



School Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER: February 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the year, it is wonderful to feel that the colder, darker months are behind us and that lighter days are well and truly on their way. There is a renewed sense of energy around school, and this term has certainly been filled with enjoyment, achievement and pride across every year group.

It has been a particularly exciting few weeks with the opening of our new small playground. This fantastic addition to our outdoor provision has already been thoroughly enjoyed by the children. We are very grateful to our After School Club team for their support in helping bring this space to life.

Sporting opportunities have also been in full swing. Our sports coaches have been working closely with teachers and children across the school, building skills, confidence and teamwork. The recent skipping challenges have been a highlight, with children showing determination, resilience and great enthusiasm as they aimed to beat their personal bests.

Across classrooms, it has been a pleasure to see children proudly sharing their work. From creative spray paint projects to written pieces and problem-solving in maths, pupils have demonstrated real commitment to their learning. The pride they take in their achievements reflects both their hard work and the support they receive at home — thank you for your continued encouragement.



Each newsletter I will share a phase update with news what is happening across our wonderful school.

Year 3 and 4 have had a super half term with lots of highlights.

From a sporting perspective, Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed having Mark, the Rugby Coach, in their PE lessons and learning the tricks of the sport. Their footwork skills and teamwork have vastly improved and they have had so much fun. Year 4 have likewise enjoyed their Multi Skills lessons, with the Young Leaders from Millthorpe Secondary School! It's great to see such community spirit through such collaboration. Both classes also LOVED their Skip2bFit skipping sessions this week, with Dave from Skip2bFit. We hope that lots of you were able to join his after school session on Tuesday, talk about a workout!

Both year groups have also recently enjoyed some super trips. On Wednesday, Year 4 visited the Gateway Church in Acomb to help them answer the question: What does life look like for a Christian in Britain and Year 3 visited the Wonderlab at the Railway Museum on Thursday - a super interactive experience! Such trips are always exciting but are really valuable too, to grow our children's personal development and to enrich their learning and bring it alive. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has planned.

At our school, we are proud to be a community that recognises and supports Young Carers. We understand that some of our pupils take on important responsibilities at home, helping to care for a family member. We are committed to ensuring that these children feel understood, valued and supported and that they are able to fully enjoy their school experience alongside their peers. If you believe your child may benefit from additional support as a Young Carer, please do not hesitate to contact us in confidence.

Young Carers

A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction.

Children may engage in:

- Shopping, cooking, cleaning
- Managing medicines or money
- Providing personal care
- Helping get people out of the house
- Keeping an eye on someone
- Providing emotional support
- Poppleton Road can support young carers.
- If you, or a family member, needs support please contact
- Mrs Scott or Mrs Dawson at office@poppleton.pmat.academy.
- All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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Wishing you all a lovely, restful and safe half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next exciting part of our term.

Kind regards,

Ellie Dawson
Headteacher