

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 1 Summer Term 2024

NEW WEBSITE

We're pleased to let you know that our new school website will be available in the coming days. The site is more modern and is accessible on a range of devices, including phones. As well as all the usual statutory information, we're able to post regular updates on school life. A selection of these will appear on the homepage, with all of the posts available in the school blog. We'll continue to provide a school newsletter, and these will be available on the website too. We have lots of events planned in the coming months, and we hope that you enjoy exploring the new site and the updates that we share.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Friday 24th May

WELL DONE YEAR 6

Our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs last week. They worked their socks off, were very calm and focused, and all staff were really impressed. Well done and thank you Year 6!

BAKING STALL

Thanks to everyone that contributed to the success of the Friends of School baking stall held on Good Friday. We raised £450!

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE	Faith Ackroyd, Ellie Dixon, Tommy Wearmouth, Jake Williams, Charlotte Dixon, Luke Williams, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, James Calvert, Arthur Pybus, Rosie Holliday, Marianne Skinner, Sophia Guy, Annas Livingstone-Owen, Barney Lewis, Lucy Allison, Holly Calvert, Eliza Guy
SILVER	Cataleah Bovis, William Dawes, Fern Stainsby, Brooke Longden, Jake Frankland, Jessica Rukin, Eva Reynoldson, Raife Coates, Jake Williams, Charlotte Tinsley, Henry Law, Franklin Parker, Arthur Holliday
GOLD	Charlotte Francis, Amber Williams, Ellie-May Teague, Luca Atkinson-Iesini, Charlie Sunter, Mason Doughty-Coates, Harper Asher, Josh Coates, Amelia Hill, Lottie Shade, Nancy Dixon, Eloise Fowler, Alexa Stoddart, Leo Atkinson-Iesini, Thomas Wilkinson, William Dawes, Oswyn Lewis, Thalia Calvert, Rose Calvert, Brooke Thompson

COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN

Key Stage 1 pupils have been busy planting seeds for the community vegetable garden based at Reeth Medical Centre. Gail Wilkinson kindly volunteered to get the project started, and the children have been busy looking after their plants, getting them ready for planting out a little later in the season. Green beans, peas, sunflowers, radish and nasturtium are all on the menu!



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks to everyone that helped with and joined us for the school disco last week. Together we raised £290 for Friends of School – and had a lot of fun too!



CRICKET

Pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 have been enjoying cricket lessons with our coach John. Lots of pupils have chosen to stay on after school for weekly cricket club, and we've had some success in matches lately too. Our mixed team of Y3&4 pupils won their local event and have qualified for the final, and our Y5&6 boys team enjoyed a great match earlier this week. Well done everyone.

'I think we played well. The opponents were tough but we kept going. I think that we did well overall.'

'It's fun because we learn new skills like batting and safety around other people.'

'Cricket club is really good – I love it. Before I joined I wasn't that good and now I'm amazing at catching and batting.'

'It's the most fun ever!'



FRUIT KEBABS

Year 3 & 4 pupils have been busy making fruit kebabs today:

'Making the boxes for the kebabs was really fun, but it needed perseverance to get the waterproof layer on.' Chloe

'I had to try really hard to connect the box together.' Robbie

'Waiting for this project has been really hard because it sounded really fun and now that we've done it, it has been.' Ben

'At first, I thought it was going to be really easy, but as we got into it, it turned out to be really hard.' Abigail

'Hearing the news we were going to make a fruit kebab, I thought it was going to be so fun. It made me feel hungry.' Kane

'When we were told we were going to make a fruit kebab, I thought it would end bad but in the end it turned out really well.' Lenny

'It's really juicy and it looks really delicious to eat.' Leo



BATIK ART

Year 5 & 6 pupils have been busy working on their art project this afternoon.

'First you wax your chosen image, then you dye the first layer. Then you repeat three times (drying in between) to add layers of detail.'

'I've been creating a turtle design. My first layer was yellow dye and then I added some wax details. Next, I added some blue dye. Finally, I created a border before putting on red dye.'

'My design has gone really well. I'm pleased with my turtle design.'



UNIFORM ITEMS

Schoolshop, our online uniform supplier, has advised us that their cut-off date this year for orders to be guaranteed for delivery prior to September, is 29th July 2024. Early ordering, anytime from now, is encouraged. To place an order, visit www.school-shop.co.uk. There is no minimum order, however, orders below £55 have a £4.25 delivery charge. With the help of the Friends of School we hold a stock of preloved items in good condition. If you would like to enquire about these, even if just as spares, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL MEALS

We really value our school kitchen service that enables us to offer freshly prepared and nutritionally balanced meals to pupils each day at both sites. The service, provided by the Local Authority, does have a cost implication for our school, over and above the amount we charge to parents.

Due to the latest increases in the cost of the service from the local authority, the price of a school meal is due to rise in September 2024. Meal prices from the start of the next academic year will be:

- Nursery meal £2.40
- KS2 pupil meal £2.90 (£14.50 per week)

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, will continue to receive free meals under the national universal infant free school meals initiative funded by the Government.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SECOND 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 10th June) and will run for five weeks (last session week ending Friday 12th July).

Please use SchoolPing to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend. Bike club continues with the existing group – there is no need to sign up again.

Day and time	Location	Staff	Year groups	Club
Mondays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnarside	Mrs Rachel Allison	Y3 to Y6	Rounders and cricket
Mondays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Monday	Mrs Seymour	Rec to Y2	Summer sports

Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnerside	John Clark (from Mike Layfield Sports)	Y3 to Y6	Athletics
Fridays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth	John Clark (from Mike Layfield Sports)	Rec to Y2	Athletics
Fridays 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Gunnerside then Reeth	Mr Stainsby & Mrs Johnson	Y5 & Y6	Mountain biking

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	Mon 3 rd	School opens
	Wed 5 th	Y5 cycle safety sessions start – block of 4 sessions
		Y6 swimming sessions start at Catterick – block of 4 sessions
	Thurs 6 th	Richmond area cricket finals for team of our Year 3&4 pupils
		Cluster cricket for a team of Y5&6 girls
	Wed 19 th	KS1 meadow habitat study day
		Mini Police
	Mon 24 th	Friends of School meeting – Reeth School – 1:45pm
	Tues 25 th	Whole school walk
Thurs 27 th	Last hand in day for Y6 Sinclair Essays	
Fri 28 th	Friends of School annual walk	
July	Tues 2 nd	Stream habitat study day for Y5
	Wed 3 rd	Stepping up day
	Thurs 4 th	KS2 Let's Learn Moor day visit, near Grinton
	Fri 5 th	Mini Police
	Thurs 11 th	Sports afternoon on Reeth School field for Early Years pupils – parents welcome from 1:30pm
	Mon 15 th	Leavers' service, Gunnerside Chapel
	Tues 16 th	Y1 to Y6 sports day at Gunnerside School – parents welcome to join us from 1.15pm
	Wed 17 th	Y6 Leavers' concert – 6pm – Reeth Memorial Hall
	Thurs 18 th	Leavers' assembly – 1:45pm – Gunnerside School
	Fri 19 th	School closes at 2:30pm for the summer holiday

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2024 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
4	Multiplication tables test within the 2-week period from Monday 3rd June 2024
1	Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 10th June 2024

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Richmond School – Mon 1st July to Weds 3rd July

Our Y6 pupils and their parents will be invited to a meet the tutor evening at Richmond School on either Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th June – Richmond School will confirm the date directly with parents.

The Wensleydale School – Mon 1st July to Weds 3rd July

SFX School - Weds 3rd July and Thurs 4th July
Tuesday 2nd July - Y6 information evening at SFX