrs Hope (associate SENCO) directly via SENCO@thorparch-leh.co.uk

Coffee Morning Friday 25th September

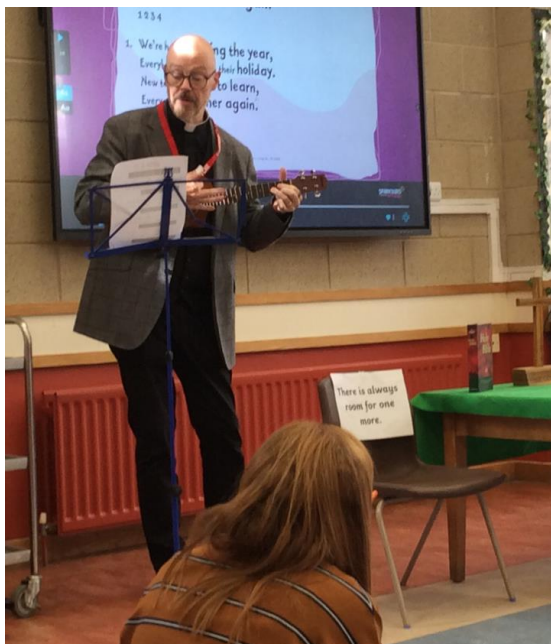
Please join us for our annual Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th after drop off. As ever, cakes and buns to sell would be gratefully received on the morning as well as volunteers to help sell tea/ coffee.

Please could any homemade items include a list of allergens.

All of the children will pop down to the hall at some point for a bun – any donations for them to put in the pot would be welcomed.



Collective Worship



PET SERVICES

Thank God for Pets!



6pm, 20th Sept. at All Saints', Thorp Arch



4pm, 4th Oct. at All Saints', Bramham



With Rev'd Nick Morgan

Includes a Blessing of the Pets,
so bring them (or a photo of them) along!





In Collective worship this week we thought about our school value of friendship and in particular the statement 'to have a friend you have to be a friend.' Reverend Nick talked to the children about 'back to school habits' linking to this to the 'holy habits' some Christians might have.

We said a big well done to the children who took part in the library Summer Reading Challenge.

We also celebrated our new Year 6 House Captains and our first stars of the school year – we are really proud of you!



Attendance

This week our whole school attendance is up!

Last Week: 95.3%

This Week: 96.3%

Where individual attendance drops below 93% is it closely monitored and at 90%, is classed as persistent absence.

Well done to Year 1 and Year 6 who have 100% attendance.



Attendance Matters





Friends of School

Community Garden Open!

Our LEH Community Garden is officially open! Parish Council Chair Ernest Sugier cut the ribbon on Monday, and we are grateful for the funding they provided to make this happen for both the school and the community.

Our gardening club is looking for new recruits and spare seedlings. Want to help?

Contact lehcommunitygarden@gmail.com.

Get Involved with FoS

Our first planning meeting of the year is Monday 21st September at 7:30pm at The Crown.

Everyone is welcome — bring ideas, volunteer, or simply come along and join the fun!

Keep Up to Date

Join our FoS WhatsApp Community for event news and updates.

Come and help us make another fantastic year for the children!



LEH
Friends of School

Break The Rules

Friday 18th September

Rules to be broken:

- No crazy hair, hair accessories or hats
- No nail varnish or face paint
- No temporary tattoos
- Must wear school shoes
- No squash in your water bottle
- No crazy socks or tights
- No chocolate or sweets at snack time
- Teachers must wear smart clothes



Pay on Zeffy or
Cash on the day



Recommended
donation 50p
per rule broken

A snapshot of this week's learning...

Forest School

It was a fab first Forest School session for Year 6. They enjoyed making made callers, exploring the space and especially building with bricks using their home made mortar.



Class 1

During our PE session this week, Class 1 took part in a fun traffic light movement game. The children moved safely around the hall, changing their speed and direction in response to the different instructions. When the teacher called green, the children ran around the space; on amber, they slowed down and walked in and out of the space; and on red, they had to stop and freeze. The children



also practised moving over speed bumps and around roundabouts, developing their awareness of space and other people.

This week in RE, Class 1 began learning about Judaism and met Hannah, a Jewish girl. We explored the idea of what makes something special and precious, discussing how something does not have to be expensive to be important to us.

The children explored Hannah's mystery box containing special Jewish objects, including a Star of David, mezuzah, Shabbat candles and goblet, Hanukiah and dreidel. We talked about how these objects are important to Hannah and to Jewish people.

The children then thought about something special to them and created their own drawings, writings and paintings, explaining why their chosen object is precious to them. We are looking forward to learning more about the special Jewish objects in our mystery box over the coming weeks!



Class 2

What a brilliant second week in Class 2! On Monday, we started our new Geography topic. We worked as 'Geography detectives' to try and figure out which country we will be learning about this half term from pictures of the place: Egypt!

In English, we started reading our new class text, Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx. To start with, we used jumbled words to try and figure out what the title was before making predictions, and then finally reading the start of the story.

In PSHE, Year 1 and 2 were learning about how to stay safe inside. We looked at pictures of different rooms in our houses and tried to find all of the dangers that might be there, and what we should do.

In Maths, Year 2 have been looking at the tens and ones in numbers to 100, whilst Year 3 have been partitioning numbers to 100 and estimating on number lines. In RE, we were thinking about how our school rules can help us make good choices, and in handwriting we have been practising forming the letters g, o, c, q and u correctly.

In PE, we have been practising sprinting and ways that we can pass and score in different invasion games.





Class 3

Class 3 have had a brilliant full first week back! We've not stopped! In art, we started the year as we always do, by drawing a self-portrait! We then looked back over our self-portraits from the last couple of years to see how much we have changed and how much better our drawing has become.



In PE, we have started our unit on fundamental skills. Our learning this week was focused on balance. We set up lots of different stations that all worked on our strength and balance – it was great fun!

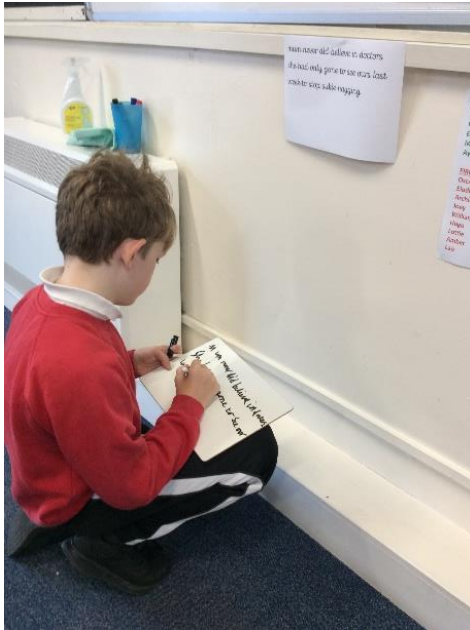
In English, we have been gathering descriptive ideas for our Imagery poem. We watched and listened to rainforest videos, shared our descriptive ideas based around the senses, and recorded these in our books.



Class 4

In Year 6 this week, we have done some excellent work on place value in maths along with firming up the accuracy of our sentence demarcation in writing. In Science, we looked at classifying animals into groups and what criteria defines each group. Our new RE topic focusses on Judaism, while in art we began by analyzing some of Monet's paintings. We have been learning about the countries and counties of the UK in Geography, as well as working on our fitness and our football dribbling in PE. Add to this our Spanish Music and Computing and it's been a busy and enjoyable week.





A message from Boston Spa Beavers

We currently have places available in our Tuesday group and a relatively short waiting list.

We are the branch of scouting for children aged 6-8 years (boys and girls) and we do lots of different adventurous activities!

If anyone's interested they just need to contact 1stbostonspabeavers@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you

Scouts 









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- ✓ Actions
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Spanish club – all ages
Thursday lunch times

5 Star Multisport club – all ages Wednesdays after school

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LEARN NEW SKILLS

MAKE FRIENDS

BUILD CONFIDENCE

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LOOKING TO TRY FOOTBALL?

NEW PLAYERS WANTED FOR U5 AND U6 FOR 26/27

- ✓ Fun and supportive
- ✓ Learn football skills
- ✓ Fully qualified coaches
- ✓ Reception and Year 1

GET IN TOUCH

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GIVE YOUR CHILD A FUN INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL!



School Calendar

Autumn Term 2026	
Friday 18 th September	Break the Rules Day
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee morning (after drop off)
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest Festival in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Monday 19 th October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 15 th October	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 5 Transition Experience at Boston Spa Academy
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 23 rd October	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 2 nd November	School open to all pupils
Monday 9 th November	National Child Measurement Years R and Y6
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Evening for prospective parents 2027 (Y6 tour guides)
Wednesday 25 th November	Class 4 Worship (Mr Hesketh) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 1 st December	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Wednesday 9 th December	Class 1 Nativity (Reception/Y1) 10am and 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	All pupils pantomime @Harrogate Theatre – Sleeping Beauty
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 18 th December	School closes at the end of the school day
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 th January	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 10 th February	Class 3 Worship (Mrs Hope/ Tait) parents welcome @2.45pm
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Monday 22 nd February	School open to all pupils
Thursday 25 th March	Easter Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 26 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday 29 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Friday 2 nd April	School closes at the end of the school day
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 19 th April	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 26 th May	Class 2 Worship (Mrs Stather) parents welcome @2.45pm
Thursday 27 th May	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 28 th May	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Monday 7 th June	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8 th June	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 9 th June	Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park
Friday 18 th June	Sports Day – Parents invited from 1.15pm
Wednesday 30 th June	Class 1 Worship (Mrs Bell/ Hardcastle) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in School – 9.15am
Wednesday 21 st July	School closes at the end of the school day
Thursday 22 nd July	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)