



June 20th 2025

Year 2 Class Assembly

Today families of our Year 2 children were treated to a wonderful assembly, recapping their learning from the year and the great memories that they had made. They spoke with confidence and clarity as they told us about English, Maths, Geography, Science, Bright Woods and much more. They had some wonderful songs and dances and I was very proud of each and everyone of them. Sometimes we take it for granted how assured our children are when in front of audiences but it is not easy – I think our work on oracy has really helped with this. Well done to you all! Thank you to Miss Richardson, Mrs Leonard and Mrs Spence for their work on this.

We are looking forward to Reception's Class Assembly next Friday.

Ghanaian Pupil Visit

On Wednesday we had a lovely morning in school as we were visited by a number of pupils from Ghana. They visited all classes and were very friendly with our children. As part of the morning, the Global Dimensions Action Group showed the children around and had a drink and scones with them. School Council then asked our visitors a number of questions about Ghana and their lives. Next, we performed some dances from Monty Does Guilty Pleasures for them and they performed a dance for us. The children then played on the field with many children joining in. It was a great experience for our children. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this, the Global Dimensions Action Group and School Council.

Monty Does Guilty Pleasures!

If you are providing costumes, please could they be sent in by June 27th so we can prepare for the Dress Rehearsal the following week. Thank you.

Reception Visit to Bright Woods

Reception enjoyed a wonderful visit to Bright Woods on Tuesday, learning more about the life cycle of a frog. They read a book called *Tad* about a tadpole changing to a frog, made frog headbands, had a hunt for different creatures and afterwards went in the stream, climbed trees and had a lot of fun!

Year 1 Visit to Bright Woods

Year 1 had a great visit to Bright Woods on Thursday and were lovely and cool under the canopy. They had a great time making clay animals, pond dipping and playing in the beck! Thank you to our volunteer helpers! Thank you very much to FOMS for funding our Brightwoods experiences.

Next week Years 5 and 6 have their days at Bright Woods.

Y4/5 Football

Year 4 and 5 went to play a tournament today at Staindrop. Miss Crampton found a shady spot and took plenty of cool drinks to have during the day. I will let you know how they fared next week.

Reception New Starter Meeting

It was lovely to meet parents/carers of our new Reception cohort who will start with us in September. We are so fortunate to have the two inside spaces, the main classroom and the messy room, which are well utilised by the team. I look forward to getting to know our new children and

families well over the coming years. Thank you to Miss Lauder, Miss Henderson and Miss Teasdale for their work on this.

Year 6 at the Hub

Next week Mrs Channell, Mrs Miller, Mrs Spence and I will be accompanying our Year 6 children for two days of outdoor and adventurous activities at the TCR Hub. Please consult the kit lists and itinerary provided by Mrs Channell. Thank you.

Keep Cool

We have tried our best to keep everyone as cool as possible this week, with shortened times outside and quiet playing in the shade during the middle of the day. Thank you for sending hats, sun cream and water bottles in!

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 3

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	98.7
Year 1	98.6
Year 2	96.3
Year 3	99
Year 4	92.3
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	95.7
Whole School	96.8%

Dates for the Diary

June 24 th -25 th	Year 6 Residential Trip
June 24 th	Reception Hall Hill Farm
June 24 th	Year 5 to Brightwoods
June 26 th	Year 6 to Brightwoods
June 27 th	Reception Assembly 9am
June 30 th	Year 5 Rounders Festival
July 1 st	Nursery Sports Day and Picnic
July 1 st	Year 4 Brightwoods
July 2 nd	Whole School Sports Day (Rec – Y6)
July 3 rd	Year 3 Brightwoods
July 4 th	Year 1 Assembly 9am
July 7 th	Key Stage 2 to Witham (Monty Does rehearsal)
July 8 th and 9 th	Monty Does Performances at the Witham 6pm start (Y3-6)
July 10 th - 11 th	Teesdale Transition Day for Year 6
July 18 th	Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 21 st – September 1 st	Summer Holiday
September 2 nd	Teacher training Day
September 3 rd	Children start/return to school

Mr. C Minikin
Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

