



# NORTH RIGTON

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## BULLETIN

# Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We were very pleased to welcome our school advisors to both schools in the Fellowship on Monday and Tuesday this week, for their very last scheduled visit of the academic year. Mark Colbourn, from YCST, visited on Monday and spent time observing lessons in all classrooms. The focus across the Trust this year has been on Adaptive Teaching and Mark was able to see it 'in action' across the Fellowship. Mike Smit, who is also an Ofsted Inspector, spent time talking to our Senior Leaders and discussing the work we have been doing on Belonging and Writing. These were two very successful visits and a very affirming way to end the summer term.

We also had our very last Local Governing Body meeting of this academic year on Wednesday, when we said goodbye to Rosemary Hunt. As many of you know, Rosemary is a previous Chair and has spent nearly nine full years as a Governor, first at North Rigton and latterly across the Fellowship. Rosemary has been a tireless supporter of the schools and we are very grateful for all she has done in this volunteering capacity.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Moving Up Morning on Thursday. They enjoyed transition and settling in activities with new classmates, new teachers and in new rooms. We were also visited by our new 2025 Reception cohort and it was lovely to see them preparing for joining 'big school'.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to say hello, goodbye and thank you to some of our staff ...

Mrs Holder will be retiring at the end of the academic year. She has worked across our school for many years, across each of the classes, and has been an intrinsic part of our school family. Thank you, Mrs Holder, for your dedication and hard work. We wish you a very happy and relaxing retirement! Mrs Graham and Miss Bruno's fixed term contracts also end at the end of this academic year. Mrs Graham has been a wonderful teacher in Tigers and has brought learning to life in many ways. Miss Bruno has led on PE as well as supporting many of our students across school on a 1:1 basis. Thank you both for your positivity and enthusiasm—we wish you both well for the future.

Mr Richards-Smith has recently joined us as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. He has begun his induction and is looking forward to working across the Fellowship full time come September.

As this is the last Bulletin of the academic year, on behalf of the whole North Rigton family, we'd like to thank you for your support and we wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Mrs Andrews and Mrs Gardiner

## YELLOW RIBBONS

### Apples -

All the Apples - Enthusiasm

### Busy Bees—

Jacob - Perseverance

Mia - Positivity

**Sporting Ribbon** - Henry (Y5) for having such a positive attitude.

### Pears—

Ella - Independence

Noah - Kindness

### Tigers—

Isabelle - Resilience

Ayda - Kindness



## HOUSE POINTS

House Points will roll over to next week.

## WHITE RIBBONS

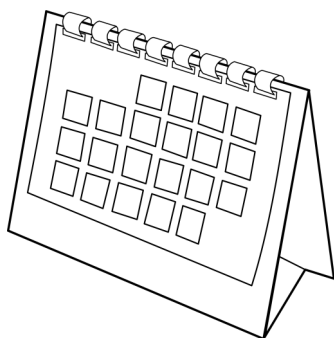
Jessica (Y4) for showing such maturity and knowledge when presenting a lesson on Coeliac disease.

### Summer Term Diary Dates

- 14.07.25** Hello/Goodbye picnic on the school field, catered for by Aspens —1.00pm start on the field— parents and carers invited. If attending, please bring a picnic blanket and your own refreshments! Field games and fun will follow
- 17.07.25** Busy Bees Final Flourish—2.45pm—3.30pm in school—parents welcome
- 18.07.25** Y6 Leavers Service—10.00am in the school hall  
Y6 Games Afternoon led by parents—1.30pm—3.00pm  
**Break up for summer at 3.30pm**  
FONR: Ice-creams at the Square & Compass after school

### Autumn Term Diary Dates (more information to follow in due course)

- 01.09.25** Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
- 02.09.25** Start of the autumn term—children in Apples begin their staggered start (week long transition)
- Grand opening of our new playground
- 22.10.25** Tigers class trip to Eden Camp
- 23.10.25** **Break up for half term**
- 24.10.25** Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
- 26.11.25** Pears class trip to Flamingo Land Zoo
- 19.12.25** **Break up for Christmas**
- 05.01.25** School reopen to all children



### Celebration Weekly Music

This week our children listened to and enjoyed ...

[Camille Saint-Saëns](#) [The Carnival of the Animals \(complete\)](#) / [Le Carnaval des Animaux](#) [\[HQ\]](#)



### Reader of the Week and Golden Writer Awards

Congratulations to Harper (Y1) who has been awarded our Golden Writer Award for working so hard with her writing.

A huge well done to Ezra (R) who was chosen as Reader of the Week for beautiful reading.

Both children have enjoyed a visit to Mrs Gardiner's stationery shop to choose their prizes. Well done!

**Reader  
of  
the  
Week**



### **Paul Dix: Quote of the Week**

"Positive noticing is different to being nice. It is deliberate and it will build your child's confidence, resilience and self-belief"

[www.pauldix.org](http://www.pauldix.org)

### **School Lunches: Price Increase**

Over the years we have tried to avoid the need to regularly increase the cost of school lunches despite numerous increases in costs. The delivery of school meals is subsidised by schools and with further increases to the National Living Wage and National Insurance Contributions, along with the cost of supplies continuing to rise, we have had to make the decision to increase the cost of lunches from September 2025. The cost of a school lunch will rise to £2.85 per day (£14.25 per week). Whilst this increase does not cover the subsidy for school, it will keep it from rising to a point that will impact other areas of the school budget.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still benefit from the governments universal free school meal. Although this is not means-tested, if you do qualify for any financial support shown below, we would encourage you to complete our online form as this could enable your child's school to claim the Pupil Premium Funding to further support them.

The Government also offer all children the opportunity to benefit from a free school meal if parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If your child is eligible for and receiving free school meals currently, this will continue.

For more information, or to apply for free school meals please visit:

[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#)



**JOIN US  
THIS  
SUMMER**

**Children and Family Activities**  
**Tuesdays, 10:30am-12pm**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July** Seas of Creation. **Fishy mosaics**  
**29<sup>th</sup> July** Creative Crosses. **Embellish & embroider**  
**5<sup>th</sup> August** Sea of Galilee. **Junk model stormy seas**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August** Tree of Life. **Fruity fabric prints**  
**19<sup>th</sup> August** Hidden Treasure. **Shiny decoupage shells**  
**26<sup>th</sup> August** Birds of the Air. **Beautiful birds & tremendous trees**

**£3 per child** (to include all crafts and refreshments).

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## Whole School Gardening

This year we have introduced a new whole school gardening curriculum, where all children are involved in Growing, Nurturing and Harvesting plants. The Apples children have been growing beans and peas. The Pears children have been planting garlic and onion. The Busy Bees children have been planting courgettes, turnips and pumpkins. The Tigers children have been planting chard and radishes. The 'Head Gardeners' (gardening club) have also grown rhubarb, nasturtium, lettuce, strawberries, sweet peas and tomatoes. We have already harvested some of our plants and Emma, our cook, has then used them in the children's meals at lunch time. Watch out for some of the lettuce at the big picnic. The classes have also taken part in an exciting 'Grow Your Own Potatoes' competition where they learnt about chitting, planting, growing and harvesting potatoes. We then had an exciting time weighing them to see who had produced the most amount of potatoes. Once again, Emma used them for a couple of roast dinners over the past two weeks. We look forward to continuing to harvest and grow many more plants next year!

