



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Issue 3 Friday 6th January 2026

This week's **STAR LEARNERS!**

This week, children across the school have been learning about British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance. Our special mentions have been chosen by adults who have seen pupils demonstrating these values in school.



Congratulations to the following children who all received a special mention this week:

EYFS – Logan R , Bella P

KS1 – Emelia, Amelia

KS2 - Eva H , Jessica, Mila C

Message from Mrs James

Dear Parents and Carers,

Its been a very busy 2 weeks in school since our last newsletter.

Last week our school choir went to Sheffield and took part in a concert of 5000 strong choir of children. It was an amazing experience for the children and a breathtaking concert to listen to.

This week Year 4 have been on their residential to Nell Bank. They threw themselves into all the activities including den building and orienteering and were a credit to school throughout the trip.

I'd like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to support these trips and make them such memorable experiences for our children.

Since our last newsletter; we have celebrated NSPCC Number Day to spread important messages about this charity and the work they do. Well done to all the children who solved the riddle they were given!

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended parents evening. I hope you found them useful. As always if you have if you have anything you wish to discuss or ask me, please contact me via the school office.

Congratulations to Mrs Edwards who is expecting her first baby in July! Arrangements to cover Mrs Edwards maternity leave will be sorted out and shared at the start of the summer term.

Finally, a couple of things to note at the end of this newsletter. There is a scouting poster for anyone who is interested and please read the information about our new wraparound

Bilton Grange PTA News! Upcoming Events!!

**Watch out for more details
about:**

Spring Discos!

**Please contact the school office if
you would like to get involved in
our PTA**

This Half Term:



- **Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th February**
NSPCC Virtual assemblies
- **Thursday 26th February**
KS1 Intra Sports Competition with Sporting Influence
- **Friday 27th February**
NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5, Y6
- **Wednesday 4th March**
World Book Day
- **Friday 13th March**
Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
- **Friday 20th March**
Red Nose Day
- **Thursday 26th March**
Rock Steady Concert

care from Friday 13th February. We are very excited this provision is now going to be part of school. Please take the time to complete the survey, we really want it to meet the needs of all our families.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs James

What's Happening In School?

What's Been Happening

Our Year 6 pupils had an absolutely unforgettable experience at the Sheffield Arena, where they joined thousands of other children to form the world's largest school choir in a spectacular, high-energy performance. From mastering complex harmonies to performing alongside professional musicians and special guests, the children showcased incredible confidence and teamwork, creating memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime.



Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time during their Nell Bank residential, throwing themselves into outdoor adventures and building lasting bonds through teamwork and exploration. From navigating the beautiful woodland trails to conquering team challenges, the children displayed wonderful resilience and returned home with a newfound sense of independence and plenty of stories to tell.



Our KS1 children had a roaring success on "Dino Day," where they were absolutely captivated by a visit from Steve, a real-life dinosaur expert! From handling prehistoric fossils to learning fascinating facts about the giants of the past, the children's curiosity was sparked as they spent the day acting like mini-palaeontologists.



This Term's Clubs

Monday – Schools Out
Monday – Netball Club KS1&KS2 tbc
Tuesday – Gymnastics Club AM – KS2
Tuesday – Football Club PM – KS2
Tuesday – Art Club KS1 and KS2
Wednesday – Drama Club – KS2
Wednesday – Nerf Club – KS2
Thursday – Dance Club AM – KS2
Thursday – Toast and Arithmetic AM - Yr6
Thursday – Gardening Club – Y3/4
Thursday – Lunchtime Book Clubs – UKS2
Friday – Football KS2 AM
Friday – Lunchtime Choir

Mr Bolton's Wellbeing and Safety Corner

What is UPF? (For Parents)

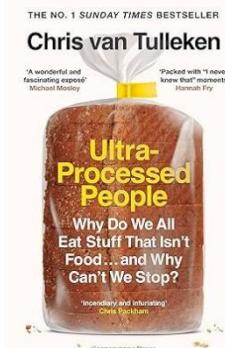
UPF means *Ultra-Processed Food*. These are foods that have been made with lots of extra ingredients, like flavourings, colourings, or preservatives. Examples include fizzy drinks, packaged snacks, and ready meals. While they can be handy, they don't always give children the best fuel for learning and play. A great way to support your child's wellbeing is to add more "whole foods" into everyday meals—like fruit, vegetables, beans, oats, or home-cooked dishes. Small swaps, such as fruit instead of sweets, or porridge instead of sugary cereal, can make a big difference over time.

Simple UPF Swaps

- Fizzy drink → Sparkling water with a splash of fruit juice
- Sugary cereal → Porridge with fresh fruit
- Crisps → Plain popcorn or crunchy veggie sticks
- Chocolate bar → Banana or apple slices with peanut butter
- Ready meal → Batch-cooked pasta with tomato and veg sauce

Small changes like these add up, helping children enjoy tasty foods while getting more natural goodness.

For more information on UPF, read '*Ultra-Processed People* by Chris Van Tulleken' also free to borrow on the Libby App. See also 'What Not to Eat' on Channel 4.



School Office Updates

Please remember to pre-order school lunches ready for next half term. The menus will be available on Schoolgrid over half term.

If you planning to use childcare vouchers / tax free childcare for the Hive from Friday 13th February you must send us your reference numbers to enable to book using them.

Have a lovely weekend!

Thank you!

Mrs Hornby



We are very excited to be taking over The Hive from Friday 13th February. Today, parents should have received their login details for the parent app to book sessions; although we are not able to open for the February half-term, we will be open for all future holidays (apart from Christmas) and training days too.

If you haven't had the chance, please complete the survey below to let us know if and how you might use this service.

[Bilton Grange Primary School - Harrogate Hive – Fill out form](#)

Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 th – Thursday 12 th February	NSPCC Virtual Assemblies
Half-Term	
Thursday 26 th February	KS1 Intra Sports Competition with Sporting Influence
Friday 27 th February	NSPCC Workshops, Y2, Y5, Y6.
Wednesday 4 th March	Athlete Event
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 13 th March	Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 26 th March	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 27 th March School Closes 2PM	

TIME FOR FUN GET INTO SCOUTING

BEAVERS

Age 6 to 8

SCOUTS

Age 10 to 14



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Age 8 to 10

EXPLORERS

Age 14 to 18



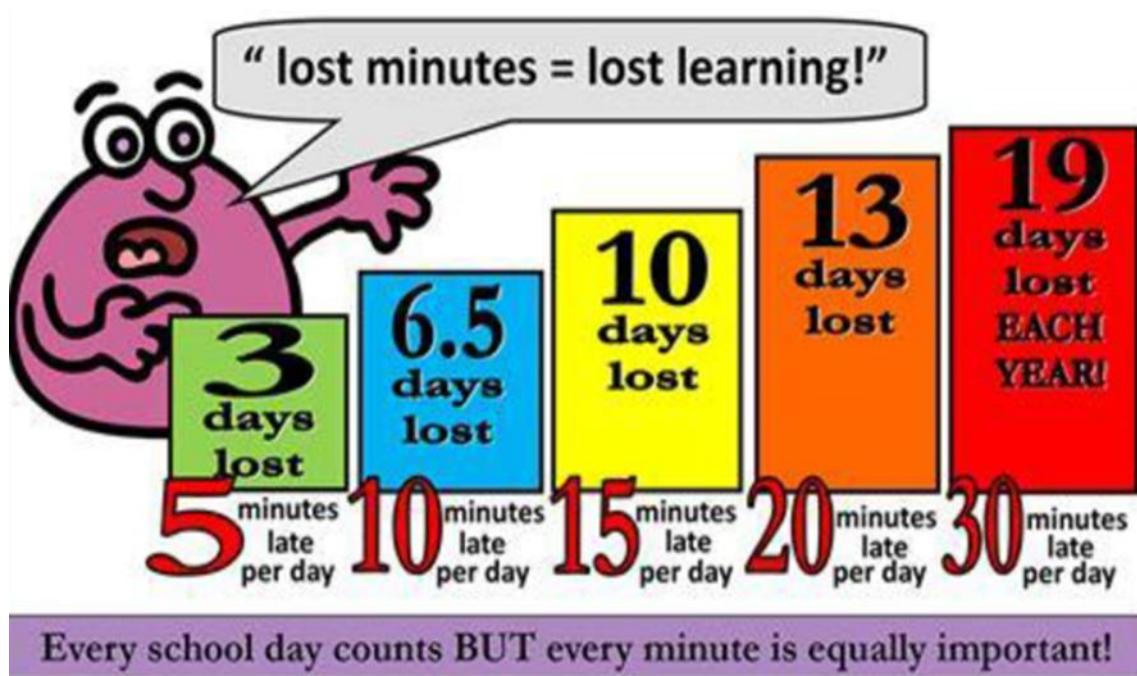
3RD HARROGATE SCOUT
GROUP

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Attendance at Bilton Grange

Why is it important to be on time for school each day?



Tips for parents - Are you having trouble getting your child to school?

If so, a set routine can help:

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

Thank you for your support in helping your child get to school on time each day!