



## Weekly Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Diary dates

8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3&4	Stump Cross & Cold Stone Cut
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6	Pirate of the Curry Bean Performance 1:30 & 6:00
9 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Primary Robins Performance of singing 2:30
9 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Internal transition
11 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Rock Steady Concert- 9:30
11 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Summer Fair
14 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Piano Concert 2:30
15 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Uniform Giveaway
17 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	End of Year celebration 2:15pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	FOSS Summer Disco 4:30-6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July		Finish for Summer 2:15pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept		New School Year.

### A Spiky Surprise and a Golden Achievement!

On Monday morning, the children were greeted at the school gate by a very special visitor — Spike the Hedgehog! This special visit was a reward for all the amazing pupils who took part in the Ripon Walk to School Day.

Your commitment to staying active and helping the environment truly paid off!

We're thrilled to announce that our school has achieved Gold for completing all the Walk to School events this year!

A huge well done to all the children and families who took part — your dedication to active travel and healthy habits has made a real difference. Let's keep walking!

### Cross Country Champions in the Making!

On Monday, our Year 1 to Year 6 children travelled to Outwood to take part in an exciting cross country competition — and what a morning it was!

We did amazingly well, showing incredible effort, determination, and team spirit. Our school was the only one to take such a large number of children, and they certainly made their presence felt!





We proudly brought home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes, making us one of the standout schools of the event.

We're still waiting on the certificates, but we couldn't be prouder of everyone who took part. You all represented our school brilliantly — well done!

### Story telling with Peter Chand

On Thursday, our Key Stage 2 pupils were treated to a truly special experience as we welcomed our Storyteller in Residence, Peter Chand, for a dynamic two-hour workshop brimming with imagination, creativity, and storytelling magic.

Peter — one of Europe's finest storytellers — guided our pupils through the art of crafting original stories, from sparking ideas and shaping plots to bringing characters vividly to life. This unforgettable session helped our young storytellers:

-  Develop oracy skills
-  Nurture original ideas
-  Stretch their imaginations
-  Build confidence

A huge thank you to Peter Chand for inspiring the next generation of storytellers, and to the Ripon Theatre Festival for arranging this fantastic visit.

### Live Performance: Anansi and the lost sun

Today, our Year 1 to Year 6 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to attend a live performance of *Anansi and the Lost Sun*, presented as part of the Ripon Theatre Festival. The show was a vibrant and engaging retelling of the classic Anansi tale, filled with music, laughter, and important messages about courage and cleverness.

Our pupils were captivated from start to finish, and it was a fantastic way to experience live theatre and storytelling in action.

A big thank you to the Ripon Theatre Festival for making this memorable experience possible!

### School Reports Sent Out – Did You Receive Yours?

School reports were sent out yesterday. If you haven't received yours, please contact the office as soon as possible so we can make sure you're up to date.

Thank you for your attention!

### Pirate of the Curry Bean Performance 1:30 & 6:00

To ensure we have enough seating, please follow the link below to book your seats:

<https://forms.office.com/e/D4v22nHNKB>

### Primary Robins Performance of singing 2:30

Mrs Gayle will be leading the whole school in a joyful singing performance on the playground! Every class has been rehearsing, and we can't wait to share this special musical moment with you.

### Forest Schools

8.7.25	EYFS
15.7.25	EYFS

We would like to inform you of a small change to our upcoming Forest School sessions. Originally scheduled for EYFS on the 25th June and 1st July, these sessions will now be held for **Year**

**5 & 6** instead.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we make this adjustment. Further details for EYFS Forest School will be shared soon.

### **Refreshments at the Year 5/6 Play – Donations Welcome!**

We're excited to share that FOSS will be serving refreshments at the 6pm performance of the Year 5/6 play next week!

To help make this a success, we'd really appreciate any baking donations — cakes, tray bakes, or savoury treats are all welcome.

Please drop off donations at school on Tuesday morning.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to seeing you there!

### **Rock Steady Concert**

Rock Steady concert will take place in the school hall. Our talented young musicians are ready to rock the stage and share what they've been working on!

To ensure we have enough seating, please follow the link below to book your seats:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TbvbemTPZq>

### **Teddy Donations Needed for EYFS Teddy Tombola!**

We're collecting teddy bears for our EYFS Teddy Tombola at the Summer Fair — and we'd love your help!

If you have any new or gently loved teddies that could use a new home, please consider donating them to school. These cuddly contributions will help make the tombola stall a favourite with our youngest fairgoers.

All proceeds from the Teddy Tombola will go directly towards EYFS resources, supporting learning and play in our Early Years classrooms.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office at any time. Thank you for your continued support!

### **Summer Fair – Donations Needed!**

Our Summer Fair is next Friday, and we're getting excited for a fantastic day of fun, food, and fundraising! To help make the event a great success, we'd be so grateful for your support with donations.

Here's what we're looking for:

Raffle Prizes – Please bring any donations to school from Monday.

Bottles for the Bottle Tombola – Any kind (soft drinks, sauces, toiletries, etc.) welcome!

Donations from Monday will help us build a great selection.

Cakes and Tray Bakes – Sweet treats for our cake stall.

Baked Savoury Goods – Think sausage rolls, cheese twists, or savoury muffins!

Your generosity makes all the difference — thank you for supporting our school community!

### **Piano Concert – 14th July**

We are excited to announce that our upcoming Piano Concert will take place on Monday, 14th July 2:30pm

If you play the piano and would like to take part in this special event, please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible. We'd love to showcase the talents of our school community!

To ensure we have enough seating, please follow the link below to book your seats:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kPXbgXJGZR>

### **Music Lessons – Brass or Guitar?**

We're excited to offer music lessons with two fantastic tutors: Brass with Mr Sidwell and Guitar with Mr Rudland Simpson.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, why not try a taster session before the summer holidays? It's a great way to see what they enjoy before committing.

Lessons will begin again in September, so now is the perfect time to register your interest.

Please contact the school office if you'd like to arrange a taster or sign up for lessons.

Let the music begin!

### **Learning in Mixed-Age Classes at Sharow CE Primary**

We are proud of our mixed-age class structure, which offers unique benefits for both academic progress and personal development. Recently, a few parents have asked how this approach works in practice—so we'd love to share more!

In mixed-age classes, pupils from different year groups learn together in the same classroom.

This is a well-established model in many small schools and is thoughtfully designed to meet the needs of all learners.

#### **Why Mixed-Age Classes Work Well**

- **Tailored Learning:** Teachers plan carefully to ensure that activities are matched to each child's stage of learning. Pupils are challenged appropriately, whether they need support or extension.
- **Peer Support:** Older pupils often take on mentoring roles, helping younger classmates and reinforcing their own understanding in the process.
- **Flexible Grouping:** Children work in a variety of groupings, which helps build collaboration, independence, and confidence.
- **Continuity and Relationships:** Pupils often stay with the same teacher for more than one year, allowing for strong relationships and deeper understanding of individual learning needs.

#### **Curriculum Planning and Delivery**

Our curriculum is carefully sequenced to ensure progression across year groups. Teachers use assessment and observation to adapt lessons so that all pupils can access the content and make progress. We revisit key knowledge regularly to help pupils retain and build on what they've learned.

#### **What Ofsted Said**

"Throughout the school, pupils are taught in mixed-age classes. Pupils in the same class are therefore at different stages and have different learning needs. The school checks effectively how well pupils are learning the curriculum."

We continue to refine our approach to ensure that teaching is always responsive to what pupils know and need next.

#### **Learn More**

For a detailed explanation of how mixed-age teaching works at Sharow, visit our website:

[Mixed-Age Classes at Sharow CE Primary](#)

### **Colouring Competition**

Following our engaging road safety talk last week with Lauren Doughaty, we're excited to announce a special Road Safety Heroes Art Competition for all the primary schools we've visited this year.

To commemorate our visits and to serve as a lasting reminder of the importance of road safety, we are designing new certificates to leave with each school. These certificates will feature artwork created by the children themselves!

We're inviting pupils to submit a drawing that celebrates Road Safety Heroes. This could be: a lollipop person helping children cross the road safely, A police officer assisting after a road incident Or any other creative idea that highlights someone who helps keep our roads safe We're sure the children will come up with some brilliant and imaginative designs!

Submission Details:

- Format: **A4 paper**
- **Deadline: 11th July**
- **How to submit:** Please bring your artwork into school
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We can't wait to see the children's fantastic creations and celebrate their contributions to road safety awareness!

### **Parent Governor**

Just to let you know that Sarah Brewster will be stepping down from her role as Parent Governor at the end of this term. We're very grateful for all the time and support she's given during her time on the governing body.

We'll be looking to welcome a new Parent Governor in September, so if it's something you might be interested in, have a think over the summer. If you'd like to know more, feel free to chat with one of our current governors, like Mrs Palmer, or get in touch with the school office.

You can also find helpful information about the role on the National Governance Association website: [www.nga.org.uk](http://www.nga.org.uk)

### **Mrs Curzon Takes on the Macmillan Mighty Hike – Again!**

We're proud to share that Mrs Curzon is once again stepping up for a great cause!

In September 2025, she will be taking on the Northumberland Coast Mighty Hike to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This incredible challenge helps support people living with cancer, and we're so inspired by her dedication and determination.

If you'd like to support Mrs Curzon's fundraising efforts, we'll be sharing more details soon on how you can get involved or donate.

Let's cheer her on every step of the way!

[Kate Curzon is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

### **Parent forum**

Our most recent Parent Forum has now been uploaded to the school website. [Parent Forum | Have Your Say at Sharow Primary School](#)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us, or share their questions.

### **Parental Consent for Use of Images and Content on Social Media**

At Sharow CE Primary School, we love to celebrate our pupils' achievements and share the vibrant life of our school with the wider community. Occasionally, we may post photographs, short videos, or examples of pupils' work on our official school Facebook page, and sometimes share this content with local community Facebook groups to highlight events and

successes.

To ensure transparency and protect your child's privacy, please read the following information carefully before giving consent.

### **How We Use Images and Content**

- Images and videos are used only to showcase school activities, events, and learning experiences.
- We never include full names of pupils alongside images.
- Content is posted only on the school's official Facebook page and may be shared with trusted local community groups to promote school events and achievements.

### **Safeguarding and AI Considerations**

- Publicly available images, including those shared on social media, can potentially be accessed and used by third parties, including for training artificial intelligence (AI) systems. While this is not the intention of our school, it is a known risk associated with any content shared online.
- Once an image is posted publicly, the school cannot control how it may be used or reshared by others, even with privacy settings in place.
- For this reason, we take safeguarding seriously and limit the types of images shared, ensuring they are appropriate, respectful, and do not compromise pupil safety.

### **Withdrawing Consent**

You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the school or accessing your Arbor app.


- If you withdraw consent, the school will no longer publish images of your child on social media.
- We will remove any existing images from our Facebook page upon request.
- However, we cannot retrieve or delete images that may have already been accessed or used by third parties, including those that Meta (Facebook's parent company) may have used to train its AI models.
- Once a post is shared with local community groups, the school is unable to retrieve or remove it from those external pages or platforms.

### **Spotlight on The Sleep Charity – Helping Children Sleep Better**


Sleep is essential for children's health, learning, and emotional well-being—but many young people are struggling to get the rest they need. That's why we're highlighting the important work of **The Sleep Charity**, a national organisation dedicated to improving sleep for everyone, especially children and families.


Recent research shows that:

- **Over 37% of children aged 8 to 16** experience sleep problems at least three times a week **1**.
- Among children with a probable mental health disorder, this rises to a staggering **76.5% 1**.
- The Sleep Charity also found that **70% of children** are going to bed later and **74% are using technology more** at night, both of which can negatively impact sleep quality **2**.

The Sleep Charity offers:  Free advice and downloadable resources

 A **National Sleep Helpline** (03303 530 541)

 Support for families, schools, and professionals

 Campaigns to raise awareness of sleep as a public health priority

At [School Name], we know that well-rested children are happier, healthier, and more ready to learn. We encourage families to explore the charity's helpful tools and tips at **[www.thesleepcharity.org.uk](http://www.thesleepcharity.org.uk)**.

Let's work together to make sleep a priority—for brighter mornings and better days!

### **Get Involved**

This year's chosen charity is [Lucie's Animal Rescue](#). When you have a moment, please can you have a look at the Wishlist with your child and make a donation.

Once a donation has been made, we would love to know about it so we can congratulate / thank them in school.

[Get Involved | Lucie's Animal Rescue](#)

### **Toy Stall at the School Fair – Supporting Lucy's Animal Rescue!**

We're excited to announce that this year's school fair will feature a Toy Stall to help raise funds for the wonderful work done by Lucy's Animal Rescue!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together, have fun, and support a cause that's close to our hearts. Proceeds from the stall will go directly to helping animals in need—providing food, shelter, and care for rescued pets.

Donation Day: Friday 4th July

Please bring in any good-quality toys you'd like to donate on this day. This gives us time to sort and price everything ahead of the fair.

Let's make this a huge success and show our support for Lucy's Animal Rescue. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Out of School Achievements**

If your child has any out of school achievements, we would love to hear about them. Send pictures and information to [admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **Community Notices**

Please see below for fliers about activities in and around Ripon





Hot dogs  
Pizza  
Chips  
Snacks

Farewell  
to our  
fantastic  
year  
sixes

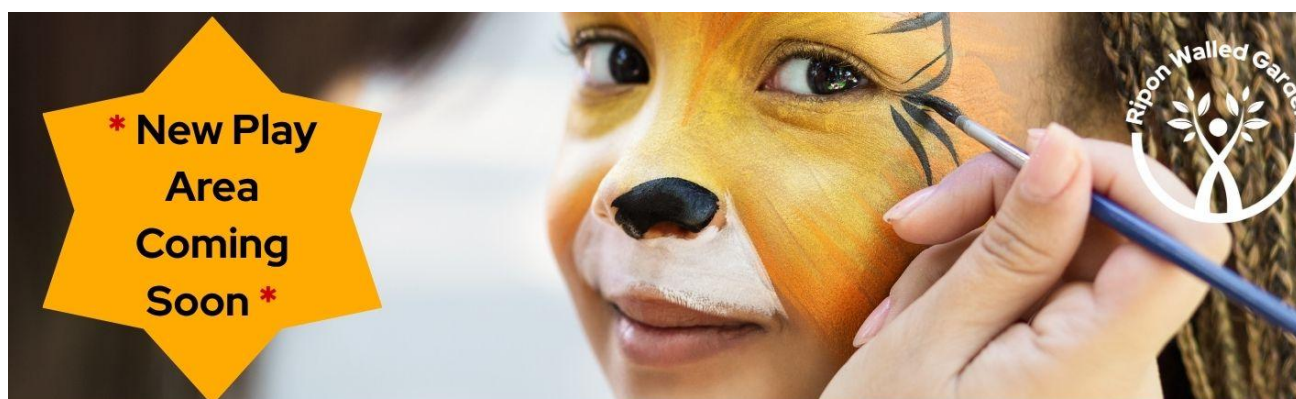
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
4:30 – 6pm  
Sharow Church Hall



# END OF YEAR DISCO

Parents are responsible for their children during the disco. Children who attend should be inside the church hall, not in the graveyard or in the pulpit.





# Upcoming Events

## School Holidays

Visit our new play area and Woodland Trail

### May

Member made **Bird Installation in the Orchard**, enjoy our Woodland Trail

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Spa Gardens for **Ripon Theatre Festival**  
Members Performance at 10.30am

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**A Taste of Royalty with Colin Alderson**,  
Pastry Chef to Queen Elizabeth II

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July - 10am & 12 noon

**Storytime - Ripon Library at Ripon Walled Garden**

### 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Beach Week at Ripon Walled Garden**

### Weds 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Boomwhacker Session -11 am - all welcome**

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Member Danceathon** on the beach- all welcome

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Apple Day

### 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

**Pumpkin Patch** at Ripon Walled Garden

### Mid November to 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Christmas Tree Sales and 7 day opening**

### Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Visit Santa Claus at Ripon Walled Garden**

### January '26

**Christmas Tree Collections**



**JOIN US ON THE  
12TH - 13TH JULY 2025**

**A FUN, FRIENDLY TRIATHLON  
FESTIVAL FOR ALL LEVELS**

## **ADULT SPRINT**

**750M / 23.4KM / 4.4KM**

## **ADULT OLYMPIC**

**1500M / 40KM / 10KM**

## **JUNIORS**

**TRISTART - 8YRS (BORN 2017)**

**TRISTAR 1 - 9 & 10YRS (BORN 2015/2016)**

**TRISTAR 2 - 11 & 12YRS (BORN 2013/2014)**

**TRISTAR 3 - 13 & 14YRS (BORN 2011/2012)**

**YOUTHS - 15 & 16YRS (BORN 2009/2010)**

**LIVE MUSIC & SPECIAL GUESTS**

**JUNIOR ENTERTAINMENT**

**JETSKIS. WAKE BOARDING.  
TUBING. WATER SPORTS**

**ARE YOU JOINING?**

# **RIPON TRIATHLON FESTIVAL**





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# ACTIVITY CAMPS

Moorside Community  
Primary School

28th July - 1st August

**AGES:**

Year 1 - Year 6

**TIMES:**

8:30am - 4:00pm



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## SUMMER HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

**BASE  
CAMP**

AT BALDERSBY PARK,  
TOPCLIFFE.



**MON 18<sup>TH</sup> AUG** (8-13 years old)  
**KAYAKING & FOREST SCHOOL**  
**£38** PER SESSION Includes drinks & homemade snack.

**WED 20<sup>TH</sup> AUG** (5-11 years old)  
**WILD FIRST AID**  
**£32** PER SESSION Includes drinks & homemade snack.

**FRI 22<sup>ND</sup> AUG** (5-11 years old)  
**WILD SCIENCE &  
FOREST SCHOOL**  
**£32** PER SESSION Includes drinks & homemade snack.

**MON 27<sup>TH</sup> AUG** (7-13 years old)  
**ARCHERY &  
FOREST SCHOOL**  
**£32** PER SESSION Includes drinks & homemade snack.

**10 AM - 3 PM TO BOOK - [www.basecamplearning.co.uk](http://www.basecamplearning.co.uk)**

