

# Reeth and Gunnerside Schools

## Newsletter 1 Summer Term 2025



### CELEBRATING JOHN WESLEY DAY

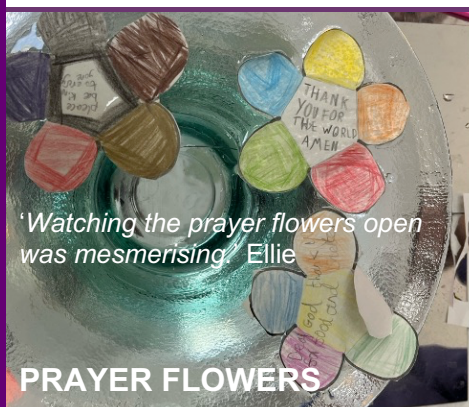
Pupils from Reception through to Year 6 enjoyed a day together at Gunnerside School, learning about the life and work of John Wesley, the most prominent founder of the Methodist Church. We started the day with singing and discussion at Gunnerside Chapel, before completing a series of workshops back at school. Pupils made cards for people they love, created journals and wrote hymns, all inspired by aspects of Wesley's life. We also included opportunities for spirituality and self-reflection.

Next half term will begin with another event at Gunnerside Chapel, this time with a Swaledale Festival performance for pupils, parents and the wider community. Full details are included overleaf.

Best wishes to you all for a lovely half term break.

*G. Stainsby*

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May



*'Watching the prayer flowers' open was mesmerising.' Ellie*

PRAYER FLOWERS



CARD MAKING



SELF REFLECTION



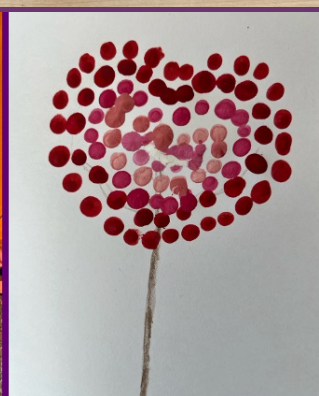
JOURNALLING



*'I liked making my journal. It was so fun.'* Charlie



HYMN WRITING





## GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Seth Booth, Charlie Sunter, Seth Whitehead, Sam Clarkson, Liv Hartley, Polly Kendall, Alfie Allison, Chloe Reynoldson, Arlo Johnson, Charlotte Whitehead, Jenson Tyler, Eva Reynoldson, Arthur Holliday, Franklin Parker, Henry Law, Jake Williams	Charlotte Dixon, Phoebe Guy, Amy Allison, Arthur Porter, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Ben Guy, Robbie Wearmouth, Jessica Rukin, Sophia Guy, Thalia Calvert, Tommy Wearmouth, Rosie Holliday, Olivia Sunter, Holly Calvert, Eliza Guy, Ruby Rukin, Kane Longden, Abigail Sunter, Zadok Chen-Robinson, Charlie Sunter, Brooke Thompson	James Livingstone, Evie Burge, Raife Coates, Harper Asher, James Calvert, Orest Tykhonchuk, Arthur Pybus, Charlotte Tinsley, Louis Francis

## TRIOS TRADITIONAL AND EXPERIMENTAL

The Swaledale Festival has kindly arranged a music event for pupils from Y1 through to Y6 on the Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, making for a great start to the second half of term. Trios Traditional and Experimental will present an inventive selection of music for trumpet, tuba, and voice. The trio are comprised of siblings Stan and Nona Lawrence, with Kwankaew Ruangtrakool.

Parents and the wider community are very welcome to join us for the event. Please join us from 9:15am at Gunnerside Chapel.



## WELL DONE YEAR 6

Our Y6 pupils completed their SATs last week. They worked their socks off, were very calm and focused, and all staff were really impressed. Well done everyone!

## COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN

Miss Codman's class recently visited the community vegetable garden, where they picked carrots, cabbage, broccoli and pak choi. They also planted radish seeds and leeks donated by Lottie's grandad.



## CATERPILLARS AND BUTTERFLIES, TADPOLES AND FROGS

In early years pupils have been learning about the life cycles of frogs and caterpillars, and have enjoyed reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *We are the Wibbley* to support their learning. The children have been carefully observing our class tadpoles and are very excited to see that some of them are beginning to grow legs! They can't wait to see how they have changed after half term.





## JOHN MUIR WALK – INGLEBOROUGH

Ten pupils completed a 6 mile walk over Ingleborough on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, enjoying lovely weather and great views. They are walking the Yorkshire Three Peaks as part of the John Muir Award. We worked on navigation and map reading as well as finding time for sandwiches, games and sunbathing. Everyone had a great approach to the challenge and enjoyed spending time together. Pen-y-ghent next.



## GUNNERSIDE BECK HABITAT STUDY

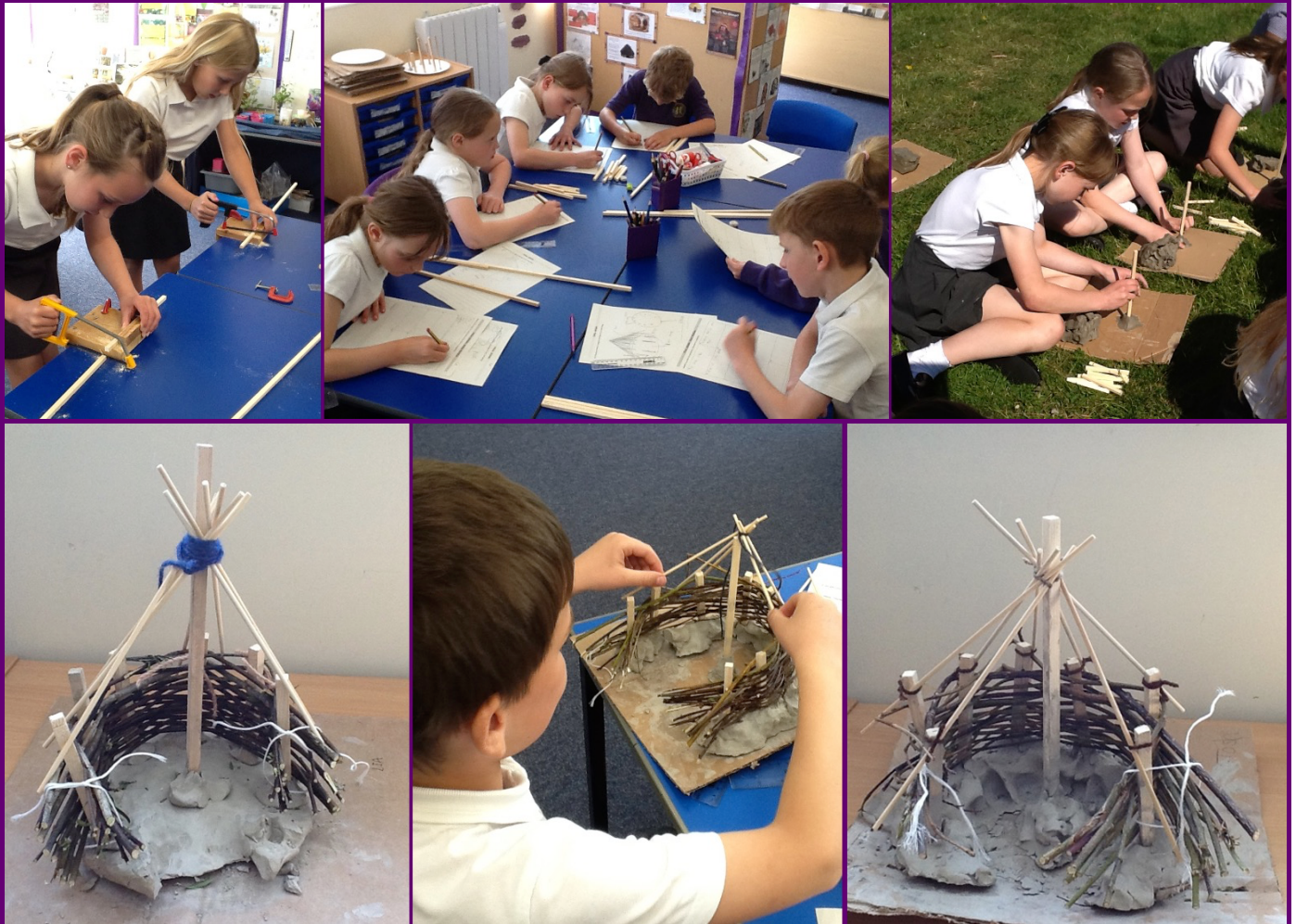
Mrs Bastow's class recently completed a stream habitat study with staff from Yorkshire Dales National Park. On the way up Gunnerside Gill, pupils used colour wheels to explore the colours of nature. At the beck, they did kick sampling and used identification guides to discover which species they had found. This information enabled pupils to assess water quality, as some creatures can only survive in clean water. For the second task, they looked at the surrounding area to discover plants and animals. They looked under rocks and used binoculars to look further afield, and did some drawings to record their findings. The class loved exploring and found lots of spiders, ants, ferns, and flowers.





## YEAR 3 & 4 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

As part of their topic on prehistory – the Stone Age to the Iron Age – pupils have designed and built Bronze Age wattle and daub round houses. They created a clay base for their posts which were measured and sawn from longer sections of dowel. Walls were made by weaving willow and other bendy sticks between the posts. Some pupils preferred to use paper straws for the weaving. Despite being quite a tricky task, there was some excellent weaving. The class had to work out how to make the roof frame for the turf roof using only sticks and string. This was very hard, but with perseverance and team work, they did a great job. Pupils have taken home some clay to make a daub for the walls over the half term break.



## 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 2025. Prices from the start of the next academic year will be:

- Nursery meal £2.65
- KS2 pupil meal £3.20 (£16.00 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.

## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

We are pleased to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Kate Kiernan as our Y5 & Y6 classteacher from September. Pupils participated really well in the lessons that Kate taught this week, and we know that the class will enjoy getting to know their new teacher later this term and in September.

## FRIENDS OF SCHOOL BAKING STALL

Thank you everyone who contributed to the baking stall held on Good Friday. The event raised £300.





## CRICKET

Congratulations to our KS2 cricket teams that have won all events in recent weeks!



## HAPPY RETIREMENT, MRS ALLISON

Mrs Sarah Allison has decided to retire from her work at school at the end of this term. We will miss Sarah's ideas, creativity and energy for teaching and learning. With a lifetime of service to our schools, we wish her a well-deserved and happy retirement.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child wears school uniform and has all PE kit items, as detailed on our school website.

Pupils in KS1 and KS2 have been encouraged to take their wellies home for the summer months.

## ORDERING NEW 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 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Early ordering, anytime from now, is encouraged. To place an order, visit [www.school-shop.co.uk](http://www.school-shop.co.uk). There is no minimum order, although orders below £55 have a £4.25 delivery charge. There is also a small returns charge. We also hold a small stock of preloved items in good condition. If you would like to enquire about these, please contact the school office. As you sort out your current uniform items, please send into school any items still in good condition that your child has outgrown, and we'll add these to our preloved stocks.



## SPORTS EVENTS

We will be running two sports events again this year, one based at Reeth for our early years pupils (nursery and reception), and one based at Gunnerside for our key stage 1 and 2 pupils (Y1 to Y6)

### KS1 and KS2 sports day – Weds 18<sup>th</sup> June

Weather permitting, all pupils in Y1 to Y6 will spend the full day at Gunnerside School enjoying a range of physical activities. Parents and family are invited to join us on the field at Gunnerside from 1:15pm to enjoy the afternoon with us. Friends of school are kindly providing refreshments. Parents will be able to take their children home directly from Gunnerside at the end of the afternoon activities. Please complete the reply form in SchoolPing to let us know your arrangements.

### EY sports afternoon – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Parents are invited to join us at Reeth School from 1:30pm. Pupils will complete a series of activities on the ball court, there will be refreshments for adults and pupils and we will round off the afternoon with some traditional races for pupils who feel ready!

## 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. Most sessions will start in the second week back, week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June, and will run through to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The cycle improvers course and mountain biking both have different dates (please see below). 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 Y6	Athletics
Thursdays 3:30pm – 4:45pm 19/06/25 to 10/07/25	Reeth MUGA	Stage 1 Cycles Mrs Leanne Guy	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Cycle improvers
			If you think your child could benefit from this course, but is in a different year group, please contact us.	
Fridays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth School	John Clark Mike Layfield Sports	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Athletics
Fridays 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Gunnerside School	Mr Stainsby Mrs Johnson	Y5 & Y6	Mountain biking

*Mountain biking continues in the first week after half term. Pupils are signed up already. Please note that there is no session on 13/06/25.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School reopens
		Swaledale Festival music event – Gunnerside Chapel – KS1 and KS2 – 9:15am
		NHS national child measurement visit for Rec and Y6
	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & Y6 moorland visit with YDNP
		Richmond area cricket finals our team of Y3 & Y4 pupils
	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Richmond area cricket finals for our teams of Y5 & Y6 boys and Y5 & Y6 girls
		Parent meeting for Y3 & Y4 East Barnby residential – Reeth School – 4pm



	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	4 week block of morning swimming on Fridays for Y6 pupils – Catterick Leisure Centre
		4 week block of morning cycle safety sessions on Fridays for Y5 pupils
	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 phonics screening check this week
	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 multiplication check
		Lord Wharton study session with Miss Bunting – Y6
		Y3 & Y4 'Questions for God' session with Rev Linzi and Miss Bunting
	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	John Muir afternoon and evening walk – Pen-y-ghent
	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports day for Y1 to Y6 – Gunnerside School – parents welcome from 1:15pm
	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of School annual walk, 6pm
	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & Y6 curriculum visit, Gunnerside Gill
		Last day for Y6 pupils to hand in their Sinclair Essays
	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years sports afternoon – Reeth School – parents welcome from 1:30pm
	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Transition meeting for parents of new starters at Gunnerside School (current Y2), 4pm
July	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stepping up day
	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 & Y4 East Barnby residential (3 days)
	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & Y6 afternoon rehearsal for Leavers' concert at Reeth Memorial Hall
	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' service, Gunnerside Chapel, 9:30am
	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Younger pupils to watch leavers' concert dress rehearsal – Reeth Memorial Hall
		Y6 Leavers' concert – 6pm – Reeth Memorial Hall – parents, extended family and community members all welcome.
	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' celebration – Gunnerside School – 1:45pm
	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school walk – Reception to Y6
	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 2:30pm for summer holidays
<b>YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENTS</b>		
Wensleydale School		Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June to Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (3 days)
Richmond School		Y6 pupils and parents are invited to a meet the tutor evening on either Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> or Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June – Richmond School will confirm the date directly with parents.
		Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June to Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July (2 days)
SFX School		Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Y6 information evening
		Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> July and Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (2 days)