



We have had an extremely busy and exciting last term with lots of trips and activities happening throughout the academy. It is also that sad time of year for us when we have to say goodbye to our current Year 6 cohort. We wish them the best of luck in their new secondary schools. A massive thank you to all of our staff, parents and pupils for another fantastic year. We hope you have a fun-filled summer and we look forward to welcoming you back on 31<sup>st</sup> August.

**Mrs K Steward**  
Principal

### Lake District

What a brilliant time everyone had at the lakes! The children spent their week hiking and climbing up mountains whilst showing huge enthusiasm and resilience. They were able to admire fantastic views and spot some of the local wildlife on their walks. The children enjoyed the experience of catching a ferry across the lakes on their trip. Every day, the children enjoyed a refreshing ice-cream to end their hike and even got to paddle in a shallow river to cool down. They were very lucky to have had great, sunny weather all week. In the evenings, the children were delighted to take part in other fun outdoor activities such as going to the park or eating roasted marshmallows and hotdogs by the bonfire. The children have made special memories with their friends that will last them a lifetime. A huge thankyou to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied the children, especially to Miss Bacon for all her efforts in organising and facilitating such a successful trip!



### Attendance

**Attendance** for the whole school for this year is **94%**. Our target is **96%**.

We have seen an improvement with individual's attendance so thank you to those parents for supporting us with this.

**Reminder:** Any child whose attendance is below 90% is classed as a **Persistent Absentee**.

**Schools are required by law to monitor attendance for children below 90%.**

Those children below 90% will be monitored closely and parents will be invited into school to discuss the reasons for their child's poor attendance.

This is a very supportive meeting to find out if school can help in any way.

### **Lateness**

For those children who arrive late on a regular basis, we would like to see an improvement in the next academic year.

### **Tips for improving lateness;**

Set an alarm, for older children, encourage your child to set an alarm.

Get uniform ready the night before, pack their school bag the night before.

Limit technology in the morning or use it as a reward if ready early.

Aim to arrive at school at 8.45am.

**Remember** - It is embarrassing for children to walk into a classroom where the learning has already started.

We are here to help, if you are experiencing difficulties with getting your children to school on time or you are worried about your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Allington.

## **#WeWill Celebrations**

Mrs Miles and pupils from Year 4 were invited to OAT's annual #WeWill celebrations this year. Amazingly, OPSA won an award for the best primary Youth Social Action Inclusion and Diversity Project. OPSA has shown outstanding effort and commitment towards all projects undertaken within school with special efforts from the Green Influencers and the Year 4's #WeWill Christmas jumper recycling project, which was a huge success. Well done to all of the pupils and staff at OPSA for all of your hard work!



## **Trip to Lincoln Castle**

The Year 5 pupils had an amazing trip to Lincoln Castle as part of their Crime and Punishment learning. They had a castle wall walking tour that provided them with beautiful views of Lincoln; played a prison game which helped them explore the story of Joseph Ralph and dressed up as Victorian Prisoners. It was great fun and they learnt lots of new and interesting historical facts and stories to take back to class.



## **Hartbeeps Visit**

The Pre-School and N1 children had a fabulous time at their Hartbeeps end of year party. They enjoyed lots of colourful beach themed sensory play, singing and dancing; it was a great experience.



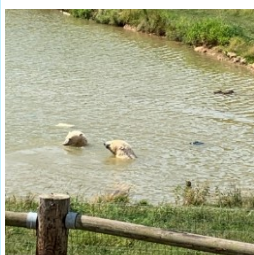
## **Reading Prizes**

Pupils were chosen by their teachers for their effort and improvement in reading. Pupils received a badge, certificate and a gift card to buy a new book. They celebrated their achievements with Mrs Stewart by having hot chocolate and delicious cakes.



## **Yorkshire Wildlife Park**

Year 6 had an amazing day out at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. We got to see a range of the different animals there such as the polar bears, the giraffes and the lions. The polar bears were so active and it was great to see them playing in the water! We enjoyed reading the different facts about the variety of animals as we walked around the park. A great day was had by all!



## **Year 6 SATs and Graduation**



We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of our year 6 pupils. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year and their results are testament to all of the hard work they have put in. It was amazing to see their faces light up when we shared their results with them. They should be so proud of themselves. A huge thank you to you as parents and carers too for all the support you have shown throughout the year. Well done year 6! Year 6's Graduation was a huge success! The song was delivered and tears were shed. Again we wish each and every one of them a successful forward journey at secondary school.



### Year 4 Singing Festival

What an amazing time Year 4 had at the Singing Festival this year! Their behaviour, attitude and singing could only be described as outstanding, making us proud, as always. Their dedication to the festival shone through and they were recognised by the organisers for their beautiful singing.



### Lego STEM Workshop

This term, Year 6 participated in a Lego STEM Workshop (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This involved children working in groups of 3 to effectively build and programme Lego SPIKE kits to solve various engineering problems. Using Lego bricks, computers and various electronic resources, the children had the opportunity to engage in a wide range of Lego Projects, such as:

A 'Wave Machine' to help greet other children.

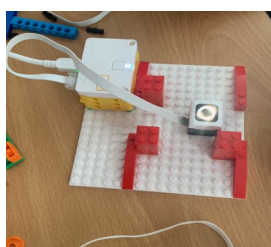
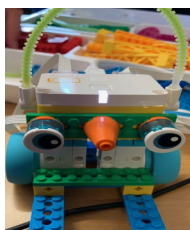
A 'Big Giant Helper Robot' to help a disabled person transport objects.

A motion operated 'See-Saw' for children in developing countries to use in the absence of quality playground resources.

A 'Rubbish Bin Monster' who would react to specific rubbish colours - a design that could affect the future of smart recycling.

The 'Final Project' involved the children designing, building and programming a Lego escape vehicle to get off an island inhabited by deadly creatures. The vehicle needed to exhibit key design features that maximised their chances of a successful escape and they had to justify their thoughts behind the design.

The session was carefully contextualised within real-world scenarios and aimed to ignite a genuine sense of awe and wonder that STEM can inspire.



### Peaks trip

Blue skies and sunshine joined us on Year 4's annual trip to the Peak District. Day 1 kicked off with a short climb up to Hathersage moor to enjoy panoramic views and picturesque surrounding countryside. After an idyllic lunch stop in Padley Gorge, they headed to the hostel in the historic village of Eyam. Early start on the Saturday and a full days hike was followed by an evening at the local park. To round off their visit, before heading home, they took a short walk through the village of Eyam and listened to the stories of how the plague of 1665 hit the village and its inhabitants. A tasty ice-cream stop was the perfect ending and to quote 'This has been my best weekend ever!'



### Wear a Hat Day

Wear a hat day was a huge success and we raised an amazing £369.14 for the Pink Rose Suite at Grimsby Hospital. Thank you for your generous donations!



### 2023-2024 term dates

**31.08.23** Children return to school after the Summer break

**20.10.23** Children finish for half term

**06.11.23** Children return following half term

**27.11.23** School closed for a Trust wide inset day

**20.12.23** Children finish at 2.30pm for Christmas

**03.01.24** Children return after the Christmas break

**09.02.24** Children finish for half term

**19.02.24** Children return after half term

**28.03.24** Children finish at 2.30pm for Easter

**15.04.24** Children return after the Easter break

**06.05.24** May day bank holiday

**24.05.24** Children finish for half term

**03.06.24** Children return after half term

**19.07.24** Children finish for Summer break at 2.30pm

