

# Scapegoat Hill School Spring (2) Newsletter 2026



## Another Busy and Exciting Term

We have many highlights to share from this short half term. We've seen everything from snow to beautiful sunshine which has allowed us to get back onto the school field to enjoy the space and our fabulous new playground.

It is our annual **Scarecrow Festival** and we have included all the details below about what is on. Once again our dynamic PTA (FOSS) have worked tirelessly to put together a fantastic event including great activities on the school field and working with the church, the Pennine Manor, Scape Liberal Club and The Scape House to provide refreshments and shelter if needed. Thank you to the wider community for their brilliant scarecrows and for supporting us so generously. Details about how to buy your maps are directly below.

We recently took part in **Young Voices** with our friends and our families enjoyed watching us perform all the songs we have worked so hard to learn. Children in Years 1 to 3 also enjoyed active reading sessions with Mrs Bolton.

We visited the **Lord Mayor** where the children asked excellent questions and enjoyed seeing Huddersfield Town Hall and the ceremonial robes. They represented our school superbly.

Across school we have enjoyed several sporting events including Sports Hall Athletics for Years 1 and 2, a hockey tournament and a girls' football tournament. The children were fantastic sportspeople and did an awesome job.

We welcomed **Rosie and Maggie** back to work with all children using tools and creating fantastic things in our school grounds as part of **forest school**. It is wonderful to see the children learning outdoors as spring begins and our gardens start to bloom.

We also celebrated **Eid** with a delicious spread created by Jemma and Mrs Senior and wonderful crafts supported by Mrs Bibi and Mrs Musa. Our **Easter** celebrations were equally special with the children performing *The Three Trees* beautifully at Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church.

We enjoyed **National Careers Week** where the children shared their dreams for the future from forest school teachers to midwives to geologists. We encouraged them to dream big and go for it.

**Red Nose Day** was great fun as we wore red and learnt about the charities supported. Thank you for your kind donations.

We loved **World Book Day** taking part in live BBC lessons and sharing book recommendations. Our children truly love to read and your support at home makes a huge difference. I think you will agree that the children (and staff!) all looked fantastic in their 'reading inspired' costumes.

Our **Year 6 children** have now found out their secondary schools and are feeling confident and excited for the months ahead.

Thank you for all your support this term. It helps make our school the special place it is. A huge thank you also to our staff for their hard work and for going above and beyond.

Please enjoy the memories in our photos as well as updates on our class pages.

**Happy Easter everyone**

Miss Shackleton

## **The Scapegoat Hill Village Scarecrow Festival 2026**

Join us this Easter for the Scapegoat Hill & Nettleton Hill Scarecrow Festival 2026 – this year with a Movie theme!

There will be over 40 movie-inspired scarecrows to find as you explore the villages of Scapegoat Hill and Nettleton Hill. Follow the trail around both villages, see how many famous film characters you can spot along the way.

The festival runs throughout the Easter weekend, with plenty happening during the day and into the evening. Local venues will be hosting family activities, live entertainment and community events, with food and drink available at various locations across the villages.

**PURCHASE TRAIL SHEETS HERE...** includes a fun challenge to complete and the chance to vote for your favourite scarecrow.

[Scape Scarecrow Festival 2026](#)

Once you have purchased your map via the link above, an ETicket will be sent to your email and you can then collect a hard copy of the map from the following venues.

- The Scapehouse Inn
- The Liberal Club
- The Pennine Manor Hotel
- Scape Chapel

The festival is a community fundraiser supporting Scapegoat Hill Junior and Infant School.

A great day out for families, friends and film fans of all ages – come along and enjoy a walk, a warm welcome and a touch of movie magic! 🎬

Every map bought to this event will bring us closer to achieving our goal.

Thank you for supporting our project, your support is invaluable.



What's on over the weekend and where!

## FESTIVAL WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

### SCAPEGOAT HILL CHAPEL

OPEN: 12NOON - 4pm Fri - Sun  
 WELFARE POINT - First Aid & Safeguarding  
 Maps and Charity Buckets  
 Crafts | Bottles of Water | Air Hockey  
 Starlighters Performane - Saturday 1pm  
 Easter Service - Sunday 11am  
 Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday 12noon

### SCAPE HOUSE INN

OPEN: 12NOON - LATE Everyday  
 Maps and Charity Buckets  
 Serving Drinks & Food  
 Outside BBQ | Fri - Sun from Noon  
 Pop-up Outside Bar | Fri - Mon  
 Friday | 4pm Acoustic Singer | 8pm Emma Steffox  
 Saturday | 4pm Acoustic Singer | 8pm Smudge  
 Sunday | 4pm Acoustic Singer | 8pm The Verge

### SCAPE LIBERAL CLUB

OPEN: Afternoons, times vary everyday  
 Maps and Charity Buckets  
 Serving Drinks | Toilets  
 Yorkshire Craft Butchery Meat Raffle Fri - Sun  
 Live Music - Mason Whittle - Sunday 230pm

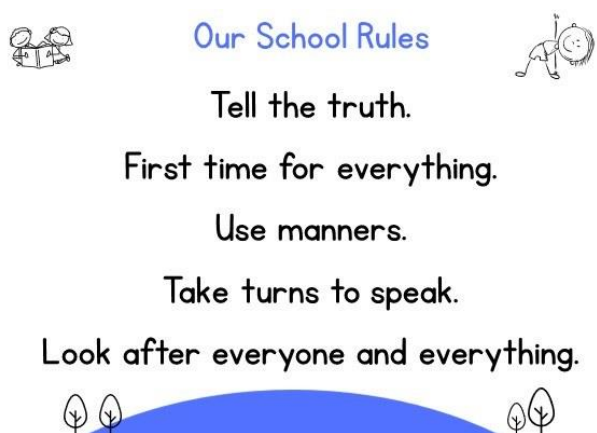
### PENNINE MANOR HOTEL

OPEN: All Day, Everyday  
 Maps and Charity Buckets  
 Serving Drinks & Meals  
 Hot Beef & Pulled Pork Butty with Chips - £7.95  
 3 Course Sunday Lunch - £15.00 (Sunday Only)  
 Every Meal sold £2.00 goes to school  
 Open car park - £1 donation would be nice

### SCHOOL FIELD

OPEN: 12NOON - 4pm Friday - Sunday  
 Post Box for completed trail maps  
 Inflatables | Fri - Sun  
 Inflatable Dart Board | Target Shooter  
 Basketball Hot Shots | Bouncy Castles  
 Sweet Cones | Photo Opportunity

## Our School Rules and Values



## Easy Fundraising - Friends of Scape School



Thank you to everyone who has supported the school by joining **EasyFundraising** and selecting **Friends of Scape School** as your chosen charity.

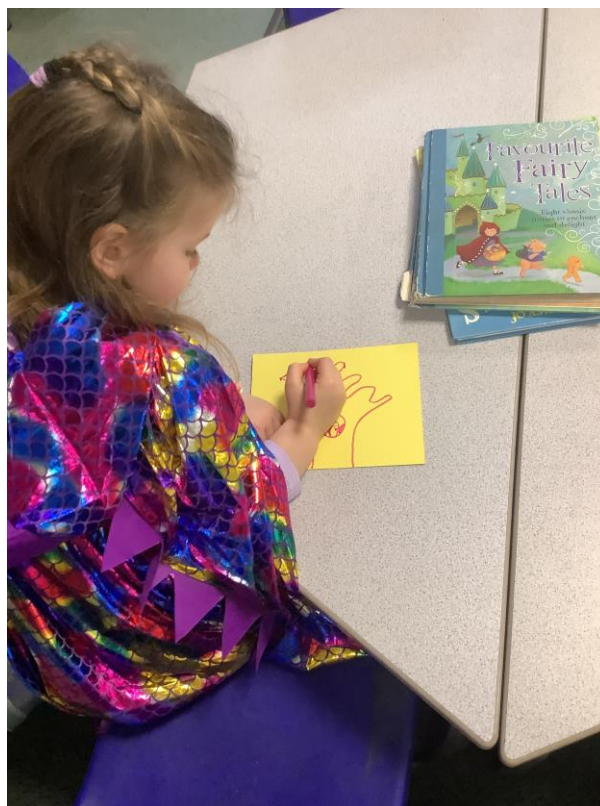
Thanks to your support, we have raised a fantastic **£3,413.42** so far, and we now have **56 supporters!**

Please continue to spread the word — encourage friends and family to join and help us raise even more for our school community.

Please see attached link for more details: [Friends of Scape School, Huddersfield Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

**How it works ?** - When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

## World Book Day 2026









## Meet the Mayor at Huddersfield Town Hall

*We had a wonderful time visiting the Mayor at the beautiful Huddersfield Town Hall. We joined friends from other schools, asked some fantastic questions and learnt a great deal about the ceremonial robes as well as the important work the Kirklees Mayor does.*





## Young Voices - Manchester Co-op Live Arena



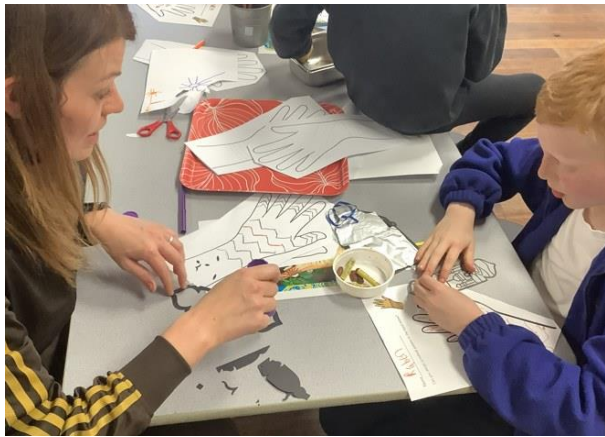


## Strictly Pennine at the Lawrence Batley Theatre



## Celebrations for Eid with Stay and Play







## Chapel Easter Performance - The Three Trees

We are very proud of the children for their hard work in preparing and performing *The Three Trees*. They put real effort into learning the songs and telling this important story from the Christian faith with clarity and confidence. It was great to see their practice pay off and to watch them share the performance so thoughtfully. Thank you to everyone who supported them in bringing it together.



## Class 1 News

In our Science and Understanding the world learning, we were talking about plants and why in winter we need to plant inside. We then had a go at planting some pea seeds to test our theories.

They really began to grow tall so we decided once some better weather began to come that it was time to plant them outside. A very generous couple from Golcar made us some new planters and we are now hoping that they will continue to thrive so we can get some peas to try! Year 1 also recorded the changes which occurred week on week.

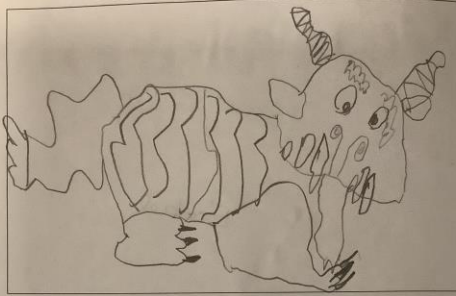
A huge thank you to Malcom and Patricia Lindsay for their kind donation of the planters.





In our R.E. learning, we have discussed the festival of Lunar New Year, who celebrates it and how it compares to celebrations we may have. We talked about preparations made and customs and traditions which are kept during the festival. We heard a traditional story told in China about Nian the monster and used this as a focus for our Drawing Club and Curious Quest inventuring. We had lots of fun learning about how the people finally scared him away from their village and then had some great ideas for a Nian Scare-o-Matic 3000 to help them. Reception have been focussing on tricky word spellings and also labelling with two/three word captions. Year 1 have been consolidating learning on simple sentence structure and have been working hard to add more description using adjectives. We finished our learning with a fried rice and fortune cookie party. It was great fun. Although, we found the chopsticks tricky!

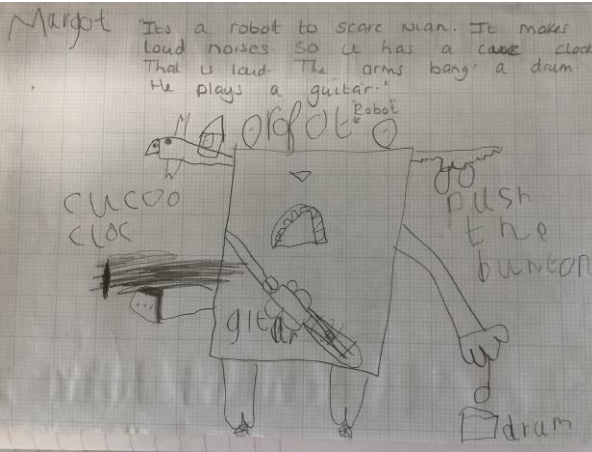




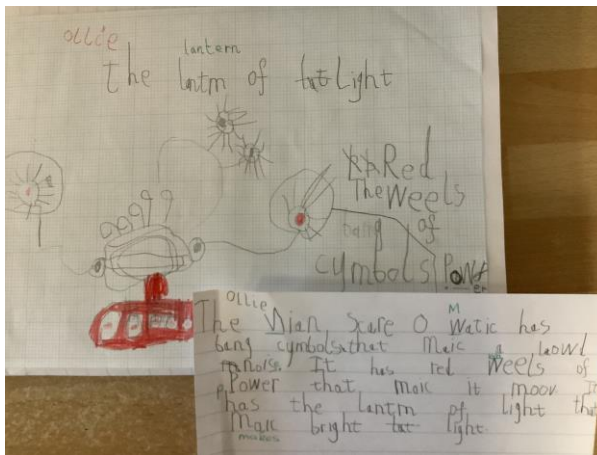
What is Nian afraid of?

1. Light
2. Red color
3. Loud noises

Nian has sharp claws on his paws. He is ferocious. Nian has yellow eyes and he has yellow horns. Nian has sharp teeth in his terrible jaws. Nian has scaly skin on his body. He has a wobbly tail. He has bushy eye brows. His body is blue. The end of his tail is orange. He has a long tongue that is orange.



Margot "It's a robot to scare Nian. It makes loud noises so it has a case clock that it loud. The arms bang a drum. He plays a guitar."



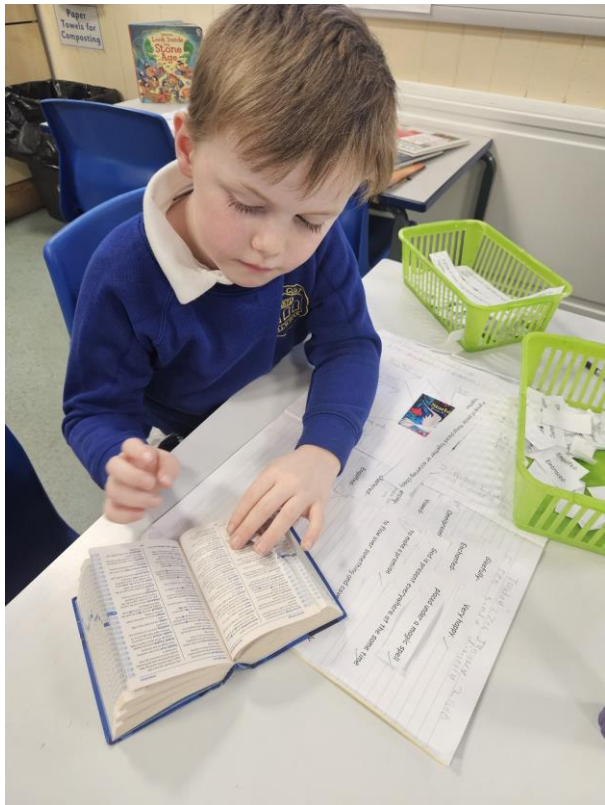
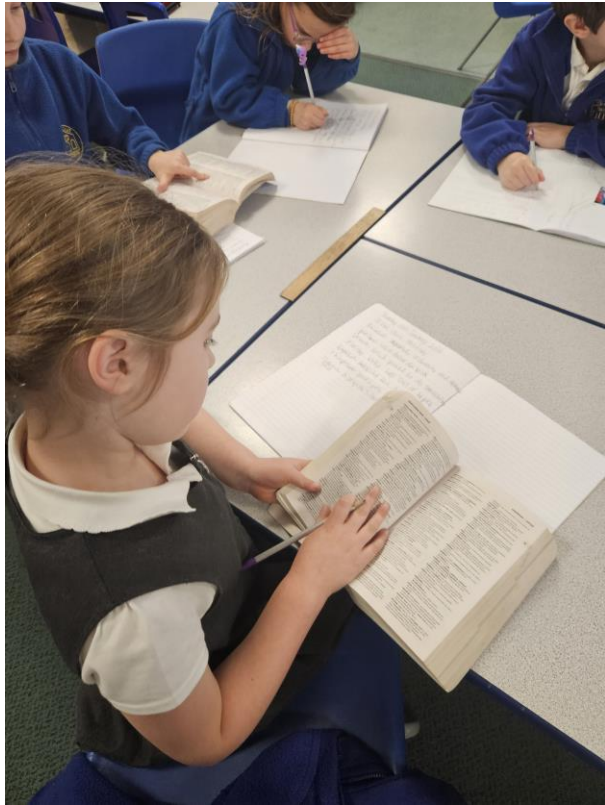
Ollie lantern  
The lantern of light

Ollie  
The Nian safe O Matic has bang cymbals that make a loud noise. It has red wheels of power that make it move. It has the lantern of light that make bright light.



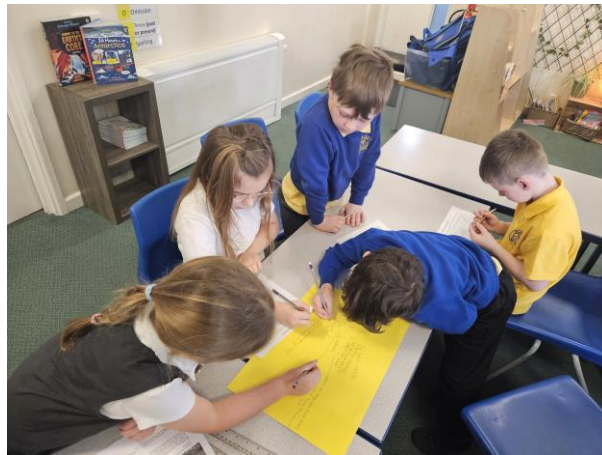
## Class 2 News

In Class 2, we have done some fantastic work using dictionaries to explore the meanings of new vocabulary. The children's dictionary skills are continuing to develop really well.





We have also worked in groups to research information about cheetahs, using both websites and books to gather some brilliant facts. The children collaborated extremely well in their groups, and this teamwork helped them produce some incredible non-chronological reports about cheetahs later in the week.





We have also been working hard as historians and have thoroughly enjoyed our topic on kings, queens and castles. During this topic, we have discovered many fascinating facts and learned about several significant monarchs throughout British history.

Try asking your child the question: *"Why did monarchs build castles?"* and see if they can remember!

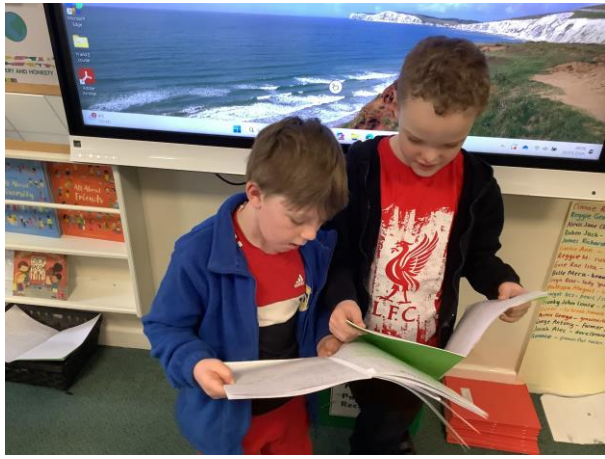
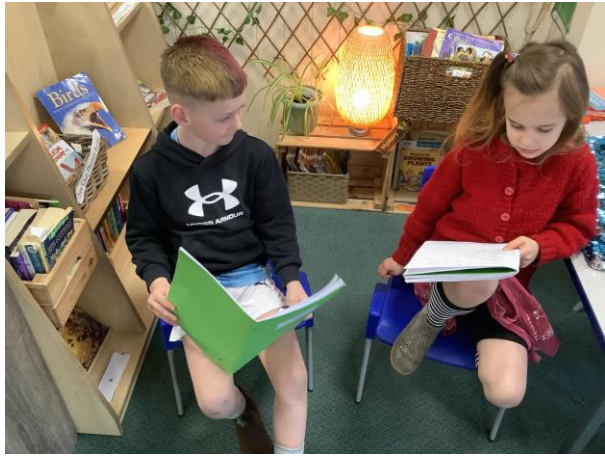
The children have been working hard in DT to create coin purses. They have really enjoyed learning sewing skills and practicing their cutting. The children have learned how to thread a needle, tie a knot and use a running stitch. They used a template to then cut out the fabric for their purses, then stitched the 2 pieces together. They then created their own templates to add a design to the front and glued them on.

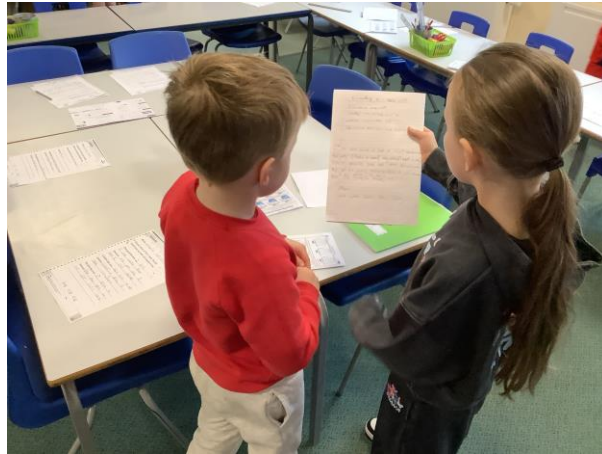




The children in class 2 enjoyed Eid celebrations in the classroom. We had the opportunity to learn from Mrs Bibi as well as take part in a range of activities including designing a prayer mat and Mendhi patterns.

In English the children have been learning how to write a playscript. They have turned the text from the book, 'Into the Forest', into a play using speech and stage directions. The children then rehearsed and performed their short scenes to the rest of the class, using their presentation skills and spoken language to bring their work to life.

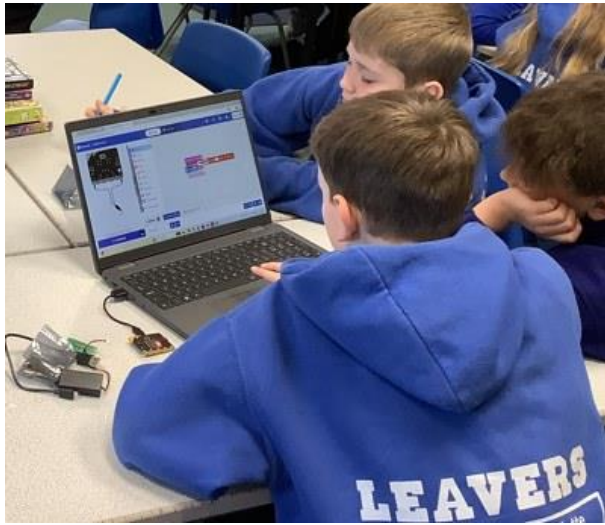




### Class 3 News

In Computing the children have been learning to use **Micro:bits**, which are small programmable computers that help them understand simple coding. They explored the different parts of the device then used block coding to create short programmes such as flashing patterns, smiley faces or scrolling messages. They tested and improved their ideas before downloading them onto real Micro:bits to see their designs light up. The children loved watching something they created on screen appear in their hands and it gave them a great introduction to coding and problem solving.

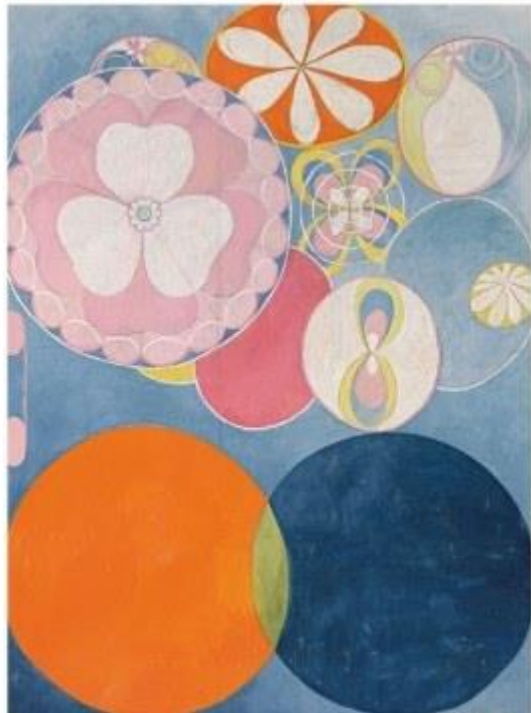






## Art - Hilma Af Klint

Hilma af Klint is the artist we have been learning about in class. She was born in **1862 in Solna, Sweden** and is now seen as one of the **earliest abstract artists**, creating abstract paintings even before famous artists like Kandinsky, Mondrian and Malevich. Her artwork was imaginative and often inspired by nature and her own ideas and she explored new ways of painting long before others did. Today she is recognised as an inspiring female artist who helped shape modern art. We hope you enjoy some of our water colour paintings inspired by her work.

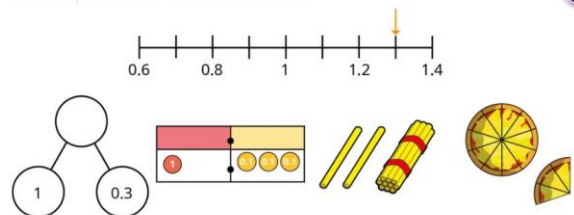






Can you solve some of our latest maths problems about fractions and decimals?

Which representation is the odd one out?



Explain your answer.

Is the statement true or false?

2.5 as a fraction is  $\frac{2}{5}$

Explain your answer.

## Sporting Events



## Easter Themed Clay Club









## Safeguarding

Reminder to Parents

Please complete the attached form to agree to the school's **Acceptable Use Agreement for ICT and Social Media**.

Click here to access the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/s6jRj2gnWpt> Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe online.

## Breakfast Club Updates



## Robinwood Residential



The first instalment of the Robinwood residential trip is due on Tuesday 31st March. You can make the payment through Parent Pay. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

Below is a reminder of when the remaining instalments are due:

Instalment 2 - due 31st May - £50.00

Instalment 3 - due 31st July - £50.00

Instalment 4 - due 31st August - £50.00

Instalment 5 - due 30th September - £50.00

## New Adult Learning Timetable

Please see attached to the Ping information on various courses which Kirklees are running which may be of interest to you.

## Attendance by Year Group ( Sept 2025 – March 2026 )

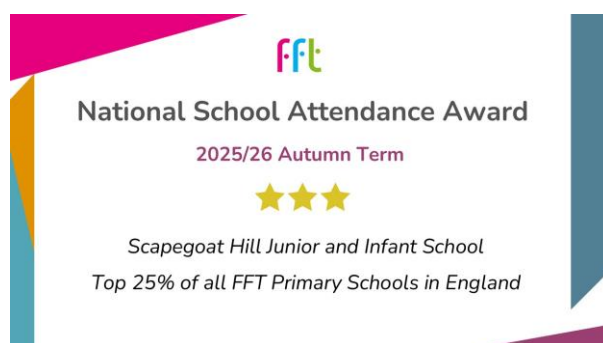
### 🌟 We've Achieved a National Attendance Award! 🌟

Government guidance promotes **96% attendance or higher**, as children make the strongest academic and social progress when they are in school regularly.

### 👏 We've done it! Our school has officially received a **National Attendance Award!**

This fantastic achievement reflects the commitment of our **amazing pupils** and the continued support of our **brilliant families**, who make great attendance a priority every single day.

### 👏❤️ A huge well done to everyone—this success belongs to our whole school community!



- Reception: 94.6%
- Year 1: 95.2%
- Year 2: 95.5%
- Year 3: 95.1%
- Year 4: 96.6%
- Year 5: 96.3%
- Year 6: 97.7%
- National attendance to date is, 95.9%

## After School Clubs - Summer 1

All after school club places have now been confirmed. If your child is attending the Clay or Forest School Club and you haven't made payment, please could you do so. All payments are available on Parent Pay. Thank you.



Monday - Homework Club (years 2-6) - **FULL**

Monday - Construction Club (Reception and Year 1) - **FULL**

Tuesday - Clay Club (years 1-6)

Wednesday - Forest School (years 1-6) - **FULL**

Thursday - Dance (years 3-6)

Friday - Football Club (years 3-6)

## SEN Newsletter

Please find a link below to April's SEN Newsletter.

[senmagazine.co.uk/newsletter/2026/04/](http://senmagazine.co.uk/newsletter/2026/04/)

## My Happy Mind - Supporting children during difficult world events

*myHappyMind* can help support children during difficult world events by teaching them simple, science-based strategies to understand their emotions and build resilience, confidence and calm habits they can use when they feel worried. The programme also helps children learn techniques for managing stress and staying regulated both at school and at home. The document attached to this PING explains this in more detail, and the same resources are also available on the **myHappyMind Parent App**

## Lunch Accounts on Parent Pay - IMPORTANT

Please can you check your child's lunch account on Parent Pay regularly and make any necessary payments. All lunches should be paid for in advance. If you have any issues with paying please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you

## Walking Home - Children in Years 5 and 6 Only

### Walking Home & Mobile Phones

If your child will be walking home on their own, please let the school office know which days this applies to.

Only children who walk home independently should bring a mobile phone, and only if it's absolutely necessary. Phones must be handed in at the office on arrival and a permissions form (available from the office) will need to be completed.

These steps help us follow our Mobile Phone Policy and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support!

### Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are considered.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

Registering for the free meals raises money for school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If your child is in full time education, and you receive one or more of the benefits stated above, please fill in an application form even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This is because they are also entitled to things like free milk, help towards school trips and other support. To check if you are eligible, please visit the Kirklees council website at: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### School Ping/Friday Flyer/Newsletter

\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*

Please ensure you look at PING where we send information to parents. These include achievements in school, out of school clubs including BREAKFAST club, trip details, sporting events and other

important information. Please make sure that these are read and if necessary, replied to. Every Friday we send out the Friday Flyer to keep you updated weekly about school events as well as local events and news. Our newsletter is sent out at the end of each term.

## A Few Reminders

- Please let the school know if you have recently changed any of your contact details: address, email, phone numbers etc, so we can keep our records up to date.
- If you know in advance your child will be absent from school (eg medical appointments) please let us know as soon as possible. **If your child is absent through illness/unplanned events please contact school to let us know on the morning of the absence – many thanks.**

Please be reminded you **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on the yellow zig zag markings outside school, **Mon-Fri between 8:00-9:30 am and 2:30-4:00 pm.**

Should anybody be seen parking on the zig zags, we will pass the vehicle registration details to the police. This is to ensure the safety of the children.

## Dates for your Diary

27th March	School breaks up
3rd - 6th April	Scarecrow Festival
13th April	School opens
16th April	Strictly CV—dance performance by dance club
20th April	Forest School
20th April	Year 5/6 Netball Competition
30th April	Reception Screening
1st May	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Broad Oak 9-3pm
4th May	School closed for May Day
6th May	Yr 5 Mini Olympics at CVHS 10-11.30am
8th May	Yr 3/4 Cricket Tournament at Broad Oak 9-3pm
9th May	Golcar Lily Day 11-5pm
11th - 14th May	Sats week
15th May	Yr 3 Mini Olympics at CVHS 10-11.30am
18th May	Year 6 only Forest School

## Term Dates

### 2025/2026

	<b>Break up</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
		Tuesday 2nd September
Half Term	Wednesday 22nd October	Monday 3rd November
Christmas	Friday 19th December	Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	Friday 13th February	Tuesday 24th February
Easter	Friday 27th March	Monday 13th April
Half Term	Friday 22nd May	Monday 1st June
Summer	Friday 17th July	

School will also be closed on Monday 4 May 2026. School will be closed on the following days  
Monday 1st September 2025, Thursday 23rd October & 24th October 2025, Monday 23rd February  
2026, Monday 20th July 2026