



**Upper
Wharfedale
Primary
Federation**

Burnsall Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring 2 newsletter. This is the first edition in our new half-termly format. We will review how this works alongside the weekly bulletin at the end of the academic year.

We intend for these newsletters to celebrate the successes and achievements of the term just completed, while also sharing key information about what to expect in the term ahead.

Looking back on Spring 1- Celebrating Our Learning

What a busy and exciting few weeks it has been across our Federation! We are so proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and resilience the children have shown in all areas of their learning

Music & Creativity KS2 Roman Songs

Our KS2 children have been exploring music in a creative way, composing their own Roman-inspired songs as part of their curriculum. This has been a wonderful way to combine history and music, with pupils developing confidence and collaborative skills through performance.

Titanic Inspiration KS1 Explorers

The story of the Titanic has truly captured the imagination of our KS1 learners. From building mousetraps to “catch the missing mouse” to learning about why and how the Titanic sank, children have been fully immersed in investigative and hands-on activities that have deepened their curiosity and understanding.

Roman History Comes Alive Murton Park Visit

KS2 children have begun their Romans history topic with real excitement. Kettlewell and Cracoe classes enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Murton Park, where they experienced life as Roman soldiers for a day. Their engagement and excitement were clear — one pupil summed it up perfectly: *“It was so good!”*

Science × DT Roman Posters with Circuitry

Linking science and design technology, KS2 also created Roman posters complete with working electronic circuits! The children showed great perseverance and ingenuity, applying their science knowledge in a practical and creative way.

Outdoors & Resilience Forest Schools & OAA

Despite a lot of chilly and wet Tuesdays and Fridays, our Forest Schools and Outdoor Adventurous Activities have continued with brilliant effort and enthusiasm. Children have learned new practical skills, built resilience, and worked effectively as teams, showing true perseverance in all weathers.

Trim Trail Fun at Grassington

The new trim trail has been a huge hit! Our pupils have enjoyed challenging themselves physically, developing confidence, balance, and coordination — all while having fun with friends.

Federation Football Success

Federation-wide football sessions have continued to be a great success this term! Children have shown fantastic team spirit, improving their skills and enjoying friendly matches together. Participation in football has also supported children’s confidence, resilience and collaboration — qualities that research shows are linked to lifelong benefits from extracurricular sport.

Gymnastics Club – Oversubscribed and Thriving

We are delighted that our gymnastics club on a Friday is oversubscribed! It’s been wonderful to see so many children enthusiastic about developing strength, balance and flexibility and making new friends along the way. Participation in clubs like gymnastics can help children build confidence, social skills and emotional well-being through structured physical activity.

Cross country

We have had a group of children from across the Federation representing us in the Keighley Cross Country League, and we have been incredibly impressed by their determination and resilience as they tackled muddy conditions and strong competition. There is just one race remaining in the series, and we wish them the very best of luck.

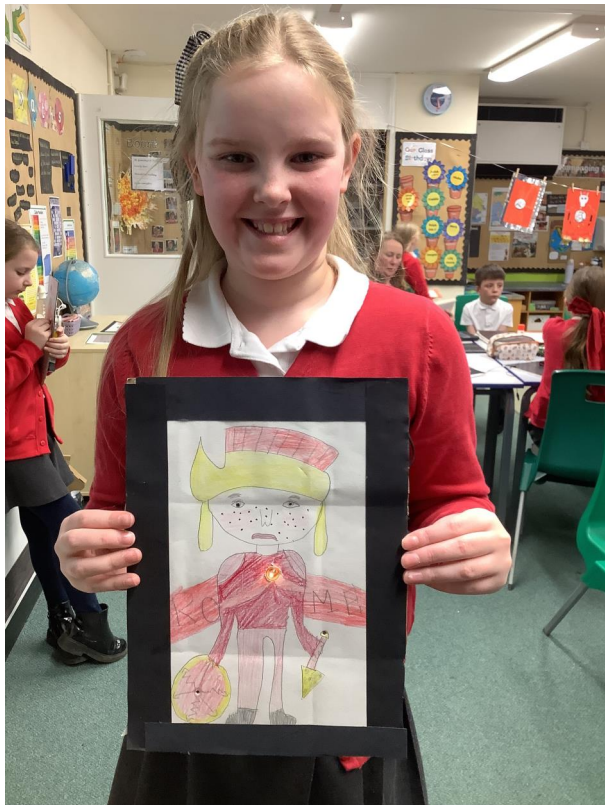
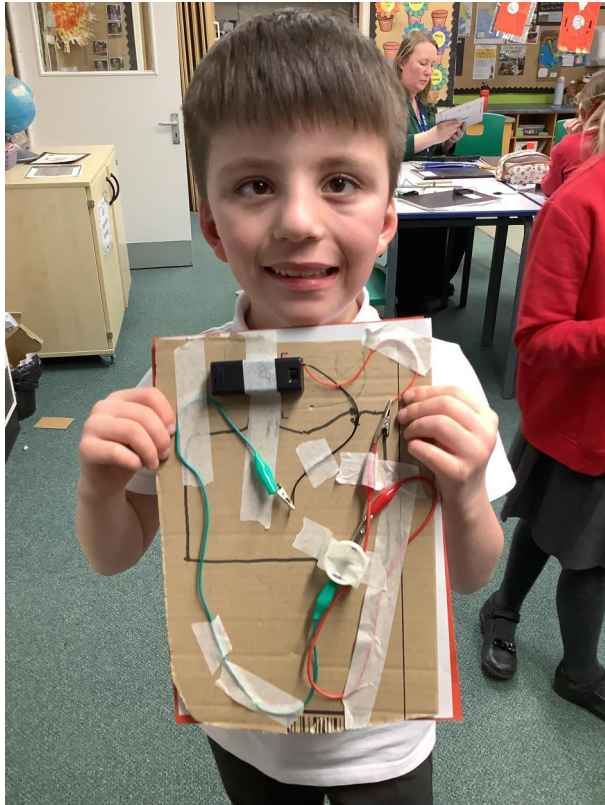
We are also delighted to now have team running vests, thanks to a generous donation from *The Mortgage Way*, arranged through one of our wonderful Kettlewell parents. The team certainly looked the part!

Here are some of our highlights

















Looking ahead to Spring 2

Spring 2 is an exciting term ahead with lots of fantastic events planned for our children across the Federation.

We begin with the second part of our Murton Park trip on **Thursday 26th February**. KS1 will also be enjoying a visit from the **Planetarium on Wednesday 25th February**, which promises to be a wonderful experience.

We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. Schools should already have been in contact regarding their individual plans for the event.

- **Keighley Cross country league**- Tuesday 10th March at Marley Playing Fields.

As part of our Federation working, KS1 will be taking part in an **Eid al-Fitr Day at Burnsall on Friday 20th March**.

Towards the end of term, we have lots more to look forward to:

- **Statutory assessment evening** - Tuesday 17th March 6pm on TEAMS (Year 1, 2, 4,6 parents)
- **Crucial Crew for Year 6** – Wednesday 18th March
- **Year 5 Rewind to Easter** – Wednesday 25th March

- **Parents' Evening – week commencing 23rd March** (individual schools will confirm specific dates)
- **Easter Fun Days in school – Thursday 26th March**

As part of our continued commitment to safeguarding, during the first week back children will take part in the **NSPCC PANTS assemblies**, supporting them in understanding how to stay safe.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term!

Grassington Trail Race

We are pleased to announce The Grassington Trail Race. Please sign up or come along and support the day.

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School

£17 ADVANCE ENTRY ON BOOKITZONE.COM
 £20 ON THE DAY
 £7 FOR AGES 10-16

THE
GRASSINGTON TRAIL RACE
 AND FAMILY DAY

10:30AM SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026
 REGISTRATION FROM 8:30AM AT GRASSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

KIDS RACES | MERCH | CAKES | BACON BUTTIES | & MORE!

ALL PROCEEDS TO GRASSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

5 MILE ROUTE
 START/FINISH AT GRASSINGTON SCHOOL

Grassington Primary PTA
 Charity Number 1110031

KS2 PE



Reminders

Year 3 and 4 will now be swimming for the rest of the year. Please make sure your child has their swimming kits with them each week

Year 5 - now have OAA - (**outdoor adventure activities**), their last session will be Tuesday 21st April. Please can you make sure that they bring a change of footwear and waterproofs/ warm clothing each week.

Safeguarding



Over the half term break, we'd like to remind you of some important safeguarding tips to help keep your children safe during this time.

- **Online Safety:** With more time at home, children may be online more frequently. Please monitor their internet use and have conversations about staying safe online. Remind them not to share personal information and to tell you if anything makes them feel uncomfortable.
- **Supervision and Stranger Awareness:** If your child is spending time outdoors or visiting friends, ensure they are in safe environments and remind them about the importance of staying with trusted adults and avoiding strangers.
- **Routines and Boundaries:** While the break offers a chance to unwind, keeping a routine around sleep, screen time, and activities will help maintain balance and well-being.

If you have any worries or concerns during the holidays, please visit our **safeguarding page**, which provides details on what to do if you are worried about a child whilst school is closed.

[Safeguarding – Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation](#)

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Dinner Money



Chiltern
Wove

100

Dinner Money Envelopes

100 GUMMED ENVELOPES

NAME _____

CLASS _____

AMOUNT _____

KS2 only - Dinner money for this half term is £101.50 - please can this be paid on parentpay. Thank you

Shine Awards



Phoebe - for an incredible improvement in your reading. You have worked so hard and it shows!

Oscar Spooner - for a great focus and concentration this week. Well done!

Eddy - fantastic work in maths. Well done.

Miller - reading so beautifully to Mrs Houghton. Well done.

Sophie - lunchtime superstar award

Half term

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and see you all back on Monday 23rd February.