



Spring Term 2026

## Newsletter 11

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Following recent parent feedback, we have reviewed how we share information across our schools. As a result, we will be making a small change to the way our newsletters are distributed. After Easter the school newsletter will move to a **fortnightly** schedule. This will continue to be a **shared letter** across the schools, as many of our key messages, updates and notices are common to both settings.

To ensure you continue to receive timely information that is specific to your child's school, **individual school dates and any school-specific reminders will still be sent out on a weekly basis.**

We hope this approach strikes the right balance between keeping families well-informed while reducing repetition and the volume of communication you receive. Thank you to everyone who shared feedback—it is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to improve how we work with our community.

We finish this Friday at normal time for the Easter holidays and we return on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter.

With very best wishes,

Miss E E Miller

***Safeguarding children*** – if you have any concerns for the welfare of a child please contact Miss Miller, Miss Tams or Mr Broxup.

***Respecting staff*** – our staff are dedicated professionals. We will not accept any abuse towards our staff.



**96% attendance year to date**  
**92.5% attendance today**

**Thank you** to the PTA for running such a successful film night, the children had a great time and it is a super fundraiser. Thank you.

**Parking** – a polite reminder to park/ drop off in safe and legal places as the safety of our children is paramount. There are various places where you can park in the village and then walk the rest of the way to school.

Kirsty and Ruth will be running a **forest skills course** for six weeks each Friday next half term beginning on Friday 17th April, with sessions running from 3:15 - 4:30pm. These sessions are aimed at children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 who would like to develop their bushcraft and forest skills beyond their sessions in school.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis and can be booked through the following link and using the password RUKI4:

<https://bookaby.me/ruki-in-the-forest/whats-on#venue=daf6944d>

The cost of the six week block is £30, payable when booking.



**96.3% attendance year to date**  
**92.8% attendance today**

**PTA Easter Extravaganza Disco - Thank you** to everyone that attended our disco on Friday night. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves. Special thank you to the PTA team of volunteers for their prep and time during the event. We will get an update from the PTA to share after Easter.

**Easter Craft Competition** – A reminder to our pupils to enter something crafty to our Easter Competition. The theme is 'Easter' and your craft creations can be anything from an Easter Bonnet, a painting, an Easter Card, a decorated egg... the possibilities are endless! The rules are that your creation is made by you and they are brought into school on Wednesday 25th March, no earlier please as they will be on display for judging. Each class will have one winner, who will get an Easter themed prize in collective worship on Thursday 26th March. The competition is open to all children at Wheldrake with Thorganby School. Get crafting!

**Pre School** - What a fabulous half-term our pre-school has had! We've truly sprung into spring and enjoyed a wide range of exciting seasonal

**A message from Escrick Playing Fields Association** - Spring is here so we are preparing for our annual 'Big Clean' at the playing fields on **Sunday 12th April** from **10am-12pm**. We plan to get the park all spick and span for the summer. All are welcome to come and help us mend and refurbish some of the equipment, get the wooded area tidy and generally give the whole place a good clean. Please bring gardening tools, working gloves and buckets and brushes for scrubbing. Plenty for adults and children to be getting on with. There will be hot drinks and cakes for all volunteers!

**'Every person is an individual and also part of a community.'**

***1 Corinthians 12:12-27***

activities. From learning about flowers and creating beautiful still life drawings, to making blossom for our spring tree, it has been a busy and creative time. The children have also loved lots of outdoor play, exploring light and shadow through shadow drawings, and celebrating both St David's Day and St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day too! We'll be bouncing our way through the final week of term with our sponsored Bounce-a-thon to raise money for a sandpit in our outdoor area - very exciting! We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break. <https://www.wheldrakepreschool.org/>

***Love and encourage each other.***

***'Love your neighbour as yourselves.'* Matthew 22:39**

***'Let us encourage one another.'* Hebrews 10:25**