

**Attendance**

**Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Attendance Matters**



Dear Parents,

Spring has finally arrived, the spring flowers have been basking in the lovely sunshine over the last few days, fingers crossed that the lovely weather stays with us over the weekend.

I outlined that Headteacher coffee morning would be a regular feature, somewhat later than I originally envisaged, I can confirm the dates below:

Follifoot – 04.05.25 at 9.00am

Spofforth – 02.04.25 at 2.30pm

The goal of these sessions will be to discuss initiatives running at school, informing parents of what is on the horizon and listening to views on the school. As ever if parents wish to discuss aspects relating to their individual child, please speak to class teachers or leaders at school, coffee mornings are informal and not a forum for pupil level concerns.

I was disappointed to hear of the transport challenges for the dance festival earlier this week, fortunately children were able to celebrate their skills back at school in assembly or a special performance.

Thank you to all parents that attended parent evening sessions this week, I trust messaging was clear and positive professional discussion was received.

Lots of exciting initiatives are on the horizon as we build towards the Easter break, please see the dates and events within the newsletter or reach out to the school admin team for clarification.

Kind regards,  
Rob Lakin  
Interim Headteacher

	Spofforth	
Year Group	This week	Last Week
Reception	93.75%	94.23%
Year 1	95.79%	87.84%
Year 2	94.55%	90.15%
Year 3	91.76%	97.55%
Year 4	100%	99.24%
Year 5	100%	99.43%
Year 6	90.77%	90.38%

National expectation 97%

Well done to Years 4 and 5 with 100% attendance!

**Our Worship Themes**



Values for Life: *Service*

British Values: *Democracy*

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## Dates for the diary

28 <sup>th</sup> March	Bunny Bounce (in school time)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Coffee with Mr Lakin 2.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter service at Spofforth Church 9:30am & Easter egg competition
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up 2.30pm
<b>Summer Term</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School re-opens
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Class 4 Sharing assembly 2:50pm
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Closed Bank Holiday Monday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 3 sharing assembly 2:50pm
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 2 sharing assembly 2:50pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Class 1 sharing assembly 2:50pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class 2 Tropical World Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up 3.20pm
<b>Half Term</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 'Bikeability'
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 4 Parent workshop 2:50pm
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 9:30am-12:00
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 Parent workshop 2:50pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve date for Sports Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class 2 Parent workshop 2:50pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 1 Parent workshop 9:10am
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Federation transition morning
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service 1:30pm Break up 2.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Spoffest at the Cricket Club

## General School News

### Staff Update

I am pleased to share that on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March we welcome Mrs Fardon back to school following her period of maternity leave to continue her role as class teacher in Class 4. Mrs Fardon will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I would like to thank Miss Crook for the fabulous job over the past year and we are pleased to share that Miss Crook will continue to teach Class 4 Monday and Tuesday for the remainder of this academic year.

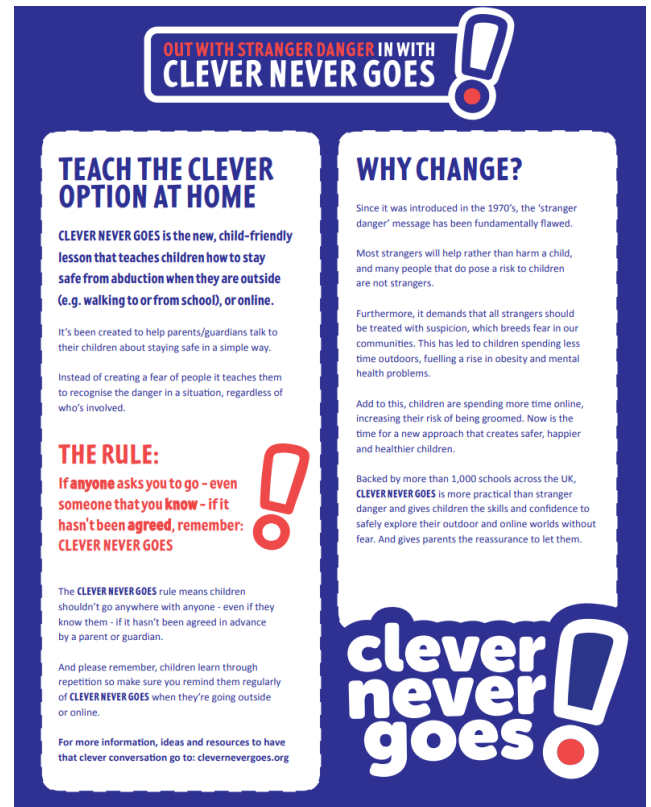
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## Safeguarding Update

'Clever Never Goes' which teaches children how to stay safe from abduction whether they are outside or online.

It's the modern, child-friendly alternative to the 'Stranger Danger' message. Rather than fearing the worst in everyone they don't know, Clever Never Goes helps children to recognise specific situations that are unsafe and gives them the tools to respond.



**OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH CLEVER NEVER GOES**

**TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME**

CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

**THE RULE:**  
 If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: CLEVER NEVER GOES

The CLEVER NEVER GOES rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of CLEVER NEVER GOES when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: [clevernevergoes.org](http://clevernevergoes.org)

**WHY CHANGE?**

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, CLEVER NEVER GOES is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

**clever never goes**

## Healthy Eating

For those children who choose to bring in a packed lunch could I please remind parents we encourage healthy options e.g. sandwiches, vegetable sticks, fruit. Please do not send sweets or fizzy drinks to school. At break time a piece of fruit / vegetable is provided for Early Years and KS1 children, in conjunction with the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, which is provided free to children under 7 years of age by this government funded scheme. Children in years 3-6 can bring in their own **fruit/vegetable** for snack time. Please find the 'Healthy Schools North Yorkshire' leaflet attached.

## Free School Meals- Important Update

From 1st April 2018 children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) at any time remain entitled until they finish either primary or secondary education. This continues even if the family finances improve.

**From 1st April 2025** entitlement to FSM will end if income increases above £7,400 annual net income over a three-month period (for example more than £1850 net income in the last three Universal Credit assessment period).

To find out more and how to apply online please go to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

## Class1

Class one are really enjoying the new water table and were proud to show their learning in this weeks' workshop focussing on Maths.



## Open Arms Malawi Fundraising

School council are organising a movie night on Wednesday 2nd April after school to raise money for Open Arms Malawi. A letter will be sent out next week.

## Community News

## Monday Monkeys Playgroup



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## Rise and Shine



If you would like to register your child for a place at Rise and Shine Breakfast Club, at Spofforth, please contact Sharon on 07841 615845 or email: [sharon1932@live.co.uk](mailto:sharon1932@live.co.uk)

**EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**PE PARTNER**  
BRICK LINDING AND IMPROVING  
TRY SOMETHING NEW

**GREAT VALUE**

**FOR KIDS AGED 5-11**

**FUN PACKED DAYS**

**EARLY BIRD BOOKING**

**CLUBS COST FROM £17 per day**

**AVAILABLE TO BOOK NOW!**

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UNTIL 1 WEEK BEFORE THE CLUBS WHEN THE PRICE WILL RETURN TO £19 PER DAY

- Allerton Bywater Primary
- Birchfield Primary
- Bury St Matthias
- The Best Building, Haworth
- Chapel Allerton Primary
- Co-op Woodlands Academy
- Co-op Brownhill Academy
- Co-op Academy Oakwood
- Farsley Farfield Primary
- Haworth Wood Primary
- Horsforth Featherbank Primary
- Holy Trinity Academy Rothwell
- Hunslet St Marys Primary
- Kirkstall St Stephen's
- Moortown Primary
- Morley Victoria Primary
- Morley St Francis Primary
- Oulton Primary
- Pudsey Lowtown Primary
- Scholes (Elmet) Primary
- Seven Hills Primary
- St James' Wetherby
- St Joseph's Wetherby
- St Augustine's Primary
- Windmill Primary

## EASTER ROCK CLIMBING

Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and we'll provide the rest.

**£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)**

**Ilkley Cow & Calf: 7th-10th, 14th-17th April 9:30-16:30**

**Brimham Rocks: 7th-9th April, 14th-16th April 9:30am-16:30**

Childcare Vouchers accepted

Book online or contact us via email

[WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](http://WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM) [INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](mailto:INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM)

**HARROGATE DISTRICT**

**EASTER 2025 HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT**

<p><b>ART CAMP</b></p> <p>Unleash your creativity and make new friends</p>	<p><b>BEWERLEY PARK</b></p> <p>Embrace outdoor adventures and learn new skills like kayaking and high ropes</p>	<p><b>ZEN SENSORY</b></p> <p>SEND specialist crafts, treasure hunts, pet therapy and more</p>
<p><b>TOTAL SPORT</b></p> <p>Join in the fun at this multi-sports camp!</p>	<p><b>INSPIRE YOUTH</b></p> <p>Make music, cook together and learn self-defence</p>	<p><b>ACTIVE NORTH YORKSHIRE</b></p> <p>Gym and pool access for young people aged 12+</p>

**Book your FREE space now!**

These are just some of the FEAST activities available in your area. FEAST is for all children and young people across North Yorkshire, with free spaces for those who receive benefits-related free school meals.

[feastny.org](http://feastny.org)

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HARROGATE

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**FDS graduate**  
**Archie Gray**

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