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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

Annalise - Nursery

Mollie - Reception

Trixiebell - Year 1

Sadie - Year 2

Alfie - Year 3

Oliver - Year 4

Maddie - Year 5

Aleigha - Year 6

PD Days for 2025/26

Friday 28th November 2025

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

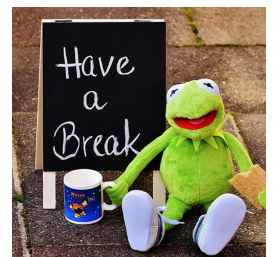
Tuesday 21st July 2026

Save the Date!!

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity play will take place Wednesday 10th December at 2pm. More details to follow in upcoming weeks



A **HUGE** well done to all of the children for a great first term! We hope you all enjoy a well deserved break next week



Father John visited school this Thursday and celebrated **Harvest** with the children in school. It was a beautiful celebration with music and story telling coupled with the special message that we can all take care of one another. The care in our Village school community is highlighted through the wonderful donations that we have received. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has donated food and toiletries. We have been blown away with the generosity of Village Parents. We are very thankful and all donations will be delivered to Thornaby Food Bank -



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This week in **nursery**, the children have been exploring the Diwali festival, creating beautiful diya lights and colourful rangoli patterns. The children looked amazing in their Halloween costumes—thank you all for the effort that went into them! We had a wonderfully spooky day dancing to the *Monster Mash* and *Skeleton Dance*, making potions in the water, and creating our own scary monsters. Have a fantastic half-term break!



This week, **Year 1** have had lots of fun exploring our local area. On Wednesday morning, we walked around the local area surrounding our school. We worked hard to locate some geographical features along our route, including; a care home, different shops, different houses, the Village Park and the Village Green, which had a church! This is a super start to our Year 1 Geography work! In Maths, we created our own number lines on the floor on the hall and then jumped across them like frogs, counting how many times we jumped until we reached our designated number! We have been exploring numbers that are greater than and fewer than a given number. In phonics, we have been working hard on blending sounds to read sentences. We celebrated Harvest as part of the school community with Father John. We have explored Christianity in our RE work and found out what Christians believe about the creation of the world. We represented this in lots of different ways!



This week, **Reception** have been very busy! We've completed our final pieces of artwork on frogs, using our creativity to bring these little creatures to life. Alongside this, we've finished writing our very own information texts about frogs. It's been amazing to see how much everyone has learned and how they're applying their new knowledge!

Almost all of us in Reception are now using finger spaces between our words when writing. This is such a fantastic achievement! It's wonderful to see so many children making great progress in their writing skills.

On Wednesday, we had lots of fun celebrating Halloween! The children enjoyed dressing up and taking part in a variety of spooky activities, full of creativity and laughter.

Thursday was pumpkin carving with Miss Brogden. Everyone had a fantastic time bringing their pumpkins to life! It's been a week full of learning, creativity, and fun in Reception!

As we head into half term, we want to wish everyone a wonderful break! Stay safe and have lots of fun this Halloween. When we return in November, we'll be ready for another half term packed with exciting learning. Our new focus will be *Stars and Space*, and we'll be reading the book *Star in the Jar* to inspire our adventures. We can't wait to see you all again and continue our learning journey together!



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This week, the **Year 2** children have consolidated their understanding of number bonds and honed the use of their addition and subtraction skills. In English, the children have written descriptions, edited sentences for errors and included conjunctions. On Thursday, the children enjoyed singing and gathering together to celebrate harvest.



Packed Lunches

Just a reminder for parents/carers to cut any fruit and vegetables in your child's packed lunch. To avoid any choking hazards it is recommended to cut fruit such as grapes and cherry tomatoes in half.

PTA

Our PTA, Friends of Village are currently looking for people who would like to help out.

If you are interested please see their Facebook page.

In English, **Year 3** have been busy designing traps for The Iron Man and explaining how they work. So many interesting, unique ideas have been talked about, we really do have an imaginative bunch! In History the children wrote a recount about their Stone Age Day and Geography has seen us continue with our work on rivers and their features. Ukelele continues on a Wednesday afternoon and the children are making excellent progress, we're hoping to be able to perform a song at Christmas. Let's hope so!



This week in **Year 4** we have been working on some key grammar and punctuation skills in English, building our knowledge base to use in the next half term. In Maths we have explored the area of 2D shapes and found the calculation we can use to quickly find the shape's area if the squares are not shown. In foundation we have completed some artwork of the Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses and worked as a class to complete online challenges during our Computing sessions.

All the children have worked extremely hard, and we are excited to see the continued progression after the Half Term.

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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Year 5 have had a great first half term and really do deserve a rest next week. This week we have finished our non-fiction Moon Log write ups and everyone has felt very proud of the progress they have made in their writing. We have loved our Class text 'The boy at the back of the class' and are eager to find out what happens at the end of the story once we return after half term. In Geography we have been learning all about Trade and this week we used an atlas to map the journey required to build a mobile phone. We were shocked by our discovery. Finally in PSHE we focused on Friendship and discussed the importance of kindness.



On Wednesday the children enjoyed our school **Halloween Disco**. Lots of fun was had by all and there were some fantastic costumes. Thank you once again for supporting our school.



Year 6 Meccano challenge

On Wednesday, 12 year 6s had a brilliant day at Shildon Railway Museum. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Meccano creations and to take part in lots of different STEM activities.

It was the absolute icing on the cake when we were announced as winning 2nd place overall!!



Year 6 - London Trip

Year 6 had a wonderful day exploring London on Thursday! We visited countless sights: The Tower of London, Buck-

ingham Palace, Big Ben, Covent Garden and many more. We racked up nearly 20,000 steps and hit every corner of London! We made so many wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!

Skyla - 'This has been the best day of my life!'

Harvey - 'The size of Big Ben towered over all of us. I think I got all the questions in the quiz right!'

River - 'It was really fun and we got to do loads of things! And my favourite was seeing The London Eye!'

Alegha - 'I couldn't believe Big Ben was really real!'

Scarlett - 'I liked the trio because we got to learn how the prisoners were kept in The Tower Of London and what treason they committed!'

Daisy - 'My favourite part was the jewels!'

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