



Weekly Bulletin 19th January 2024

Diary dates

22nd January

23rd January

25th January

2nd February

6th February

7th February

22nd February

5th -7th March

7th March

11th March

12th March

18th March

21st March

22nd March

Learning together Afternoon from 2.30pm

Parents Reading Information Evening

Safer Internet Day

Walk to School Day

Pupil Progress Meeting 3.30-6.30pm

Pupil Progress Meeting 3.30-5pm

Military Meet up Breakfast 8am

Year 6 Bikeability

World Book Day

SATS Parent information evening 5.30pm

Learning Together Morning **till** 9.30am

Parent Forum 6pm

Easter Service St John's Church, Sharow 1.30pm all welcome.

Non-Uniform Day funds going to FOSS

Learn to play a brass instrument

If your child is interested in having brass lessons during school time, please click [here](#) for further information on how to book.

Learn to play a guitar

If your child is interested in learning how to play the guitar in school time, please click [here](#) for further information and how to book lessons.

Learn to play a violin, viola or cello

If your child is interested in learning how to play a stringed instrument in school time, and is in KS2, they will have brought home a letter this week to complete.

Spelling

From January onwards our spelling routine is changing.

Although many children can accurately remember a list of 8 words for a test, they may struggle to apply these in sentences. We want children to become confident with the patterns within English and apply these to a range of words.

The main change that you will see is that there will no longer be a weekly spelling test. We will still have lists of example words but they will be shorter and used as a guide to demonstrate the spelling pattern. For more information please look at the website.

Homework

We are not a school at which homework dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination and that weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.

Although we suggested time to be spent on a task, we recognize that individual children and families need to set their own routines. Individual teachers are happy to give advice.

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves. However, children will be required to complete homework during the school day if it is not completed at home.

On a weekly basis, children are expected to read, and practice spelling and maths.

Broadly speaking these are current expectations:

	Reading	Spelling / phonics	Maths
Nursery and reception	shared reading 3 times a week	Suggestion sheets	Home challenge
Year 1 and 2	reading with an adult 3 times a week	Daily spelling practice	Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS)
Years 3 and 4	reading with an adult 3 times a week 1 x Reading Plus	Daily spelling practice	TTRockstars Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS)
Years 5 and 6	reading out loud to an adult 2 times a week 2 x Reading Plus	Daily spelling practice	TTRockstars Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS)

You can find more information on the website https://www.sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/homework_policy.pdf

RIPON WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Get active whilst helping combat climate change! Can you leave the car at home for most, if not all, of the school run?

Did you know that in North Yorkshire more carbon emissions are created by transport than anything else, and that more than three quarters of this comes from cars and vans? By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. We do what we can, when we can and every mile counts!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.

Ripon Together and Zero Carbon Harrogate will be awarding all schools that take part this year, with a gold award to those that do so most regularly – so let's build great transport habits and choose a sustainable method of travel on the day and beyond!

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Please go to www.zerocarharrogate.org.uk/walk-to-school-day for more information.

For guidance on road safety please go to <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/walking-safety-tips-for-children/>

Five ways to save money on your packed lunch

Over the last year, staple lunchtime ingredients have gone up in price at the supermarket. That's why we're sharing these five ways to save money on a packed lunch.

[Five ways to save money on your packed lunch - BBC News](#)

What will my child learning this term?

Take a look at your child's class page on the website to find out what they will be learning this term. More information about individual subjects can be found in the curriculum area of the website too.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting your children to be wearing the correct uniform. A polite reminder that hair accessories should be simple and smart. (black, brown or blue)

The school day begins at 8.45a.m.

The school day begins at 8.45am and in each classroom the learning starts promptly. Good punctuality at school is essential for children to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for children to form good habits for later life. Therefore, it is really important that your child arrives a school and on time.

What does it look like in Hawking Class?

From 8:40am when the doors open, the children practice letter formation linked to their phonics learning. We also have a fine motor skills task to develop and strengthen our finger muscles to support and promote good writing development. "After putting our things in our locker, we get straight on with our phonics letter formation practice. This helps us to become better at writing."

Staffing

Mrs Bellwood leaves us today and we wish her all the very best for her new appointment.

Happily, our recruitment for a new administrator was successful and Mrs Helen Robinson has already joined us. Some of you may have already met Helen on a morning when you have dropped off your children, as you can imagine there is a lot to learn so please bear with us whilst Helen settles in.

World Book Day 7th March

The children are invited to come to school dressed as either a character from a book, or to represent a fact from a book. They should bring the book with them as there will be activities based on their costumes and the books.

Safer Internet Day 25th January

There will be parent information sessions on Safer Internet Day, delivered by Tim Pinto. Parents who attended these last year, found them very helpful so please join us if you can. There will be a face-to-face session before the end of the school day and a virtual session later in the evening.

STEM Career

Would you like to come into school to talk about your job to the children in one of our classes?

As part of our science curriculum we want to make the children more aware of the real-life applications of science. We want to show that many people in our school community use science as part of their career or for a hobby; realising that not all scientists wear white coats.

Please complete the [form](#) below if you or someone you know are interested in sharing your experience with us.

We look forward to hearing from you and learning all about your world of work!

Miss Tye (Science Lead)

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

Information for Parents

Unlocking Autism

Unlocking Autism is a free course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs. You must live in North Yorkshire or your child attend a North Yorkshire school or setting to be eligible. Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend. [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

Please click [here](#) for information on the St John Ambulance Badger programme for children aged 10 and over.