



HAPPY EASTER

We would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and a restful fun filled break, fingers crossed the sun comes out.

A big well done to Bertie Lawson who won the Easter Egg Raffle.

Our Learning

Class	This week we have....	Next week we will....
Rowan	Rowan class have been very busy this week, learning about the lives of bees. We have created posters, explanation reports and drawn bees. Today we have cleared a small section in the wildlife area and planted some seeds to attract the pollinators. Tyler and Maisie have planted some lettuce and tomato seeds too, so fingers crossed that there will be some shoots after Easter.	Wishing you all a happy and healthy Easter holiday, with some super growing weather! Next half term we will explore the geographical features of Italy and learn about the events of Pompeii.
Sycamore	This week the class have finished up their work as part of this term's global curriculum unit, including art work, D&T, class books and newspaper writing. We have also finished the main section of our fractions unit, although this will be revisited after the holidays when we work on decimals and percentages. On Wednesday, the class celebrated the festival of Holi during which they made fudge and produced some beautiful art work. In PE, to conclude their badminton unit, Sycamore competed in house team matches.	When we come back after the holidays, our topic will have shifted to a geography unit. We will be studying geographical features of Italy. Writing will include non-fiction texts such as persuasive travel brochures. In maths, we will be revisiting some multiplication and division before looking at decimal fractions with percentages. In science, the children will be studying living things and their habitats.
Maple	This week, we have been focusing on sustainability and helping the planet within global. We have created artwork on endangered animals and looked at things we can do at home to help. In DT, we have enjoyed making our sandwiches and have evaluated the taste. On Wednesday, we celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi by writing an acrostic poem. We have celebrated Easter through creating a whole class piece of art and have made Easter cards.	After the holidays, we will be starting our decimals unit in maths. In topic, we will be looking at Modern Europe in geography. In English, we will be looking at writing and performing play scripts. In music, we will continue our sessions with Mrs Durant. Have a lovely Easter!
Silver Birch	This highlight of our Global learning week was our trip to Helmsley Walled Garden. We had an amazing time looking for signs of spring, sketching nature in the outdoors and feeding the chickens. It was an added bonus to be able to have an ice cream on the way back to school! It inspired some fabulous writing, which was based around writing a letter to the earth and talking about the amazing sights in nature that we would love to witness. It has been a great end to the term which also included learning a Holi (Hindu festival) dance alongside recapping the Easter story.	Next term new topics will begin, including story writing, Shape and Measures topics in Maths, a Geography topic named Hills and mountains and Science topics based on plants. We have all worked so hard this term and all deserve a break. I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.
Beech	We have had a busy week in Beech class! During our global curriculum work we have been writing about recycling and looking at the symbols linked to waste and recyclable products. During our Holi festival day, we found out about the celebrations and created coloured fabrics using brusho and water. We have also read the Easter story and created a class collage of the last supper and made Easter cards. Have a lovely Easter holiday!	After Easter, we will launch our new topic 'weather experts' where we will study our seasonal and daily weather patterns. In Maths we will be starting our unit of work on fractions and we will begin by exploring half of an object, shape or quantity. Our writing work will focus on traditional tales.
Oak	This week, we have been enjoyed learning about the Easter Story and creating a collaborative image of Palm Sunday. We have also been learning about Holi and how this colourful festival is celebrated. We enjoyed using powder paints to create signs by throwing the paint at wet paper. In our Global work this week, we have been discussing Fairtrade and working on a large floor map to see where some of our fruit and vegetables come from.	After half term, we will be beginning our new topic, 'An African Adventure'. We are excited about our upcoming trip to Flamingo Land and to learn all about African animals and the country they live in. We will be moving onto numbers to 10 and we will be learning our number bonds to 10. We are looking forward to also learning some new special friends in our phonics and building on our writing skills.

This week's super star!



Well done **OLIVER PARK**

Oliver is an asset to our school. He is always kind and helpful and wanting to go the extra mile. He shows lots of enthusiasm about his learning and is a great role model for his peers. Well done!



House Points for this week

Falcons	131
Harriers	133
Hawks	98
Eagles	128

School Lunches

Next week Mr Simpson will be cooking.....

Monday	Pizza, Potato Wedges, Veg & Homemade Bread Waffle, Fruit & Ice-cream
Tuesday	Chicken Pitta Pocket, Rice & Veg Fruit Muffin
Wednesday	Minced Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Mash, Veg & Crusty Bread Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Sausage & Tomato Pasta, Veg and Garlic Flat Bread Chocolate Orange Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Friday	Fish Fingers, Chips, Baked Beans and Peas with Wholemeal Bread Summer Drizzle Cake

Diary Dates

Event	Date and time	Event	Date and time
School Closes for the Easter Break	Fri 22nd March 24	Chocolate Bingo	Thur 11th April 5:00pm
Inset Day	Mon 8th April 24	Oak Class Flamingo Land Trip	Tue 16th April
School Opens to Pupils	Tue 9th April 24		

Library Visits

Next library visit is: Sycamore Class 10th April 2024



Reports

Your child's Progress report for the Spring Term has been published on MCAS so you have an electronic copy. The school ID for logging in is 11393.

Nursery and Reception Classes Reports have been published on Tapestry

Clubs

There will be no school run clubs the first week back after the Easter break. Keep an eye out on the newsletter the first week back when you will be able to select the new club options and they will commence week beginning 15th April.

REMINDERS:

- ♦ We have a number of outstanding balances on ParentPay, please settle these immediately. Thank you.
- ♦ Oak Class to return slips and payment for the Flamingo Land trip on the 16th April

House Badminton - Spring 2

Our house sports programme continued this week with children picking up their racquets for some high-quality badminton! Maple, Sycamore and Rowan class competed in doubles match play, earning points for each win they managed, whilst children in Beech and Silver Birch were able to contribute competition points through modified games focusing on accuracy and speed. Competitors were also able to earn much needed bonus points through acts of *Respect* with that being our value for PE this half term.

The Hawks of Beech and Silver Birch got their team off to a fantastic start on Tuesday morning as their excellent performance in several accuracy and power games allowed their house to stride out into a comfortable lead. However, strong performances from the Eagles of Rowan and the Harriers of Sycamore got the two respective teams back into contention heading into Thursday. A closely fought third placed finish for the Hawks of Beech though proved to be enough as the yellow house claimed the overall victory and continued their fine form in the house events this year!

Well done to all children who performed with pride for their teams!



1st: Hawks (Yellow) - 226
2nd: Eagles & Harriers (Green & Red) - 197
4th: Falcons (Blue) - 154

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in celebrations for the Hindu festival of Holi. We got up to some great activities such as experimenting and throwing powder paint, making chocolate fudge and learning how to do special Hindu dances.



Beech Class Easter Art Work being displayed at the Nationwide in Helmsley



Bounce into Bank Holiday Monday

Duncombe Park FC, Duncombe Park Ladies FC and Duncombe Park Cricket Club welcome you to join the fun on

Monday 1st April

Helmsley Sports Club

12pm—3pm

Various inflatables and an Easter treat for all children

Suitable for children aged 11 and under

£5 per child

Tickets available to buy from Tuesday 5th March at Ryeburn of Helmsley



Silver Birch Trip to the Walled Garden



EXPLORE EASTER
@ ALL SAINTS' PARISH
CHURCH, HELMSLEY

TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL 2024

POP IN ANY TIME
BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 11:30AM

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES

REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

SPACE TO THINK
AND REFLECT

NO CHARGE

CHOCOLATE BINGO

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2024

5PM—7PM

Tickets £2.50 per person

or

Family Ticket £10.00

**Tickets available from the
School Office**

NEWSDAY TUESDAY

This week during our Newsday Tuesday assembly we discussed...



Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On its website, Willy's Chocolate Experience, guaranteed chocolate fountains, performances by Oompa Loompas, and interactive experiences, with tickets priced at £35 per person. Visitors were greeted by rows of large empty tables and walls of black fabric separating different, almost empty, spaces. Upon facing crowds of disappointed ticketholders, organisers decided to cancel the two-day event after the first morning.

Things to talk about at home ...

- ♦ How do you think visitors to the experience might have felt when they realised the experience differed from what they expected?
- ♦ Can you think of a time when something didn't go well, even though you tried or thought it would? How did you deal with it?

The Creative Workshops are running in the Easter holidays in association with Feast, there are x10 funded places left in the age group 8-11 for those you are eligible.

The places are booked through '[Holiday activities](#)' via [FEAST](#) and using holiday activity vouchers.