

# Newsletter

## March 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support in helping us keep everyone safe and happy at school! We are grateful for the positive feedback from local residents about responsible parking around the school. Your cooperation in parking considerably really makes a difference in keeping everyone safe and maintaining good relationships with our neighbours. Please continue to park thoughtfully and avoid blocking driveways or parking on pavements.

Again, thank you for the support with making sure that children are coming to school in the correct uniform. To confirm, children should wear plain black shoes or trainers with their school uniform. On PE days, any colour trainers are absolutely fine. Also, please ensure your child brings **only water in their water bottle**. Juice and other sugary drinks are not allowed in water bottles as we want to encourage healthy habits throughout the school.

To keep our children safe, we ask that all children are dropped off and picked up by an adult every day. This helps us ensure that children are safely handed over to a trusted adult. For children in Year 5 and Year 6, we do allow permission to walk to and from school independently if you've given us written consent. However, we are noticing many requests for Year 5 and 6 children to be released at different pick-up points to meet adults. To make this possible, you must provide walking home permission in advance. This helps us know where your child is and that they have your permission to walk independently.

### Spring Term Highlights

What a fantastic term it's been so far! We've enjoyed lots of exciting activities including:

- A magical pantomime visit that all the children loved
- Our popular Learn with Us events where parents joined their children in fun learning activities
- Trips to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park for our Year 1 and Year 2 classes, full of amazing animal encounters
- The Year 4 residential trip to Whitby, giving children a chance to learn and explore away from school
- And, most recently, a brilliant World Book Day celebration where everyone enjoyed dressing up and sharing stories

We know how important wraparound care is for many families, so we'll be sharing detailed updates about our Breakfast and Teatime Clubs in the coming weeks. Our goal is to meet the growing demand as best we can and make sure the clubs run smoothly and safely for all children who attend. Thank you in advance for your patience and support while we work on these improvements.

Once again, thank you for being such a wonderful part of our school community. We couldn't do it without you!

Warm regards,

Mr McAlinden



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### Staffing news

We would like to share a few staffing updates with our school community.

Miss Cooper has been successful in gaining a position as a Headteacher at another school in Leeds. We would like to thank her for her dedication and contribution to our school during her time with us. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every success in her new role that she starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. We have Miss Cooper for a little while longer and we will be focusing on a smooth transition of her responsibilities. As Miss Cooper leaves, I am excited to announce that we have recruited Miss Starkey to the position of Assistant Headteacher and SENCo. Miss Starkey will be visiting school in the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition, and we thank you for your patience and understanding in advance.

Sadly, Miss Standring and Miss Winstanley will also be leaving us to pursue other job opportunities. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment, and we wish them all the very best in whatever they decide to do next.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Lewis, who joins us as a lunchtime assistant. We look forward to her becoming part of our school community.

### Parent/ carer evenings and Arbor updates

This week our parent/carers evening booking system opened on Arbor. Please make sure you book an appointment before it closes on Thursday 12th March at 9am.

Parent/carers evenings will take place on Tuesday 17th March from 3:40–6:00pm and Wednesday 18th March from 3:40–7:00pm. These meetings are a great opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how they are getting on with their learning and to discuss their attendance. Attendance is a key factor in children making progress. Please encourage your children to come to school even if they are a little under the weather. We take great care of children and we will contact you should their condition become worse. Miss Cooper and Miss O' Halloran will be available on the evenings, and they will be attending some appointments alongside your child's class teacher.

Please note that Mrs Ellis will be holding her parent/carers evenings on Monday 9th March and Tuesday 10th March. This has already been shared with parents and carers in Seahorses Class.

If you are having issues with the app or require login details, then please direct all queries to the school office who will be happy to help.

Arbor update: If you need to update your child's medical, dietary, or personal details, or amend collection information, this can be done through the app by individual parents and carers.

### Sporting updates

On Tuesday 24th February 2026, our Sports hall Athletics team proudly represented the school in the City Plate Final, delivering a fantastic performance to secure a bronze medal. 🏅



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The competition was incredibly close, with teams battling it out in a series of fast-paced and exciting events. Our athletes showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. Although a couple of key races didn't quite go our way, the team gave their all and should be extremely proud of their achievement.

The future certainly looks bright for our talented young athletes. With such enthusiasm and commitment on display, we are excited to see what they will accomplish in the years ahead. For those pupils who will be leaving us this year to begin their high school journey, there will be plenty of opportunities to continue their athletics in similar competitions in Year 7.

Well done to the entire team for a brilliant effort and a medal-winning performance!

We're excited to share that our next football fixture will take place on Monday 16th March 2026, when we host Sharpe Lane Primary School in an Under 11 league match. **Please note there will be no Golden Mile on this date.**

The selected team will be shared early next week. We wish all of our players the very best of luck and look forward to an exciting game!



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### Mindmate support team

Wednesday 11th March @2pm – Resilience workshop/ Stay and play session for parents/ carers of children in Reception – Join your child for a stay and play session in class and also join a workshop led by the NHS Mindmate Support Team around resilience and settling into school. For more information, please speak to your child's class teacher or click on the link to find out more about the Mindmate Support Team. We hope to see you there!



### POPS

As always, a huge thank you to POPS for their continued, relentless work in raising money for our school. Their dedication and energy make such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and effort they give throughout the year.

It has also been wonderful to see some new faces at recent meetings and events. Fresh ideas and extra helping hands are always welcome, and it's great to see our school community continuing to grow and get involved.

The school discos before the February half term were a huge success! The dance floor was packed all evening, with plenty of enthusiasm from both children and staff — although some of the dancing from all involved may have been a little questionable! It was fantastic to see everyone having so much fun together.

Did you know that POPS have their own Facebook and Instagram pages? They regularly share event updates, important reminders, and helpful information to keep you in the loop. Click the links below and start following us today so you don't miss a thing!

<https://www.facebook.com/parentsofoulttonprimaryschool>

[https://www.instagram.com/parents\\_of\\_oultton\\_primary/](https://www.instagram.com/parents_of_oultton_primary/)



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### Dates for your diary

| Event                                                                                                         | Date                                                                         | Time                       |
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| Future Spring and Summer learn with us events will be detailed in newsletters before the term where it falls. |                                                                              |                            |
| Parents Evening                                                                                               | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026<br>Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026     | 3:40-6:00pm<br>3:40-7:00pm |
| British science week                                                                                          | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                                           | All week                   |
| Parents Evening                                                                                               | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026<br>Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 | 3:40-6:00pm<br>3:40-7:00pm |
| Comic Relief Day (more information to follow)                                                                 | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                                           | All day                    |
| Easter Egg competition                                                                                        | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026                                         | All day                    |
| KS2 Spring Sing                                                                                               | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026                                          | PM                         |
| Good Friday (school closed)                                                                                   | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026                                            | All day                    |
| <b>School opens after the Easter holidays</b>                                                                 | <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>                                     |                            |

### Confirmed training days for the 2026-27 academic year

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

We will not be confirming our final training day until a later date as we await confirmation of training being booked but I can confirm that this date will be in 2027 and not 2026.





