



**July 4th 2025**

### **Year 1 Class Assembly**

Today families of our Year 1 children and I had a real treat and they shared their learning from the year in a class assembly. The children presented superbly as they told us many facts from the different subjects of the curriculum. The American Dance was fantastic too! It never ceases to amaze me how confident our children become and what a great job they did today – well done Year 1.

It is an emotional time for Mrs Newton as she prepares for her new challenge. Thank you to Mrs Newton, Mrs Dupuy and Miss Smith for their work on the assembly.

### **Move Up Day**

End of year reports will be sent out for all children on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Within these, details of your child's next Class Teacher will be enclosed. Move Up Day for the majority of the school will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Gilmore, who will be teaching in Year 3 next year, had booked a holiday before we interviewed her as she has just finished university! She will meet our current Year 2 class on July 8<sup>th</sup> instead. Our Year 2 children should go to the Year 3 classroom door to be collected and picked up on this day, if they are not accessing wraparound care. Our Year 3s will need to go to Year 2 on this day for drop and pick up too, to make this work!

The rest of the school will transition to the next class on July 11<sup>th</sup> and apart from Y4-6 who will enter via the playground door, should be dropped off and picked up from their new classroom door. Our new Reception class will have a shortened transition and will be picked up from the School Office at 11.45am unless they are going back to our Nursery for the afternoon.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, our Year 2 will move again to their new classroom but with Miss Richardson, not Miss Gilmore, to allow the rest of the school to be in the right place!

### **Nursery Sports Day**

On Tuesday afternoon Nursery children had a fun-filled Sports Day with a jungle theme! The children did a great job as Snakes, Crocodiles, Elephants and Parrots racing along the track, completing their jungle tasks. Then it was the turn of their grown ups who had to run backwards rolling a small wheel and sprint forward in a relay! Thankfully the rain held off and the picnic in Nursery garden looked great too. Well done to all of our Nursery children. Thank you so much to our Nursery team: Mrs Patterson, Mrs Lomax, Miss Nicole, Miss Rudge and Miss Teasdale and to our Year 6 helpers. Thanks to our parents/carers for their support and the ones who took part in an 'alternative' parent/carer race!

### **Reception to Year 6 Sports Day**

We were delighted to be able to host our Sports Day for Reception to Year 6 on Wednesday after a very wet start to the day. One of the great things about our field is how quickly it drains since the drainage work we completed in 2019.

The Sports Day Teams are named after the Olympic motto of Citius, Altius, Fortius (Faster, Higher, Stronger). All of the children competed brilliantly and the result was one of the tightest we have ever had: 3<sup>rd</sup> were Altius (Blue) with 274; 2<sup>nd</sup> were Citius (Yellow) with 295 and 1<sup>st</sup> were Fortius (Red) with 298. Well done Fortius!

Thank you so much to all the staff, especially Mrs Smith and Miss Gilmore, who set up in pretty grim conditions! Thank you for your support and to the parents/carers who had a race too. Thank you also to FOMS for the sponge challenge which seemed a great success!

### **Monty Does Guilty Pleasures**

On Monday the children in Y3-6 will go for their rehearsal day at The Witham. They have been working very hard for many weeks. Children who have a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch on this day. Children in these classes will only need their coats, packed lunches and water bottles on this day, no reading folders, bags etc.

On Tuesday, your child will be sent home with their first costume. The children should put these costumes on and then arrive at The Witham for 5.30pm wearing it. Thank you.

### **Well done Bobby J**

This week Bobby J (Y6) passed his Grade 1 Piano exam – fantastic news. Well done!

### **Well done Erin and Ida**

On Tuesday, Erin (Y5) and Ida (Y6) competed in Long Jump at the County Athletics Finals after qualifying from a competition earlier in the term. Erin finished 5<sup>th</sup> and Ida finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. These are great achievements – well done girls!

### **Holiday Activity Club**

Details were shared last week on Weduc about a Holiday Activity Club for Key Stage 2 children ran by Wilderness Company. Please check Weduc and the noticeboard near the main entrance for details.

### **Years 3 and 4 to Brightwoods**

This week we had two visits to Brightwoods: one for Year 4 and yesterday for Year 3. The classes both had a great time. They enjoyed a scavenger hunt, identifying trees and leaves. They had a blindfold trust challenge. Next the children were given some clay and collected resources from the wood to make it into a monster! The children hammer pressed some leaves onto linen which look very striking. They loved playing in the wood and river, finishing with a fire activity toasting marshmallows. Thank you very much to FOMS for funding all of our Brightwoods experiences.

### **A Busy Week!**

As you probably know, we try to enter every competition, have lots of enrichment opportunities and put on lots of performances for families to enjoy. This week we have had Year 5 Rounders, Year 4 to Brightwoods, Nursery Sports Day, R-Y6 Sports Day, Year 3 to Brightwoods and Year 1 Assembly, in amongst the Monty Does rehearsals and end of topic assessments! That is quite a week. Thank you Team Monty!

### **Attendance**

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 1!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance this week (%)</b>
Reception	97
Year 1	100
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	98
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	98.4
Year 6	97.3
Whole School	97.7%

### **Dates for the Diary**

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Key Stage 2 to Witham (Monty Does rehearsal)

July 8 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Reports sent home
July 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Does Performances at the Witham 6pm start (Y3-6). Drop off children at 5.30pm.
July 10 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Teesdale/Staindrop Transition Day for Year 6
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 21 <sup>st</sup> – September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Summer Holiday
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teacher training Day
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children start/return to school

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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.

