



WELCOME BACK

We hope that your child has enjoyed the start to the school year. It's been wonderful to welcome pupils back to school and especially so now that classroom life is a little more normal than it has been for some time. The children have really enjoyed working in table groups again and this has made their learning a more collaborative experience. We thought that you would like to see some photos of our new classes in action.



Year 5 & 6



Year 3 & 4



Year 2 & 3



Year 1



Early Years



Year 1

Pupil feedback has been great too:

'School has been great so far this term. Our new teacher is excellent. I have enjoyed all of the lessons and I'm really enjoying our project on Romans – I think it's my favourite.'

'It's been great to see our friends again and to work together with the tables back together.'

'We have delicious school lunches.'

'I'm really enjoying it at Gunnerside School.'

'I'm really enjoying the challenge of learning.'
'The small class size is helping me to concentrate.'
'I really like my teachers – they are really kind.'
'It's been amazing to come back to school and see all my friends.'
'I'm enjoying phonics and reading.'
'I like doing loads of work at school.'
'I've really enjoyed painting and playing in the mud kitchen.'

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Well done to the children who received good behaviour certificates either at the very end of last term or in the first week back.

Bronze

Charlotte Dixon
Lucy Allison
Thalia Calvert
Jayce Metcalfe
Thomas Bainbridge
Coleby Teague
William Bowe
Ossy Lewis
Rowan Wilkinson
Harper Asher
Josh Coates
Leo Atkinson-Iesini
Sophie Rukin
Mason Doughty-Coates

Silver

Amelia Hill
James Calvert
Orla Stainsby
Ryan Reynoldson
Chloe Calvert
Jessica Rukin
Ellie Dixon
Hazel Tranter
Amelia Atkinson
Robbie Wearmouth



START OF YEAR SERVICE, GUNNERSIDE CHAPEL

Pupils taught at Gunnerside School visited the chapel this morning for the start of year service, led by Rachel Pinkney and Rev Melanie Reed. The children enjoyed singing *Welcome Everybody*, a Fischy Music song, and went on to think about their individual strengths and how they contribute to our school in different ways. Each pupil recorded their strengths on a jigsaw piece, before putting them all together. Rachel and Melanie also led a service for Gunnerside enrolled pupils based at Reeth.



CURRICULUM INFORMATION

An overview of your child's learning this half-term has been sent home this week. We hope this information will be useful for you in supporting your child with their learning journey. More detailed curriculum information is available on our school website.

HOME-SCHOOL-LINK BOOKS



Home-school-link books have been set up for the new school year for all pupils (Nursery to Y6) and a copy of our Home-School-Child Agreement is included at the back of the book. **Please share the content of this agreement with your child and sign it.** Our Home-School Internet User Agreement, that includes information about use of media in school and communication with us, has been sent home. **Please return a signed copy.**

MEDICAL AND TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD



A sheet of personal information that we currently hold in school for your child will be sent home to you soon. **Please check the information, make any necessary amendments on the form, and then sign and return it to us at your earliest convenience.** Latest best practice advises that schools hold a minimum of two contact telephone numbers per family. Please note that it is your responsibility to inform these contacts that you are sharing their information with us. Please remember to update school if there are any changes to your child's medical details or contact information so that we always have the correct information if we need to contact you in an emergency.

FREE FAMILY SWIMMING



Our schools utilise sport premium funding to provide a family swim scheme that enables every family to access free swimming. We provide a 'family swimming card' to all pupils. These cards can be used at both Richmond Swimming Pool and Catterick Swimming Pool. The card entitles families to enjoy free swim sessions during the public swimming times offered by the pools, providing that the child pictured on the family swim card is taking part in the swim session. Pupils new to school will receive a card this week. We hope that you are able to swim as a family utilising the scheme as it really helps pupils to progress between their swimming lessons and is a great way to exercise. If you need a new card, please contact school.

We have worked with the swimming pools to make use of the cards as straightforward and as accessible as possible.

- Family members taking children swimming show the school 'family swimming card' for their child(ren) at the reception desk of the pool. Reception staff will ask parents to sign for admission but will not ask for any payment.
- Older and younger siblings (not on roll at our schools) are welcome to be included in the free swim session
- Grandparents (or other family members) are welcome to accompany children in their family using the card, although the number of adults accompanying any pupil is limited at two.

Swimming timetables can be viewed at:

Richmond Pool - <https://richmond-swimming-pool.rltrust.org.uk/>

Catterick Pool - <https://www.nuffieldhealth.com/catterick>

Please note that these timetables change periodically. Both pools offer fun sessions at the weekends, and the swim cards can be used in the same way to access these sessions free of charge also. Now that the national restrictions around Covid are at Step 4, it is no longer necessary to make bookings in advance at either Richmond Pool or Catterick Pool.

All schools receive Sport Premium funding. Each school can choose how they spend the money. It must be used to enhance sports provision. For further information on how we use the funding, please visit our website. We would like to thank Richmond and Catterick Pools for continuing to work with us to make the scheme possible.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Unless you inform us of alternative arrangements, we expect children either to be collected by their own parents or travel on the home-school transport route notified to us by County. **Please let us know of any home-time arrangements which differ.** For example, tell us if your child:

- has permission from you to walk home unaccompanied on certain days, or every day;
- if your child is going to be collected by someone other than yourself;
- if your child is going straight through to the school hall for private dance lessons with Mrs Seymour;
- if your child is not going to travel on home-school transport;
- if your child is not going to return on the inter-site transport to their home-school.

If you need to let us know about an occasional arrangement, please try and let us know no later than 3pm so that staff have adequate time to pass on messages. Thank you.

We advise that all Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are supervised by an adult when walking to and from school.

MID-MORNING BREAK TIME SNACK

A piece of fruit is provided free to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils each day as part of a National Scheme. This is often enjoyed at afternoon playtimes, but sometimes in the mornings. Pupils in Year 3 upwards are encouraged to bring to school a piece of fruit (fresh or dried) from home to enjoy at their morning break each day. Please note that snacks other than fruit should not be brought for break-time.



'FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

On Thursday 9th December the Childhood Immunisation Team will be visiting both schools to administer the influenza immunisation to all children from Reception to Year 6. Further details about this and a link to provide on-line consent for your child to receive the immunisation will be sent home nearer the time. The Childhood Immunisation Programme is a key part of offering protection to children. This is a vital programme of work for children, young people and their families.

YEAR 6s – APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Letters about applying for a place at secondary school for September 2022 were sent home by e-mail last week to families of all Year 6 pupils. Parents are encouraged to make their applications on-line. The latest date for parents to apply is **31st October 2021**.

Should you have any queries, please contact the North Yorkshire Admissions Team on 01609 533679 or by e-mail: schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk.

Secondary School Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 students are being held as follows:

Richmond School – Thursday 23rd September, 6:30pm

St.Francis Xavier School – Tuesday 21st September, from 5:45pm, with presentations by the Headteacher at 6:00pm and 7:00pm

The Wensleydale School – Thursday 7th October, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – FIRST HALF OF AUTUMN TERM

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of after school clubs for pupils this half term. With the exception of and Fell Running which starts this Friday (17th September), all sessions will start next week (week commencing 20th September) and will run through to half term. A 4:30pm finish time applies to all sessions apart from Fell Running that finishes at 5:30pm.

Please email or telephone the school office to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend.

Day	School	Staff	Classes	Club
Monday	Reeth	Mrs Seymour	EY Reception Year 1 Class	Gymnastics
Wednesday	Reeth	Stage 1 Cycles	EY Reception Year 1 Class	Learn to Ride (beginners) *
Thursday	Gunnernside	Mrs Tranter	Year 3/4 Class Year 5/6 Class	Cross Stitch
Thursday	Reeth	Miss Codman	Year 1 Class Year 2/3 Class	Jigsaws
Friday	Reeth	Stage 1 Cycles	EY Reception Year 1 Class	Learn to Ride (improvers) *
Friday	Reeth	Mr Stainsby, Mr Windwood	Year 5/6 Class	Fell Running

** Stage 1 Cycles will provide two Learn to Ride sessions. The Wednesday class is for children that have no experience or very little experience on a bike so far. They will start to learn on a balance bike and will progress to a pedal bike as soon as they can. The Friday session is for children that have already started to learn to ride a pedal bike and are trying to improve. Please note that neither of the sessions are for children that can already ride a bike confidently and that alternative provision for these children will be explored later in the year.*

We very much look forward to working with you in the year ahead. If there is any aspect of school life that you would like more information about or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact school. We'll do all we can to help.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sep

- Tues 21st SFX Open Evening for Year 6 pupils – from 5:45pm with presentations by the Headteacher at 6pm and 7pm
- Thurs 23rd Richmond School Open Evening for Year 6 pupils – 6:30pm
- Wed 29th Archaeology visit for Year 5/6 class – further details nearer the time
- Thurs 30th Rachel Pinkney, Methodist Church Families Officer, working with pupils at both sites

Oct

- Thurs 7th The Wensleydale School Open Evening for Year 6 pupils – 6pm to 8pm
- Thurs 14th Harvest Assembly at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel
- Thurs 21st School closes for half-term
- Fri 22nd Staff training day

Nov

- Mon 1st School re-opens
- Thurs 11th Remembrance Assembly

Dec

- Thurs 2nd Rachel Pinkney leading Advent activities for pupils in R to Year 6
- Thurs 9th 'Flu Vaccinations for Years R-6 at both schools

More dates will be sent to you as the term progresses.