

Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Awards

Elias

Stars of the Week

**Aaron Elias Varvara
Beatrix Eli Corey**

Value of the Week

**Jack Brodie George E
Olivia Esme Shami**

Writer of the Week

Jacob

A message from Mrs Wood

It is always a privilege to do the weekly celebration collective worship and give out the awards. For the Stars of the Week, we have a huge focus upon growth mindsets and learning behaviours. In today's celebrations we also announced our new School Councillors. When electing these, we use a democratic process and children get to vote. We use this process to remind the children that democracy is one of the British Values. Why not ask your child(ren) if they can tell you about the British Values and about democracy?

We value pupil voice in school as a means of further improving what we offer. Recent discussions have been about what is available to children at break times. Mrs T has used her time in class to gather their views and suggestion. We have ordered more equipment and can't wait to make this available for the children.

Another exciting upcoming project is the redevelopment of the library. We have access to some funding which we can use to completely redevelop this area. This is something that we are also talking to the children about and gaining their views.



Friday 17th October - Harvest Festival at St Marys @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 22nd Oct - Cross Country Y3-6 at Richmond School
Thursday 23rd October—Flu Immunisations
Thursday 23rd October - Last day of Autumn 1 half term.
Friday 24th October - Teacher Training Day—school closed to pupils
Monday 3rd November - School re-opens after Half Term

Swinney Class

Year 2 have been working hard to develop their oracy skills in Maths - explaining how we know an answer to our friends helps us to make sure we completely understand our own thinking.

Years 1 and 2 have been exploring line and shape in our Art lessons...we experimented with using different types of lines to create organic shapes and then blended colours to create different effects within them.

Year 1 have been busy comparing numbers using the 'greater than' and 'less than' signs in Maths - using cubes and lollysticks helps us understand our learning by seeing which end of the sign should point to which number.



Burn Class

Burn Class has been learning how to write playscripts, using *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold as inspiration. Pupils created their own scenes, carefully thinking about dialogue and stage directions, and even performed their scripts for the class.

In Science, we explored magnets — learning how they work and investigating their link to the Earth's poles. The children enjoyed experimenting with magnetic materials and discovering how magnetism plays a role in the world around us.

We also took part in sharing our ideas and speaking confidently in front of the class as part of our School Council elections. It was a fantastic opportunity to practise public speaking and listen to each other's voices in our school community.



Cover Class

Cover class continue to work hard, and have recently moved onto adding and subtracting with large numbers in maths. In English, we are reading the *Island* by Armin Greder. In the book, a man lands on an island and is not treated well. We will be writing our own sequel where the main character lands on a much more welcoming island. Cover class are also enjoying their PE this half term, and have been practising their passing skills.



House Points

House Point Weekly Totals

	Penguins Blue	Lions Green	Owls Red	Elephants Yellow
03.10.25	18	29	30	25
10.10.25	19	19	18	12

Autumn Term Running Totals

Penguins	155
Lions	180
Owl	172
Elephants	151

Local Information



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Design a Poster for Masham Community Library

We want to revamp our advertising board to help promote our wonderful library and we need your help please!

If you are age 6-12 years we would love you to create a poster about all the reasons why you love the library. The winner will have their poster displayed on our board and win a twelve-month Family and Friends Pass to the Ripon Museums. Please submit your poster by Friday 31st October to the Community Office, Little Market Place, Masham. We are open Mon-Sat, 10am-3pm.

Our NEW School Council

Year 2 — **Jack & Iliza**
 Year 3 — **Luna**
 Year 4 — **Florence**
 Year 5 — **Ellie**
 Year 6 — **Varvara & Adel**

Safeguarding



Earlier this week, our local authority adviser carried out a safeguarding Review. Part of the process included talking with children and getting their views on how we support them to keep safe, including the procedures in place and the curriculum. As always, they were very articulate and Miss Hilary, the adviser, was very impressed. The report was very positive and recognised the robust procedures we have in place for safeguarding.

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please do contact school or visit our website for signposting to agencies and support.

Attendance News

As we are sure you will agree, good attendance is very important; there is proven research/ data into the impact of low attendance upon future life chances. Please see the tables below for your information.

	If in a school year, your child is late everyday by	Your child would have lost ...
Poor punctuality – less chance of success	5 minutes	3.5 days from school
	10 minutes	7 days from school
Very poor punctuality – serious impact on education and reduced life chances	15 minutes	10 days from school
	20 minutes	14.5 days from school
	30 minutes	22 days from school

	% attendance	Days absence
Best chance of success	100%	0
Chance of success impacted	95%	10 days
Poor attendance – less chance of success	90%	19 days
	85%	29 days
Very poor attendance – serious impact on education and reduced life chances	80%	38 days
	75%	47 days