

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2025

WORLD BOOK DAY

We really enjoyed World Book Day, with each pupil creating a story spoon character from a favourite book. The spoons came to life over the course of the afternoon, and pupils from all classes were really engaged in storytelling. The resemblance of the original characters is very good, and we think you'll be able to spot some famous faces in the photos.

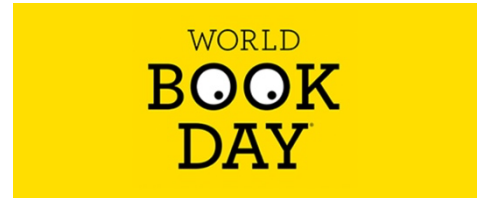
Elizabeth Bedford regularly volunteers in school, reading a story to pupils in assembly. When she was in school this week, she took time to look through the collection of spoons to choose a winner from each class. It was no easy task, and perhaps the most important message is that everyone did well. Nevertheless, the winners from each class did stand out for their resemblance of the original character, creativity and attention to detail.

We hope that you enjoy looking through the photos.

Best wishes

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Friday 14th March



Mouse, from The Gruffalo

Tracy Beaker

Bumblebear

Gangsta Granny

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the children below that have received good behaviour certificates in recent weeks.

BRONZE

Josh Coates, Thalia Calvert,
Rosie Holliday, Holly Calvert,
Rose Clarkson, Tommy
Wearmouth, Abigail Sunter, Amy
Allison, Daniel Pearson, Clemmie
Livingstone-Owen, William
Dawes, Ethan Tyler, Ben Guy,
Luke Williams

SILVER

Jack Rukin, Louis Francis,
Chloe Reynoldson, Evie Burge,
Raife Coates, Thomas Dixon,
James Livingstone, James
Calvert, Harry Coates, Ethan
Thompson, Jake Williams,
Jamie Meffen, Fern Stainsby,
Ryan Reynoldson

GOLD

Charlotte Whitehead, Alfie Allison, Polly
Kendall, Charlie Sunter, Rose Calvert,
Luca Atkinson-Iesini, Ella Shade, Charlotte
Dixon, Seth Whitehead, Phoebe Guy,
Sophie Rukin, Eva Reynoldson, Daniel
Calvert, Toby Sunter, Seth Booth, Thomas
Wilkinson, Chloe Calvert, Alexa Stoddart



LENT

Pupils from Reception to Y6 visited Gunnerside Chapel for our Ash Wednesday Service. The youngest pupils had enjoyed pancakes in their class the day before, and shared what they had been up to, explaining how they had mixed the ingredients, and tried different toppings. Year 1&2 read a poem together. Each pupil from Y3&4 wrote a *Make a Difference Award* and a selection were shared at church. They were amazing to hear and very powerful. Y5&6 explored ways to make a positive contribution to school, homelife and society. Well done everyone.



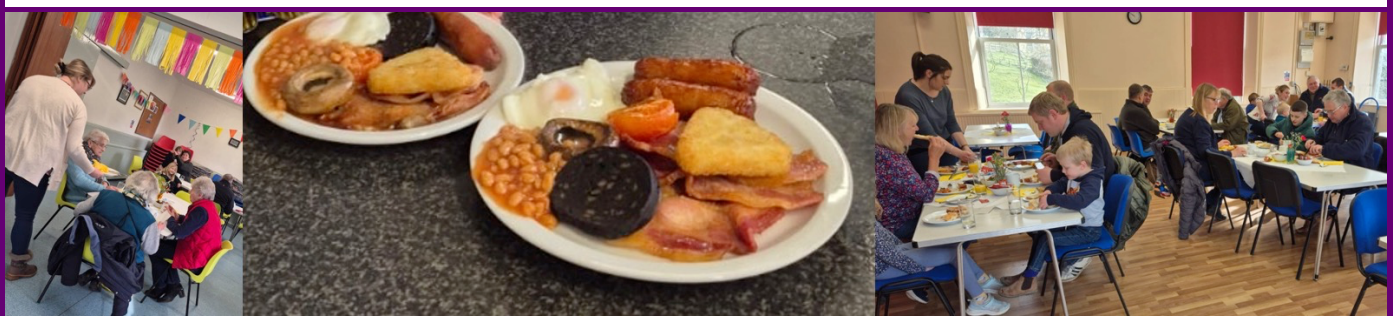
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Last Friday, all girls from Y3&4 took part in a football event organised by Richmond School. They had a great time, and returned to school full of confidence and with a great sense of achievement having won! Well done!



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL BIG BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone that supported the Friends of School Big Breakfast. Together you raised £1003 – a tremendous achievement that will make a big difference here at school. Thank you to the volunteers that helped (including quite a few pupils) and special thanks to Claire and Anne for organising the event and their amazing work in the kitchen.



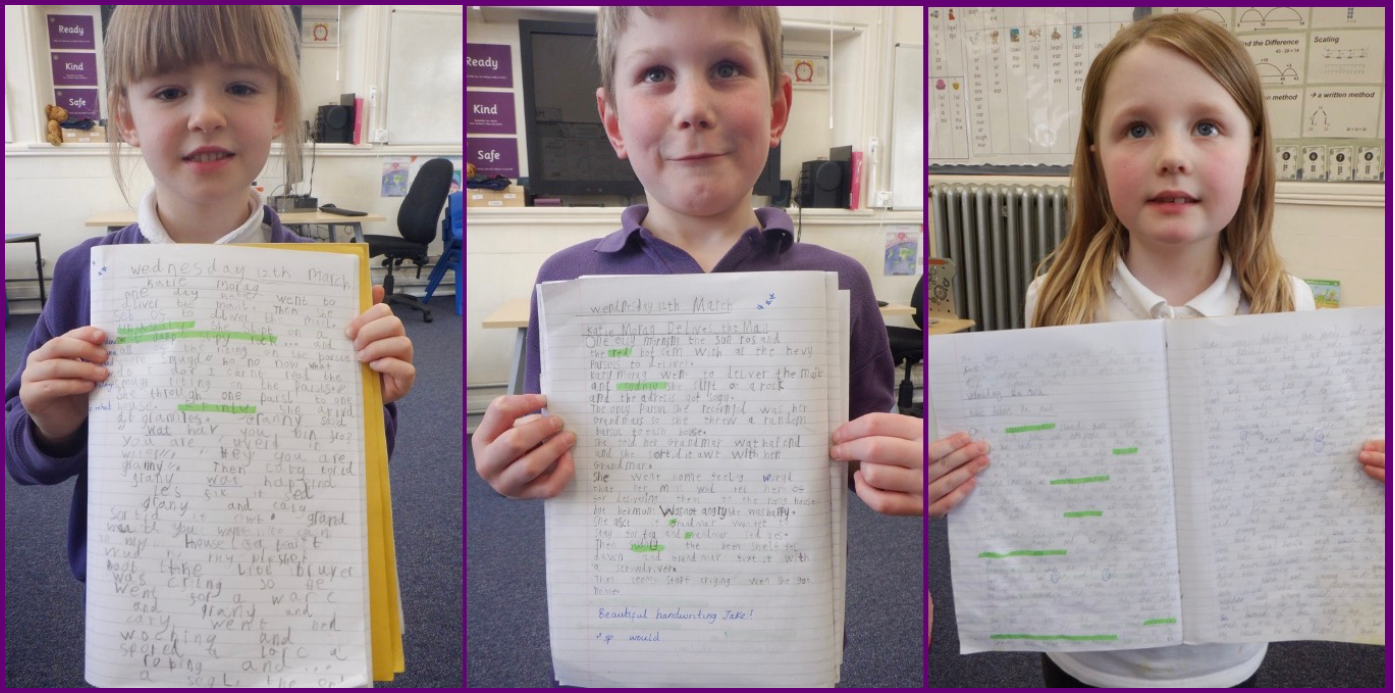
FRIENDS OF SCHOOL BAKING STALL

The Friends of School are organising a home baking stall at Reeth Market on Good Friday, 18th April. They would welcome and appreciate your support, by baking or calling to buy. Items can be dropped off at Reeth Market before 9am, or alternatively items can be dropped off at Leanne Guy's house anytime in the few days leading up to Good Friday.



SUPER WRITING

There has been some amazing writing in Y1&2 this week. Jake, Phoebe and Charlotte have been really proud of their work, and think that it is their best so far! Keep it going and well done.



KEY STAGE 2 ART

Older pupils have been studying the work of Colin Smithson and have gone on to develop their own landscape paintings using mixed media. Primarily using water colour, texture has been added using Modroc and acrylic paint has been used to add further detail.

Y3&4 pupils have drawn pencil portraits with some great results.



CHOKING HAZARDS

Our school kitchens, in accordance with guidance, chop food items to reduce the risk of choking. We recommend and ask that packed lunches are prepared like this too, particularly for young pupils in early years.

Large fruits like melon and firm fruits like apple - chop into **slices**



Small round food items including grapes, cherry tomatoes and strawberries - chop into **quarters**



Vegetables like carrots, cucumber and celery - chop into **narrow batons**



CYCLING FOR ALL

In partnership with Stage1 Cycles from Hawes, Richmond School is offering a 5-week cycling course to develop and improve cycling. The sessions will be fun, game led and skills based and will be tailored to meet individual needs. Pupils from Reception upwards are welcome. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays 17th June, 24th June, 1st July, 8th July and 15th July, from 4pm until 5pm. Advance booking is required and places are limited. Visit www.yesataretelearningtrust.net or email yes@arete.uk.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have reviewed our school policy on good behaviour. It's similar to the previous version and builds on our approach that's been in place for some time. It's available on our school website on the policies page.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March	Tues 18 th	Y5 Science transition morning at Richmond School
	Tues 25 th	Y5&6 John Muir evening walk
	Wed 26 th	Cluster Tennis at Reeth MUGA for team of Y3&4 pupils
April	Tues 1 st	Y1&2 visit to Edinburgh
	Wed 2 nd	Eastertingle
	Fri 4 th	School closes for Easter
	Fri 18 th	Friends of School cake stall at Reeth market
	Mon 21 st	Easter Monday - school closed
	Tues 22 nd	School reopens

SUMMER 2025 STATUTORY TESTS

Each year the Department for Education set dates for statutory testing and all pupils in certain year groups must be in school to complete these on specific dates. Please find these dates outlined below:

Year group	Test dates and details
6	KS2 tests Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025
4	Multiplication tables test within the 3-week period from Monday 2nd June 2025
2	Optional KS1 tests administered during May 2025
1	Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 9th June 2025