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Holidays

Half Term - 27th - 31st October

Christmas Holidays - 22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026

Half Term - 23rd - 27th February 2026

Easter Holidays - 3rd - 17th April 2026

Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2026

****We finish for summer on Friday 17th July 2026****

Star of the Week

Myla - Nursery

Esther - Reception

Ruby - Year 1

Hugo - Year 2

Lincoln - Year 3

Lottie - Year 4

Precious - Year 5

Grace - Year 6



Halloween After School Disco

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 4pm—4.45pm

Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6 4.45pm—5.30pm

Spooky fancy dress /party wear optional



Friends of the Village are excited to be part of Tesco's Blue Token Scheme! We have the opportunity to receive between £500 and £1500 to go towards an after school gardening club.

You can drop your blue token into the box at Tesco Ingleby Barwick

Thank you for your support

mnda

motor neurone disease
association

MND Awareness Day for Mrs Park—Friday 17 October 2025

Children to come to school dressed in **orange** and/or **blue** and help raise funds and awareness for this important cause.

Donation buckets will be around the school as well as MND pin badges and wristbands for donations

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The children have been discovering the wonders of Autumn in **nursery**! They've been observing the changes over time, noticing what they can see and hear in the world around them. Through crafts, they've explored rich autumn colours, and have loved counting with seasonal treasures like conkers, acorns, and pine cones. Outdoor adventures have been full of excitement as they explore the great outdoors and embrace all that Autumn has to offer!

Reminder: Stay and Play Session – 15th October 2025. A lovely opportunity to come into nursery and engage in play and learning with your child.

Session Times:

Morning 10:45-11.15am

Afternoon 2.15-2.45pm

There's no need to book – just choose a session and sign in at the school office when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you there!



We've had another lovely week in **Reception**, full of creativity, learning, and curiosity! This week, we finished our focus text *The Something* by Rebecca Cobb. The children impressed with their writing as they created their own 'Ending Elephant' parts of the story — I was *so proud*! They are becoming confident writers and beginning to show real pride in their work. Our attention is now turning to frogs! We're beginning to explore these fascinating creatures in preparation for writing our very own information pieces. Why not have some fun at home researching together? Maybe you could try a frog-themed craft or go on a little nature hunt to see if you can spot any! In Maths, we're now moving on to **addition and subtraction within 10**, starting with adding and subtracting 1. The children are enjoying using practical resources and number stories to help them along. A great online game to practise at home is **Top Marks'** 'Teddy Numbers' or 'Underwater Counting' — both are perfect for 4-5 year olds and lots of fun!

A **big thank you** to all the families who attended our first Parents' Evening — it was truly wonderful to speak with each of you. Positive home-school links are so important in supporting your child's development, and your involvement really does make a difference. Thank you for being such fantastic partners in your children's learning journey.

And finally, we had a *wonderful* start to our morning yesterday with the introduction of '**Draw and Talk**'. The children settled beautifully, and it was such a lovely way to ease into the day. They really enjoyed the calm space to share their thoughts and ideas through drawing — a gentle and meaningful start to our school day.

Here's to another week full of smiles, learning, and growing



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This week, **Year 1** have been continuing to work hard in all aspects of their learning. Learning new sounds 'true' and 'ay' in Phonics and finishing their Old Bear story in English. In Maths, children have working hard to count backwards from 20. They have been finding one less than and even managed to create number sentences using - and =.

We have been continuing with our exploration of Picasso and have developed this into creating portraits of our friends! Everyone is an artist!

Thank you to all the parents that came to parents evening, it was lovely to speak to you and share all the good, hard work that all your children have completed only 6 weeks into Year 1!



This week, **Year 2** have worked hard writing letters, ordering numbers from smallest to largest, enjoying team activities in PE and exploring phonics. The children particularly enjoyed PE as it gave them a chance to work as a team and overcome challenges.

Year 3 have been busy planning their threat narrative this week, lots of brilliant ideas on their plans are hopefully going to produce a fantastic final piece of writing. In Maths we've been continuing with column addition and applying the method to some reasoning questions. Science saw us making our own skeletons and in History we have been looking at the food that was eaten in the Stone Age. A wonderful week with a class of super children!



PD Days for 2025/26

Friday 28th November 2025

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026



Later Gators

Later Gators is our after school club that runs until 6.00pm. It costs £12 per day. Later Gators runs everyday after school, even the weeks when there are no other after school clubs on (the end and beginning of new terms). You can book your child onto Later Gators via your ParentMail app.





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This week in **Year 4** we have been working hard on our Newspaper Reports about a marine animal of the children's choosing. The children have all learnt about structure and vocabulary we need to make an engaging report and have begun to plan out our next piece of writing. In Maths we have worked on formal methods of addition and subtractions and in our foundation subjects we have continued to work on our Geography topic of the different continents. As a class we also listened and appraised Mamma Mia by ABBA as part of our Music topic.

Another really positive week, Year 4. Keep up the amazing work!



Year 5 have taken to their roles as school librarians brilliantly and the whole school have had the opportunity to visit our library, borrow books and listen to stories. A huge well done to everybody for their participation and enthusiasm shown towards Reading Plus. Some children have already read more than 50,000 words already and lots of children have received certificates for completing a level. We have also continued our learning about life during the Victorian era with a focus on 'poor children'. "I'm glad Doctor Bernado brought laws in otherwise I might have to work in a factory or even worse be a chimney sweeper!" Joe Y5.

We are all excited to continue our Victorian learning at Beamish next week, please remember that your child can either dress up as a Victorian or wear their school uniform and packed lunches will be required. Beamish is outdoors so sensible shoes for walking and a coat will be needed.

Year 6—We have made lots of progress in English this week as we have worked incredibly hard to finish our drafts of our diary entry. I have been really impressed with how everyone has embraced the character of Rose and used all their prior learning to make their diary entry emotional! We can't wait to share them with someone at home.

Meccano club continue to make wonderful progress and I am sure they will shine when we exhibit our creations at Shildon Railway Museum. In maths, we have worked with accuracy and pace as tackle short division in preparation for long division next week!



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