



## Weekly Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Diary dates

11 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS & KS1 dance
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4/5/6 Swimming Gala
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents SATS information evening 5:00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Learning together science morning till 9:00-9:30
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year3/4 Sinai Synagogue & Royal Armouries
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight check
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Forum 6:00-7:00
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Speak out, Stay safe workshop
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Positive Regard parent sessions 5:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair- after school
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y3/4/5/6 Striking & Fielding competition - Outwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year3/4 Performance 5:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service 2.15pm
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Non uniform day/ FOSS Easter fair
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Return to school

### World Book Day

Yesterday's World Book Day was a delightful event! It was heartwarming to see everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters, bringing stories to life with their creative costumes. Even all the staff took part too!

To top it all off, everyone went home with a book token, ensuring that the adventure continues with a new book to explore. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the day so special. Let's keep the spirit of reading alive all year round! 📖 ✨

### Rock Steady

This morning, we have enjoyed electric performances and workshops from Rock Steady! Rock Steady provide music tuition that works in much the same way as the peripatetic instrument tuition that we currently offer through school. Today's introduction gave our pupils a taster of how these lessons would look - think 'School of Rock'!

If there is enough interest, Rock Steady can come into school and assembles bands with the participating pupils. Band members have their choice of different instruments to learn, including drums and electric guitars, or they can decide to be vocalists. Lessons are half an hour per week on Friday afternoons. Bands perform at termly concerts held for the rest of the school and for parents, and pupils earn a Grade 2 qualification.

If your child is interested, please do have a look at the email you have been sent and complete the form to register your interest.

### **EYFS & KS1 Dance**

On Tuesday our Early years and Year 1&2 are going to a dance festival at Outwood. They all need to come in their PE kits but Year 1 & 2 need to bring their forest school kits with them for the afternoon.

Please make sure that you have consented for your child to go by going on Consent- School Visit Permission.

### **Swimming Gala**

We are thrilled to announce the first school swimming gala at the Ripon Leisure and Wellbeing Hub! This exciting event is open to students in Years 3&4, 5 &6, offering a wonderful opportunity for our young swimmers to experience the thrill of competitive swimming in a fun and supportive environment.

Please note that there will be no swimming lessons for Years 3 and 4 on the day of the gala. Additionally, we regret to inform you that spectators will not be allowed at this event. Your child will know if they have been selected to compete.

We encourage all participants to give their best and enjoy the experience. Let's make this a memorable event for everyone involved! 🏊 🏆

### **Eat them to Defeat them**

This campaign puts kids in control, it puts parents and children on the same side. At all times the kids get that this is a ruse to get them to eat vegetables, they never actually think vegetables are evil.

### **School Trips including Swimming**

While we are only permitted to request a voluntary contribution to cover the costs of these school trips, if we do not raise sufficient funds, there is a possibility that we may have to cancel the trip.

### **Food Safety**

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our children, please remember the following food items are not permitted in school:

- Nuts
- Uncooked marshmallows
- Jelly cubes
- Popcorn

Additionally, for the safety of our younger students, please cut small fruits and sausages lengthways.

For more information about food choking hazards from the Food Standards Agency follow this link [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

### **Learning Together Morning of science**

The upcoming Learning Together Morning is a special event designed to give you a glimpse into the fascinating world of science education at our school.

Why Attend?

- Understand the Curriculum: Gain a better understanding of what your child is learning in science.

- Support Your Child's Learning: Discover ways to support and encourage your child's interest in science at home.
- Build Connections: Strengthen the bond between home and school by engaging in your child's education and connecting with teachers and other parents.

We believe that involving parents in the learning process is crucial for children's success.

Your participation in Learning Together Morning will not only enhance your child's educational experience but also foster a love for science that can last a lifetime.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the joy of science learning with you and your child!

### **3:15 Club**

The essential staff training, which was originally scheduled for January 4th, but was cancelled by the trainer due to the snow, has now been rescheduled. The new training dates are **June 4th and July 9th** and will take place after school.

Please note that there will be no after school club on these dates as all staff are required to attend. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making alternative arrangements with this advance notice.

### **Future status of the school**

The governing body is required to regularly review the status of the school. This includes reviewing the possibility of joining an academy trust.

Following investigation by a working group of governors, the board has taken the decision to start the process of joining Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust (YCST). Leeds Diocese have granted conditional approval, and we are now at the start of that formal process.

It is very important to note that this is not finalised in any way.

Over the coming months, YCST will be conducting due diligence on the school. Essentially, while the board believes that joining YCST would benefit the children's education, YCST have to be reassured that it would be beneficial to the Trust.

In addition, we are required to run a formal consultation with yourselves as parents of students at the school. Joining the Trust cannot happen without taking into account your thoughts, and answering any questions you may have.

We are currently working on the timeline of work required and we will keep you informed as things progress.

### **Supervision of Siblings on School Grounds**

To ensure a safe and secure environment for all pupils, we ask that siblings remain under close parental supervision at all times while on school grounds.

### **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](#)

## **Forest School**

It is now time for Year 1&2 for their turn for forest school. Please can all Year 1&2 come in their forest school kit.

We always welcome volunteers to these sessions. If you have a spare Tuesday afternoon for one of more of these sessions, please get in touch with the office.

## **Wraparound Care**

Due to increased popularity, after school places **MUST** be booked to ensure that we have space. We understand that things may change last minute, and in that instance you should phone or email the school.

## **Arbor**

We are excited to announce a new feature on the Arbor App that will make reporting absences easier for everyone! Parents and guardians can now add their child's absences directly through the app.

While this new feature is designed to streamline the process, there may still be times when we need to phone you for clarification. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in these instances.

We hope this new feature will make it more convenient for you to report absences and help us maintain accurate attendance records. If you have any questions or need assistance with the Arbor App, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## **Lockdown information for parents**

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our children and staff, we would like to inform you about our communication protocols during a lockdown situation.

### **In the event of a lockdown:**

1. **Email Communication:** We will use email as our primary method of communication to keep you informed about the situation. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in our records.
2. **Telephone Lines:** Our telephone lines will be reserved for communication with emergency services. We kindly request that you refrain from calling the school during a lockdown to keep these lines open for urgent communication.
3. **Do Not Come to the School:** For your safety and to avoid obstructing emergency services, please do not come to the school during a lockdown. We will provide instructions on when it is safe to pick up your child.
4. **Reunification Plan:** After the lockdown is lifted, we will follow our reunification plan to ensure that children are safely reunited with their families. Details of the reunification process will be communicated via email.

We understand that this can be a stressful time, and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Our priority is the safety of our children and staff, and we are committed to keeping you informed throughout any emergency situation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

## **Washing Pods and Capsules - Child Accident Prevention Trust**

Young children are vulnerable to all sorts of dangers in the home. One of the most present issues can come in the form of every day cleaning products. Some like sink unclogger can look like fruit juice. The thick consistency and similarity to apple juice in colour make it particularly enticing. However, one threat stands out from all others in this regard. The washing pod. Many washing pods bear a striking similarity to over the counter confectionary. For children the mistake can be easy to make, especially when washing pods may be kept in a lower location than other cleaning supplies. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has recently published a page that looks to offer guidance on this issue. If interested, please follow the link below: <https://capt.org.uk/washing-pods-and-capsules/>

### **Watching and Browsing Online - Internet Matters**

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>

### **Testing Children's Eyesight in School**

As a forward-thinking school, we are committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of our current pupils and future generations. We are pleased to share the results of a school-led vision-checking project conducted in collaboration with other schools in the north of England.

#### **Project Overview**

Our project aimed to determine if specially trained school staff could accurately check the eyesight of children, helping to detect vision problems that might impact their education. A total of 12 primary and secondary schools participated, with 851 children completing both the school-led and follow-up vision checks conducted by optometrists.

#### **Key Findings**

By comparing the results of the vision checks conducted by teachers with those by optometrists, the accuracy of the assessments were found. Here are the key findings:

- Normal Vision: 707 children were found to have vision at a normal level for their age.
- Recommendations: 144 children received a letter recommending an eye test at a local optician.
- Accuracy: The school-led vision checks had an accuracy rate of approximately 80% compared to the optometrists' checks.

#### **Impact and Future Steps**

This project highlights the potential for schools to play a crucial role in early detection of vision problems, ensuring timely intervention and support for affected children. We are

proud of our staff's dedication and the positive impact this initiative has had on our pupils' health and education.

We look forward to continuing our efforts in promoting the health and wellbeing of our children, both now and in the future.

### **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.



# Ripon Ladies Cricket

ALL ages and abilities WELCOME



COME ALONG, ENJOY A NEW SPORT. HAVE A LOT OF FUN!  
**Indoor nets starts  
2nd March 3pm-4pm**

OUTDOOR TRAINING SUNDAY MORNINGS  
FESTIVALS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

For more information contact  
Beckie at [Beckie1410@gmail.com](mailto:Beckie1410@gmail.com)  
Ripon Clubhouse, Studley Road, Ripon, HG4 2QH





**Where: @ Sharow Village Hall , Dishforth Road, HG4 5BG**

**When: Friday 3:15 Pick – up @ Sharow C of E school till 6pm**

**& Wed & Thur's in the school Holidays Half days & Full days**

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2025**

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Crafts**

**Age 5 to 10  
years**

**Nature**

**Lots of fabulous Activities and games**

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& saving the planet**



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**07756 871064**



**jojoshouseemail@gmail.com  
jojoshub.my.canva.site/jojos-eco-kids**

**Open night Friday 28th March 3:30 until 5pm  
come meet JoJo and find out about the club**



## EASTER HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

**BASE  
CAMP**

AT BALDERSBY PARK,  
TOPCLIFFE.



**FRI 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** (5-11 years old)  
**SPRING DETECTIVES  
& NATURAL ART**

**MON 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** (7-13 years old)  
**FORAGE, FIRE  
& COOKING**

**TUES 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** (7-13 years old)  
**ARCHERY &  
DEN BUILDING**

**THUR 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** (5-11 years old)  
**SPRING TREASURE HUNT  
& NEST-MAKING**

**£32 PER  
SESSION**

Includes drinks & homemade snack.

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