



Spring Term 2026

Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic first week back in school. The children have returned focused, settled, and ready to learn, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm across classrooms. Staff have been really impressed with the positive attitudes and the way pupils have quickly re-established routines. Thank you also for your support in ensuring your child has the correct equipment for their learning, it is much appreciated.

Updates on Pick-Up Arrangements and Mobile Phone Expectations – we are asking for your support with two important routines that help us keep every child safe and focused during the school day.

Changes to Pick-Up Plans - If there is ever a change to who is collecting your child, please let the school office know as early as possible. A quick phone call or message ensures we can update staff and avoid any confusion at the end of the day. Your communication really helps us keep home time smooth and secure for all our children.

Year 5 and 6 only - Mobile Phones in School If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be switched off on arrival and handed in to the office for safekeeping. Phones are stored securely and returned at the end of the day.

Residential Feedback - A big thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete the residential questionnaire. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us shape future opportunities and ensure the experience meets the needs of all pupils.

The Senior Leadership Team across both **Escrick** and **Wheldrake** will now review and evaluate the responses. Once this process is complete, we will share the key findings with you, along with any next steps.

Information regarding secondary school place allocation will have been shared with parents today, Monday 2nd March. Our secondary school colleagues will be in touch with school and families to share information about the transition process and the arrangements in place for supporting pupils as they move into Year 7. This communication will outline key dates, expectations, and opportunities for pupils to become familiar with their new setting.

To ensure a smooth and successful start, secondary staff will also be gathering additional information about each child. They will meet with Year 6 teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss pupils' strengths, needs, and any relevant pastoral or academic details. This collaborative approach helps both schools plan effectively so that every child feels confident and well supported as they begin their Year 7 journey.

We are excited to let you know that, over the remainder of the school year, we will be hosting a series of **sports events** to encourage teamwork, confidence, and healthy competition across our school community. The first of these events will take place here Escrick, where we will be welcoming Year 4 pupils from Wheldrake for a friendly dodgeball tournament. We look forward to giving the children a fun and active experience, and further details about timings and future events will be shared as each date approaches.

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.



95.9% attendance year to date
95% attendance today

Parent Consultation Evenings – the booking system guidelines will be shared with you this week and as always Mrs Hall will be available to assist as we have a new online system for parents to use. The dates are Monday 23rd March 3.30 – 5.30pm; Tuesday 24th March 3.30 – 6pm.

Due to the length of this half term, we will have two parents' **celebration assemblies**, and the remaining classes will be picked up after the Easter holidays. Thursday 12th March 2.45pm – Year 1 and 6 parents are invited and Thursday 19th March 2.45pm Reception parents are invited to join us.

The parent forum meeting for this half term is on Friday 20th March – please can representatives let me know their preferred time, thank you.

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-27



96.4% attendance year to date
96.9% attendance today

Parent Consultation Evenings – please look out for an email sharing the booking instructions with you.

Pre-school - We have had a wonderful week in Pre-School! It has been so lovely to see the sunshine starting to make an appearance, and we've made the most of it with lots and lots of outdoor play. We have been very excited to start spotting the first signs of spring! Our learning this week has focused on daffodils. We have explored what they look like, talked about where they grow, and learnt about the different parts of the flower, including the petals, stem, and leaves. The children created their own beautiful daffodil pictures using a range of materials, carefully choosing colours and practising their creative skills. We can't wait to continue our Spring discoveries!

Love and encourage each other.

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

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