

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools

Newsletter 3 Spring Term 2025



HAPPY EASTER

Pupils enjoyed our Easter church services yesterday. They experienced a journey through Holy Week and, inspired by Christingle events, collected objects as they moved around the church, storing them in a little box to take home, helping them to remember the story. Thank you to church staff and volunteers from the Dales Circuit for organising the events, and to parents that joined us – we really appreciate your support.

We hope that you all enjoy a lovely Easter holiday.

Best wishes

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Thursday 3rd April

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. Thank you.



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE

Brooke Thompson, Charlotte Dixon, Phoebe Guy,
Lucy Allison, Lottie Shade, Ella Shade,
Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Eliza Guy, Olivia Sunter,
Marianne Skinner, Jacob Coates, Darragh Biddle,
Leo Atkinson-Iesini

SILVER

Emma Livingstone,
Harry Calvert

GOLD

Jake Williams, Elijah Atkinson,
Mason Doughty-Coates,
Chloe Reynoldson, Annie Hunter,
Thomas Dixon, Lenny Haigh

YEAR 1 & 2 VISIT TO EDINBURGH

On Tuesday, pupils in Miss Codman's class enjoyed a day visit to Edinburgh. We had a super time!

'My favourite part was the museum because there was lots of things to see and explore.'

'I learned how to be safe in a different place.'

'I loved the telephone activity at the museum.'

'My favourite part was the museum; there was some wonderful stuff. The bones and the animals were great. I also learned about stars and the big bang.'

'I enjoyed looking at the tyre made by John Dunlop. We've been learning about it in science.'

'I really enjoyed the mosque; the building is amazing.'

'It was my first train journey and first time on an escalator too.'

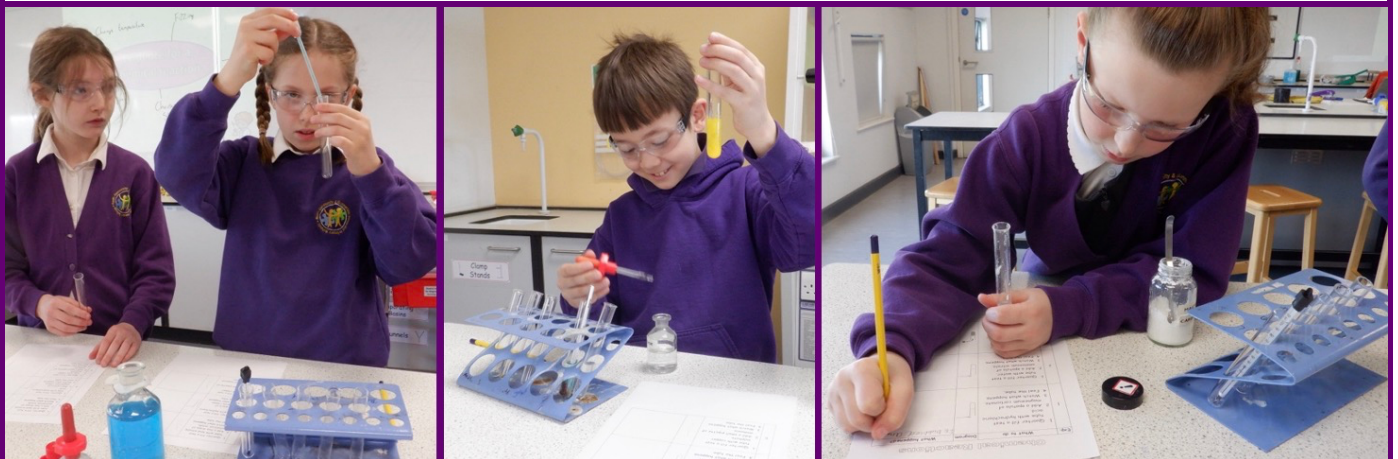
'I liked the animals and my favourite was the elephant.'

'I liked the mosque because it was peaceful. The imam was really nice and kind.'



YEAR 5 SCIENCE

In the spring term Richmond School offer a science focused transition morning for pupils in year 5, with a choice of activities. This year our pupils enjoyed learning about chemical reactions, including reversible and irreversible changes, and signs of a chemical reaction.



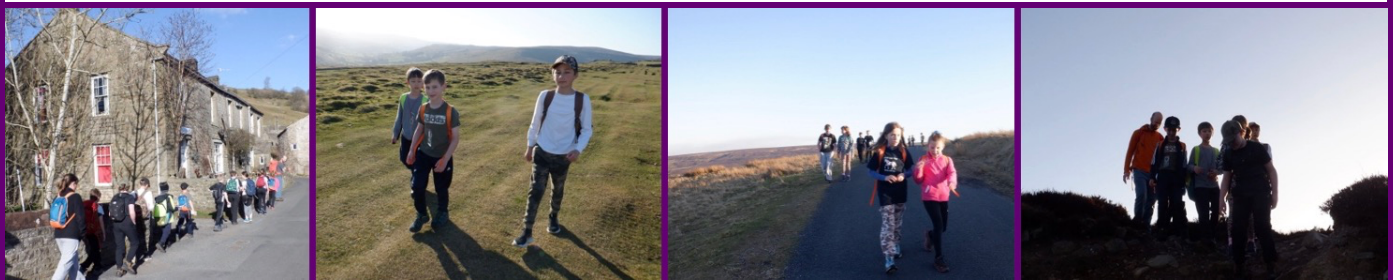
YEAR 3 & 4 TENNIS

A team of pupils really enjoyed participating in a tennis event attended by two other local schools. They completed a series of activities to develop their serving, racket control, and rallies and played a champions game. Everyone listened well, enjoyed working with each other and had fun playing tennis – all helped by some lovely weather.



JOHN MUIR WALK – GUNNERSIDE TO REETH

To coincide with the relaunch of the John Muir Award, a group of Y5 & 6 pupils walked from Gunnerside to Reeth on a lovely evening last week. We completed some navigation work, talked about wildlife and moorland conservation and chatted with friends. Our next challenge is Ingleborough on Sunday 27th April. If your child would like to take part, please use SchoolPing to let us know.



CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Well done to Sophie, Eva and Jessica for taking part in the cross country final. They all did very well despite some tough competition and a very fast pace! Eva finished 10th, Jessica was 6th and Sophie made it home in 3rd place.



YEAR 5 & 6 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Older pupils have been learning about bridges, structural engineering and the strength of triangles. They have really enjoyed designing and building their own truss bridges:

'It's been really fun. At first it was difficult but it got easier.'

'I was really excited about building it.'

'It was quite challenging. About halfway through it seemed impossible, was a bit stressful and I wanted to give up, but in the end it was worth it and it turned out really well.'



CONGRATULATIONS MR FREMLIN

Mr Fremlin has recently been appointed to a new post at Giggleswick Prep School. Having made a fantastic contribution to our schools, we are both sorry that he will be moving on at the end of the summer, and pleased for Tom as he takes this next step and opportunity. Our recruitment work has started and we will keep you updated as that progresses.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – FIRST HALF OF SUMMER TERM

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of after school clubs for pupils next half term. All sessions will start in the second week back (week beginning 28th April) and will run through to the half term break.

Please use SchoolPing to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend.

Day and time	Location	Staff	Year groups	Club
Mondays 3:30pm – 4:45pm	Reeth School	Mrs Seymour	Y1 to Y6	Maypole
Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnerside School	John Clark Mike Layfield Sports	Y3 to Y4	Cricket

Fridays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth School	John Clark Mike Layfield Sports	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Cricket
Fridays 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Gunnerside School	Mr Stainsby Mrs Johnson	Y5 & Y6	Mountain biking

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	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
	Wed 23 rd	KS1 woodland visit with YDNP (am)
	Sun 27 th	Y5 & Y6 Ingleborough walk (optional, as part of the John Muir award)
	Mon 28 th	Parent meetings this week
	Wed 30 th	Bag2School collection from Reeth School – 9am
May	Mon 5 th	School closed (bank holiday)
	Mon 12 th	Y6 SATs week
		Friends of School meeting – Reeth School – 2:15pm
	Thurs 15 th	Y3 & Y4 river study with YDNP
	Fri 16 th	Friends of School disco – Reeth School – 6pm – Y1 to Y6
	Tues 20 th	Y5 & Y6 evening walk (optional, as part of the John Muir award)
	Fri 23 rd	School closes for half term
June	Mon 2 nd	School reopens
		Swaledale Festival music event – Gunnerside Chapel – KS1 and KS2
		NHS national child measurement visit for Rec and Y6
	Wed 4 th	Y5 & Y6 moorland visit with YDNP
	Thurs 5 th	Parent meeting for Y3 & Y4 East Barnby residential – Reeth School – 4pm
	Fri 6 th	4 week block of morning swimming on Fridays for Y6 pupils – Catterick Leisure Centre
	Wed 18 th	Sports day for Y1 to Y6 – Gunnerside School – parents welcome from 1:15pm
	Tues 24 th	Y5 & Y6 curriculum visit to Gunnerside Gill
	Fri 27 th	Early Years sports afternoon – Reeth School – parents welcome from 1:30pm

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