



NEWSLETTER

April 2026





Summer: Key Dates

Summer 1

Bank Holiday – School Closed
Nursery Stay & Learn

KS2 Statutory Assessments (Year 6)
Y6 Flamingo Land - Evolution and Inheritance Workshop and Zoo
General Tour
INSET DAY – Staff CPD

Monday 4th May
Thursday 7th May AM - 10:30 – 11:15
PM - 14:15 – 15:00
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May
Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May

Summer 2

School Photographs – Tempest – Individual and Sibling
Y6 Spurn Point - Sea & Me Workshop and Changing Coastline
Workshop
National School Sports Week
R – Y6 Islam RE On Demand Workshop
Y6 Clip n Climb
Y1 Alfresco Learning Seaside Holidays Workshop
Whole School Poet Ian Bland Visit
Sports Day LKS2
Sports Day KS1
Sports Day Reception
Sports Day Nursery AM (Weather Dependent)
Sports Day Nursery PM
Sports Day UKS2
World Wellbeing Week
SUMMER Assessment Week
Reception Welcome Meeting – September Intake
Nursery Welcome Meeting
Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit
Y3 Filey Coastal Visit
RWI Development Day
Bastille Day

Friday 5th June
Monday 8th June
Monday 15th June to Sunday 21st June
Monday 15th June & Tuesday 16th June
Tuesday 16th June
Wednesday 17th June
Thursday 18th June
Monday 22nd June 1:45 am
Tuesday 23rd June 9:15 am
Wednesday 24th June 9:15 am
Thursday 25th June 10:00am
Thursday 25th June 2:00pm
Friday 26th June 1:45pm
Monday 22nd June – 28th June
Monday 29th June
Tuesday 30th June
Thursday 2nd July
Thursday 2nd July
Friday 3rd July
Monday 6th July
Tuesday 14th July

April Round Up



As April comes to an end, I wanted to take a moment to share a short monthly round-up with you. Although the Easter holidays meant it was a shorter month in school, it has nonetheless been full of exciting and engaging learning opportunities for our pupils. From educational visits to inspiring in-house workshops, children across the school have continued to learn, explore and thrive.

Earlier this week, I wrote to you to share the publication of our latest Ofsted report. I would like to reiterate just how proud I am to lead, and to be part of, the Oyster Park community. The report reflects the dedication, commitment and care shown every day by our staff, pupils and families. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

A gentle reminder to all families of the importance of pupils wearing the correct school uniform each day, including full and appropriate PE kit on PE days. Our uniform helps create a strong sense of belonging and equality, ensuring pupils feel part of our school community and ready to learn. Wearing the correct uniform also supports positive routines and high expectations across school.

As we move into the warmer weather, please could I kindly remind parents and carers to ensure that all children's belongings are clearly labelled, helping any misplaced items to be returned promptly. On warmer days, we ask that children come to school with sun cream already applied and a clearly labelled water bottle, so they can stay comfortable and well hydrated throughout the day.

We look forward to all the exciting learning opportunities the summer term has to bring.

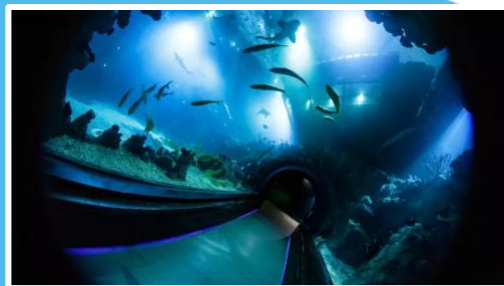
Mrs J Chapman - Kemp



An underwater adventure for Year 1 at The Deep!

At the beginning of the month, Year 1 visited the Deep in Hull as part of their immersion into their current English Unit. The children were captivated by the incredible range of sea creatures on display, from graceful rays to colourful tropical fish. They then took part in an engaging workshop exploring **coastal environments** and the unique habitats found there.

Through hands-on activities, they learned how different animals—such as **shellfish, molluscs, and other coastal species**—adapt to their surroundings. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to build vocabulary, deepen their understanding of marine life, and connect their English learning to real-world experiences.



Marching into Roman History:

Year 4 at Murton Park!



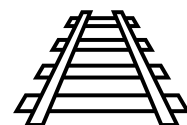
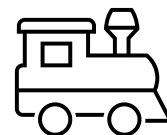
As part of their History enrichment this month, **Year 4 stepped back in time to Roman Britain** during an exciting visit to **Murton Park in York**. The children transformed into Roman soldiers and explored what life was like in the Roman army.

Throughout the day, they took part in military weapons training, learned how to move in formation to defeat the enemy, and practised drills inside a Roman fort. They also experienced everyday Roman life by writing messages home using the Roman alphabet and creating their own clay oil lamps.

It was a **fantastic day of hands-on learning**, truly bringing the History curriculum to life and leaving the children with memories they won't forget.



All aboard! Reception Visit Whistlestop Valley



This month, Reception enjoyed a wonderful day visiting Whistlestop Valley, experiencing an exciting mix of learning and fun in a fantastic outdoor setting.

The children were thrilled to travel on a steam train, taking in the local surroundings and listening to the tell-tale whistle of the engine. It was a joy to see their excitement, especially as some children experienced a train ride for the first time. They also listened carefully to a short talk about the engine, showing great curiosity and asking thoughtful questions.

Several children impressed staff with their excellent knowledge of coal, confidently explaining how it is used to power the steam engine. A real highlight was watching the engine turn on the turntable, which fascinated the children and supported their understanding of how things move and work.

The visit also included time in the outdoor adventure play area, where the children worked together, took turns and showed growing confidence. Another favourite moment was the miniature train ride around the duck pond, giving children the chance to observe their surroundings and talk about what they could see. Throughout the day, the children behaved impeccably and were a real credit to our school.

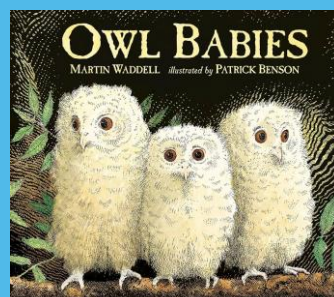




Reception up and close with Owls!



Our Reception children had an amazing opportunity this month when they welcomed some feathery friends into their classroom. The children enjoyed meeting four owls as an introduction to their learning linked to the story *Owl Babies*. They had the exciting chance to hold an owl using a special glove and were fascinated as the owls swooped over their heads and around the hall. This memorable experience has really enthused the children, particularly in the children's writing about the owls.



A Sloth, a Story and Some Secret Superpowers



This half term, children in EYFS and KS1 enjoyed a very special visit from author Charlotte Marsh. She shared her story *Susie Sloth and Her Secret Superpower*, taking the children on an engaging journey as Susie learns how to make new friends and discovers the unique strengths that everyone possesses.

As the story unfolded, pupils were introduced to Susie's friends, each of whom shared a Pilates pose and helped the children explore breathing techniques and mindfulness. The session was highly interactive, with children enthusiastically joining in and reflecting on how mindful breathing can help them feel calm and relaxed throughout the day.



Year 4 Yorkshire

Museum Trip



Year 4 enjoyed an exciting and enriching visit to the Yorkshire Museum this week, bringing their classroom learning to life. The children explored a range of fascinating exhibits, learning more about history and archaeology through real artefacts and interactive displays.

During the visit, pupils took part in an engaging workshop led by museum staff, where they applied their history knowledge alongside their technology skills, using digital tools to record observations, research information and capture learning in meaningful ways. They demonstrated curiosity, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout the day.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity to extend learning beyond the classroom and to apply skills across the curriculum. A big thank you to the staff at the Yorkshire Museum and to our school staff who supported the visit, helping to make it a memorable and rewarding experience for Year 4.

