



Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everybody, welcome to our newsletter. We have done some competing and winning this week! Congratulations to everybody who took part in the spelling bee, netball tournament and cross country this week, more details are below. It's great to win but I was also so proud of the feedback I received about excellent behaviour, manners and sportsmanship that our children demonstrated.

### **MOBILE PHONE PLEDGE:**

In the Autumn term I sent out a parent survey about mobile phone use. The debate about children using smartphones continues all over the world with some Governments considering banning them for young children.

As a result of the survey and the escalating harm and issues we see smartphones causing, school now recommends that children in our school are not given smartphones. This obviously cannot be enforced by school and is also too late for some of our older children who already have them but as younger children move through the school, we may make the decision to not allow them to bring smartphones onto the premises. The timescale of this is yet to be decided and I will keep you updated. For those who had worries about not being able to track your children without a smartphone, an air tag or something similar attached to your child's bag would let you track them on the way to and from school through a bluetooth signal.

If you do decide to buy your child a mobile phone whilst they are still at primary school, please consider a basic one that can make and receive calls and send and receive text messages. This is a much safer way for them to communicate rather than having the whole internet at their fingertips. This link shows you some different options and gives useful advice:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/alternatives>

You as parents have the most power when it comes to protecting our children from the dangers of smartphones, social media and the internet. I recommend that you use the power of your parents' WhatsApp groups to join together and make a pledge to not buy smartphones for children in each year group. If parents from all year groups made the decision and stuck to it, school could be smartphone free in a few years.

A good starting point would be to share this link in the WhatsApp group and get everybody to sign it:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/theparentpact>

If any parents want to become ambassadors for this movement and spread the word, please come and see me.

I know from the survey that so many of you are deeply worried about the impact of smartphones and desperately want to protect your children, please come together and make the future of our school smartphone free.

There is a lot more information on this website:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/about>



### **SPELLING BEE:**

This week nine of our students were excited to be taken to Linton-on-Ouse for a Spelling Bee competition. The children have been practicing for the past few months to spell the common exception words for their age group. The children showed excellent resilience and should be really proud of themselves.



A special mention to Arthur for winning silver in the Year 5/6 competition and Byron and Jack who both won gold for Year 5/6 and Year 3/4.



## GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN:

A reminder of the Great British Spring Clean which families might like to get involved with:

#GBSpringClean

**JOIN THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

Love where you live  
21 March - 6 April 2025

**Easingwold**

Sunday March 23 - Meet at the Market Cross  
10.30am - 12.30pm

Litter pickers, bin bags with lids, hi- vis jackets will be available

## LET'S MAKE SENSE TOGETHER:

Does your child have sensory and processing differences? Let's Make Sense Together is a free resource that anyone can use. It provides information and support to children and young people with sensory processing differences. Please follow this link for parental support:

<https://www.hnyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parents/carers/your-childs-development/lets-make-sense-together>

## GOLDEN LETTERS:

Congratulations to our Golden Letter recipients this week:

**Lloyd G, Lola HL, Isla M and Halo S**

Keep up the great work!



## FACE FAMILY ADVICE:

Face Family Advice are running a number of online courses for parents which may be of interest to you, book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk).

**FACE**  
FAMILY ADVICE COMMUNICATION SOLUTIONS

Spring 2025  
**Newsletter**

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Schools can now buy a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**  
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
24th April  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**

**Responding to Angry Behaviour**  
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday  
18th March  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24

**Anxiety Explained**  
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday  
3rd April  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24

**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
3rd April  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24

**Improving Family Communication**  
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)    [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**FACE**

**Spring Timetable**

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

## WORKERS OF THE WEEK:

Our Workers of the Week this week are:

Harry M - Mrs O'Neill's Class  
 Myles D - Mrs Cooper's Class  
 Flynn FH - Mrs Scott-Mills's Class  
 Magnus O - Miss Housley's Class  
 Leo G - Mr Myers's Class  
 Chase A - Miss Ripton's Class  
 Leon B - Miss Galtrey's Class  
 Ezgi M - Mrs Hargreaves's Class  
 George C - Mrs Teasdale's Class  
 Oliver W - Miss Mossop's Class  
 Darci B - Mrs Robson-Beck's Class  
 Arthur T - Miss Potter/Mrs Hannam

Well done to you all!



## YEAR 3/4 NETBALL:

Four netball teams from Year 3/4 enjoyed a very sunny training session at Huntington School, alongside the Year 3/4 children from Skelton school, on Wednesday afternoon. Afterwards, they played a mini competition in two groups. In group A, the Easingwold Warriors won their group and in Group B Easingwold Stealers won theirs, with the Easingwold Vikings coming 2nd. Sixth formers ran the event brilliantly and our children loved the opportunity to learn from older pupils. The teams were a credit to our school - well done everyone!

Group A	PLD	PTS	GD
1 easingwold warriors	3	7	1
2 skelton thunde... blue)	3	6	0
3 skelton bolts (... blue)	3	6	0
4 easingwold titans	3	5	-1

## EASINGWOLD CRICKET CLUB:

Please find details below regarding some All Stars and Dynamos cricket sessions being held at Easingwold Cricket Club which your child may be interested in.

## CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS:

A huge well done to George H who took part in the North Yorkshire Cross Country Primary Schools' Championship finals yesterday at Giggleswick School. He came 6th overall after making his way from the back of the crowd all the way over 1200m. Amazing, what a star you are George!



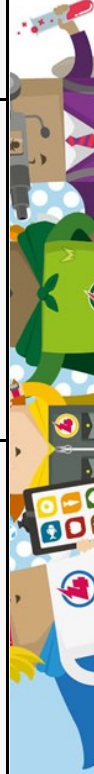
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Parratt  
 Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone?

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the school office, together with holiday forms and permission to administer medicine forms. Tel: 01347 821282 email: admin@easingwoldprimary.co.uk.

Primary Menu Week 1	'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Tomato & Baked Bean Pasta Bake with Bread	Homemade Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers & Chips with Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Meal	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Hash Brown	Veggie Korma with Sunny Rice	Quorn Grill with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips with ketchup
Grab & Go Offer YEARS 5&6 ONLY	N/A	Main or Veggie option as above	N/A	Main or Veggie option as above	N/A
Vegetable Selection	Carrots, Sweetcorn	Peas, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Carrots	Green Beans, Cauliflower	Peas, Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato Option	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans
Sandwich Option	Freshly Made Baguette with a choice of Cheese or Ham	Freshly Made Wrap with a choice of Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Made Sandwich with a choice of Cheese or Ham	Freshly Made Wrap with a choice of Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Freshly Made Baguette with a choice of Cheese or Ham
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse & Orange Smile	Homemade Jam Bun	Surprise Chocolate Brownie	Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin	Vanilla and Cherry Cake & Custard



## ***SPRING/SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES:***

Year 2 trip to Tropical World: Monday 24th March

Mrs Scott-Mills's Class Family Lunch: Monday 24th March 12noon

Year 1 Captivating Creatures Workshop (in school): Tuesday 25th March

Miss Housley's Class Family Lunch: Wednesday 26th March 12noon

Parents' Evening: Wednesday 26th March 4pm-6.30pm

Year 4 East Barnby Parents Meeting (online): Tuesday 1st April 6pm

Year 6 Family Lunch: Thursday 3rd April 12.30pm

Year 5 Liverpool Residential: Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th April

**School Closes for Easter: Friday 4th April - normal time**

**School Reopens: Tuesday 22nd April**

**Bank Holiday - School Closed: Monday 5th May**

Year 6 SATs Week: Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May

Year 4 East Barnby Residential: Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th May

Year 1 trip to World of James Herriot: Thursday 22nd May

**School Closes for Half Term: Friday 23rd May - normal time**

**School Reopens: Monday 2nd June**

Class Photographs: Thursday 5th June

Whole School Transition Day (Year 6 at Outwood): Thursday 19th June

Whole School Transition Day (Year 6 at Outwood): Friday 20th June

Year 3 & 4 Sports Day: Monday 30th June 9.15am

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day: Wednesday 2nd July 9.15am

Reception Sports Day: Monday 7th July 9.15am

Year 5/6 Rehearsal Day at Galtres Centre: Monday 7th July (letter to follow)

Year 5/6 Production at Galtres Centre: Monday 7th July 5.45pm

Year 5/6 Production at Galtres Centre: Thursday 10th July 2pm

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## ***SPRING/SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES CONTINUED:***

Year 5 Languages Morning at Outwood: Tuesday 8th July

Year 1 & 2 Sports Day: Wednesday 9th July 9.15am

Year 6 Leavers Assembly: Friday 18th July 9.15am

**Last day of term: Friday 18th July - normal finish time**

### Spring 2025 Lunchtime Club timetable

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club &amp; Year Group</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Mon	Revision Club - Year 6	Mrs Hannam - Group 3	Mrs Hannam's classroom	1pm-1:30pm
		Miss Mossop - Group 2	Miss Mossop's classroom	1pm-1:30pm
Tues	Yoga - Year 1	Miss Housley	Miss Housley's classroom	12.30pm-1pm
	Revision Club - Year 6	Miss Potter - Group 1	Miss Potter's classroom	1pm-1:30pm
	TT Rockstars Club - Years 3 & 4	Mrs Teasdale	Mrs Teasdale's classroom	12.15pm- 12.45pm
Thurs	Computing & Coding - Years 5 & 6	Mrs Robson-Beck	Mrs Robson-Beck's Classroom	1pm-1.30pm
	Drawing Club - Years 3 & 4	Mrs Hargreaves	Mrs Hargreaves's Room	12.15pm-12.45pm