



**Upper
Wharfedale
Primary
Federation**

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A Whirlwind Half Term: Reflections and Successes over Spring 2

It may have been a short half term, but we have certainly made every second count! From sporting triumphs to historical adventures and celestial journeys, our pupils across the Federation have shown incredible energy and curiosity.

Here is a look back at what we've achieved together.

Sporting Superstars

We are bursting with pride for our cross-country runners! Across all four of our schools, pupils showed grit and determination competing in the Craven and Keighley finals. Representing the Federation with such spirit is no small feat—well done to everyone who laced up their trainers and gave it their all.

Celebrating Our Love of Reading: World Book Day

We enjoyed four super World Book Days across the Federation, each bringing its own unique magic to our schools:

Burnsall: The school was transformed into a colorful world of Mr. Men and Little Miss characters. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces from the classic series roaming the halls!

Grassington & Cracoe: A vibrant array of world characters appeared, celebrating the global reach of storytelling and diverse cultures.

Kettlewell: The children arrived "Dressed for a Story," ready to dive into a day of wonderful books and shared reading.

It was a joy to see the children's enthusiasm for literature—moments like these truly foster a lifelong love of reading.

Wellbeing & Vital Life Skills

We continue to prioritize the "whole child" in our curriculum:

- Awareness: We marked Children's Mental Health Week and shared important staying-safe messages through the NSPCC "PANTS" campaign.
- First Aid: A new addition to our PSHE curriculum saw KS2 pupils learning basic First Aid. We believe this is a vital skill, especially for children living in our remote locations, giving them the knowledge to help in an emergency.

KS2: Roaming with the Romans

Key Stage 2 has been fully immersed in the world of the Romans this term. The learning truly came to life during their enrichment day at Murton Park, where they stepped back in time to experience life as legionaries.

Back in the classroom, a fantastic workshop from the Dales Countryside Museum provided the perfect hands-on link to our local history. Seeing the children engage so deeply with these artifacts has been a highlight of the term.

KS1: To Infinity and Beyond!

Our Key Stage 1 explorers have been busy traveling through space. A standout moment was their visit to the Planetarium at Cracoe, where the wonders of the universe were laid bare.

The excitement continued during our Federation RE Day at Burnsall. Not only did the sun miraculously shine for us, but the children also enjoyed: Making delicious chapatis; designing intricate Mehndi patterns; creating beautiful Eid cards. and a Special Surprise with a A few lucky groups even spotted deer coming down to play by the river during the festivities!

Building for the Future

We are committed to ensuring our school environments are the best they can be. You may have noticed some dust and scaffolding, but the results are worth it:

- **Grassington:** New fencing has been installed, and a brand-new front door is scheduled for fitting over the Easter break.
- **Burnsall:** The window refurbishment is well underway, significantly brightening our learning spaces.
- **Kettlewell:** We are excited to announce that toilet refurbishments will take place over the Easter holidays.

A Note of Gratitude

Finally, a huge thank you to all our parents and carers. Whether it was attending Parents' Evenings, providing feedback on Federation working, or supporting your child through assessments, your engagement is vital. We truly value the partnership we have with you in supporting your child's learning journey.

Wishing you all a restful and happy Easter break!

Are you eligible for free school meals? Please check using this link.

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

Free School Meals – Check if You're Eligible

All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** can receive **free school meals** automatically. However, we encourage all families to **check their eligibility**, as qualifying may also provide the school with additional **Pupil Premium** funding to support your child.


Children in **any year group** may be entitled to free school meals if parents receive certain benefits, including Universal Credit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or other qualifying financial support.

Applying is quick, and you'll receive an instant decision. Benefits cannot be backdated, so please apply as soon as possible. Even if your child already gets universal free meals in KS1, completing the application could unlock further support for your family and the school.

Please take a moment to check your eligibility and apply online.

It makes a real difference.

Meningitis

A poster with a dark background and a brick wall texture. It features several text boxes in red and white, and a small orange circle with the text 'Meningitis now'. The background also shows faint images of people sitting on a bench.

UK Health Security Agency

MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.

Meningitis now

Here are some of our highlights

























Looking ahead to Summer 1

It's that time of year again! You are spot on—the Year 6 Key Stage 2 (KS2) SATs are scheduled to begin on Monday, 11th May 2026.

To help you stay ahead of the game, here is the full breakdown of the statutory assessment windows for other year groups in England for the 2025/26 academic year.

KS2 SATs Timetable (Year 6)

The assessments take place over four days:

- Monday 11 May: English grammar, punctuation, and spelling (Papers 1 & 2)
- Tuesday 12 May: English reading
- Wednesday 13 May: Mathematics (Papers 1 & 2: Arithmetic and Reasoning)
- Thursday 14 May: Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning)

Other Statutory Assessment Weeks

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - window starting Monday 1 June

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check -Week beginning Monday 8 June

KS2 Geography Field Trips: Exploring Malham

As part of our KS2 Geography work on National Parks, we are heading out to explore the stunning landscape of Malham. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to see their classroom learning in the "wild."

- **Wednesday 29th April:** Kettlewell and Grassington
- **Thursday 30th April:** Burnsall and Cracoe

Wild Explorers: Funded Outdoor Days

We are incredibly lucky to have secured funded sessions with Wild Explorers for our Year 3 and 4 children across the Federation. These days are designed to immerse the children in nature and outdoor skills:

- **Grassington:** 22nd April
- **Cracoe:** 18th May
- **Burnsall:** 8th June

- **Kettlewell:** 22nd June

Global Spotlight Week & Commonwealth Games

Starting 18th May, we will be holding our Global Spotlight Week. This year, we are shining a light on the diverse and vibrant countries of the Commonwealth.

This week aligns perfectly with our Federation Commonwealth Games on 19th May. It will be a week full of culture, sport, and international discovery!

Federation Sponsored Walk

Get your walking boots ready! On **Tuesday 2nd June**, the entire Federation will be coming together for a Sponsored Walk. This is always a wonderful community event that helps us raise vital funds while enjoying our beautiful local surroundings.

Netherside Residential (Year 3- 6)

The countdown to our summer residential is on!

- **Dates:** 6th – 8th July
- **Information:** Please look out for a detailed information pack coming home after the Easter break. This will include everything you need to know about kits, activities, and timings and costs .

KS2 PE



Get Ready for Some Tag Rugby Fun!

We have some exciting changes to our PE schedule for the next half term. We are thrilled to announce that the children will be taking part in high-energy Tag Rugby sessions with Hedley! Each year group will get five action-packed sessions to develop their skills, teamwork, and speed over the summer term. Here is how the schedule looks for the first half of the summer:

Summer 1 PE Schedule

- Year 4 & Year 6: You'll be heading out for your sessions with Hedley one after the other, running every Tuesday until 12th May.
- Year 5: You will continue your sessions with Miss Thompson at Kettlewell until 12th May.
- Year 3 & Year 4: Don't forget your kit! Swimming sessions will continue as usual.



Save the Date: Whole Federation Commonwealth Games

Mark your calendars! On 18th May, we are hosting a massive Federation Commonwealth Games event. This will be a brilliant opportunity for all four schools to come together for a day of friendly competition and sporting celebration.

Look out for more details: We will be sending out full information about the Games right after the Easter break.

Grassington Trail Race



**£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 1140031

NEED HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S SLEEP?



Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)



**Humber and North Yorkshire
Health and Care Partnership**

Sleep clinics for families of children aged 12 months upwards in North Yorkshire

Does your child have difficulty sleeping? Have you been prescribed Melatonin and would like some help replacing this with a behavioural approach to get to sleep? Or has the Covid-19 pandemic had an effect on your child's sleep? Is it impacting on their behaviour or on family life?

Why not book one of our 1-2-1 sleep clinic appointments available via telephone or video calls?

To find out more or to book an appointment please contact Helen on helen@thesleepcharity.org.uk

Visit the website for further sleep advice and information at thesleepcharity.org.uk

Your chance to talk directly to sleep practitioners who are here to help you and your child sleep better.



TRAIL RACES

Skipton Multisport Festival 2026

Saturday 23rd May & Sunday 24th May

**For Juniors & Seniors
Aireville Park,
Skipton**



As part of the fantastic **Skipton Multisport Festival** with The Brownlee Foundation, Craven Energy and Skipton Cycling Club, a series of **Trail Runs** hosted by Skipton AC, will be based around picturesque Aireville Park.

Races for **Juniors** (Under 10s, 12s, 14s & 16s) will take place during the morning of Saturday 23rd May. An **8k Trail Race** for **Seniors** and **Juniors** aged **15+** will be in the early afternoon.

The routes will comprise canal -side paths and tree -lined grassy parkland and will be a mix of flat running with some challenging hills .



More information: [link](#)
Entries: [link](#)
Questions [Email](#)

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](#)

Key Diary Dates for Spring Term

DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer 1

Monday 13th: April Schools reopen

Friday 24th: April Stay and Play in pre school

Monday 4th: May Day – schools closed

W/B Monday 11th May: SATS week for year 6

W/B Monday 18th May: Global Spotlight week on the Commonwealth

Wednesday 20th May: Grassington and Cracoe school photos

Friday 22nd May: Schools close for half term

Summer 2 dates

Monday 1st June: Schools closed for training

Tuesday 2nd June: Schools reopen

W/B Monday 1st June: Multiplication checks for year 4

W/B 8th June: Phonics screening checks for year 1

W/B 8th June: Multiplication checks for year 4 (continued)

Thursday 18th June: Cracoe Sports Day (pm)

Monday 22nd June - Wednesday 24th June: Year 6 residential to London

Thursday 25th June: Year 6 transition day

Thursday 25th June: New reception transition visit 1 and New reception parents information evening

Friday 26th June: Stay and Play in pre school

Tuesday 30th June: New reception transition visit 2 (including lunch)

Friday 3rd July: Federation show

Monday 6th July - Wednesday 8th July: Federation KS2 residential at Netherside Hall. School nights to be agreed nearer the time. (2 will go Monday/Tuesday and 2 will go Tuesday/Wednesday)

Tuesday 7th July: Year 2 go to Federation PE as a transition visit including swimming (Kit needed)

Friday 10th July: Reports out to parents

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break!

Mrs Greenwood & Miss Thompson

Executive Co-Headteachers