



School Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER: March 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, I find myself reflecting on just how much we have packed into these past few weeks. It is often said that the Spring Term is the shortest in the academic calendar, but it has certainly felt like one of our most vibrant and purposeful.

Small Window, Big Impact

Despite the shorter timeframe, the energy across the school has been remarkable. From the focused atmosphere in our classrooms to the laughter echoing across the playground and enjoying our new play equipment and recently opened quieter zone. There has been a tangible sense of community and growth. We haven't let a single day go to waste.

Celebrating Our Successes



It has been a joy to witness our children's achievements this term. Whether it was through **sporting fixtures and winning the KS1 Multi skills competition** ; **creative performances and seeing our KS2 children shine on stage for Shakespeare Stars** or **learning a new skill such as our Year 4 and Year 5 children completing First Aid training** , our children have shown incredible resilience and compassion.

- **Success:** Seeing pupils tackle new concepts with such curiosity has been a highlight for all our staff. **A special mention to our Lego League children who won the Rising Star Award.**
- **Community Spirit:** Your support at recent school events such as our **Stay and learns, Spring celebrations, Parents and carers evenings** has reminded us all of the strong partnership that makes our school so special.
- **Student Wellbeing:** Above all, it has been wonderful to see the kindness and support students show one another . **Our children leaders have been assisting on the playground, helped organise events in school such as Red Nose Day and World Book Day and have been excellent buddies to our Reception children.**

Looking to the Future: Enhancing Our Communication

We are always looking for ways to better support our families, and I hear your feedback regarding the pace of school life. To help you plan ahead and feel more connected to school events, we are working hard on improving when and how school events are shared.

For the next academic year, we are developing a **comprehensive yearly calendar for each year group**. Our goal is to ensure that all major events, trips and milestones are shared with you well in advance, allowing you to manage your busy schedules with more ease and certainty.

Our Local Community– parking outside school

Part of our school's success is built on the strong relationship we have with our neighbours. With that in mind, I would like to kindly ask **all parents to be extra mindful when parking on residential streets during drop-off and pick-up**. We have had some feedback from local residents who are finding it difficult to access their properties; showing them the same kindness and courtesy we teach our children helps ensure our school remains a positive and respected part of this neighbourhood.

Our Local Community Events

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS! Parenting Children with ADHD

6 FREE support sessions
Starting Wednesday 15th April
@ Yearsley Grove Primary School
12.45 - 2.45pm

Free childcare available

 A 6 week course to help you support your child's needs and understand more about....

- how the ADHD brain works
- sensory processing difficulties
- managing ADHD behaviours
- boosting your child's self esteem

Join us to chat, share stories & pick up tips. Take time out to support you & your family.

SIGN UP!

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Time Out For Couples

Family Matters York in partnership with **Good Mental Health Project**

 Scan the QR code or go to our Eventbrite page for more info or to book free tickets. <https://timeoutforcouples-wellbeing-April26.eventbrite.co.uk>

Funded by  **COMMUNITY FUND**

The Gateway Centre Sat 18th April 7.30pm

Any questions? Contact Emma 07491 910239 emmamashall@fmy.org.uk

FREE

Join us for a relaxed evening dedicated to exploring ways we can look after our wellbeing. Helpful content, time to chat, & no group work.

We'll explore:

- How we can prioritise our own wellbeing to be better equipped to maintain healthy, supportive relationships
- How self-care helps us regulate our emotions, communicate more effectively, and show up with empathy and patience for others.

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A Well-Earned Rest

While we have been as busy as ever, it is now time for everyone to take a well-earned breath. I hope this break provides you with the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy quality time with loved ones.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being such a vital part of our school family. I wish you all a peaceful and happy spring break.

Warm wishes,

Ellie Dawson

Headteacher

Your
Speak out. Stay safe.
certificate

Awarded to:
Poppleton Road Primary School

A massive thank you and a big well done to all pupils for being such great listeners and taking part in *Speak out*. Stay safe, with Buddy.

 Chris Sherwood
Chief Executive

Date: 19/03/2026

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Thank you for helping to keep more children safe!



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