



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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This week's **STAR LEARNERS!**

This week children across the school have enjoyed learning about David Attenborough and have developed a greater love and respect for the natural world. They have also learnt the importance of caring for the environment and working together to protect our planet.



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

EYFS – Edward, Ethan, Charlotte, Leon

KS1 – Rowan, Beau

KS2 - Elizabeth, Riley T, Alfie B, Juanita, Alexa, Emily E, Emily C, Sienna K

Message from Mrs James

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can tell from the calendar, this half term is incredibly busy in school. This is particularly the case for our Year 6 children as they embark on their last term at primary school. They have worked incredibly hard this year getting ready for the upcoming SATs and their transition to secondary school and everyone in school is incredibly proud of all of them. The year 5/6 team are already pulling together the traditional end of term events and dates for these will be in this newsletter in the next few weeks.

A reminder Mrs Gibson is running a Year 1 Phonics Check Information Evening on Wednesday 13th May in the school hall straight after school which will cover the Phonics Screening Check taking place in June for our year 1 children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs James

Bilton Grange PTA News! Upcoming Events!!

Upcoming events:

**Friday 21st May
Family Bingo Night
Book your tickets on
Arbor!**



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

Coming up this Half Term:



- **Wednesday 13th May**
KS1 Phonics Screening Parents Meeting
- **Friday 15th May**
Y3/4 Sporting Influence Itra Sports Competition
- **Tuesday 19th May**
Class photos
- **Tuesday 19th May**
Y6 French Breakfast Event
- **Wednesday 20th May**
Reception New Starter Transition Evening
- **Friday 22nd May**
Non-uniform day – Yorkshire Cancer Research UK
- **Friday 5th June**
Y3/4 Brownlee Triathlon
- **Wednesday 10th June**
Bedtime Stories – New Starters 2026
- **Wednesday 20th May**
Reception New Starter Transition Evening
- **Friday 12th June/19th June**
Reception New Starter Visits

Charity Fundraising

London Marathon



Huge shout out to our Chair of Governors, Gill Clarke who ran the London Marathon in support of Pancreatic Cancer last weekend! What makes her accomplishment even more inspiring is that she began her journey unable to run at all, showing remarkable determination, resilience, and commitment every step of the way. Through months of dedication and perseverance, Gill not only crossed the finish line but also raised important funds and awareness for a vital cause. Her achievement is a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished with courage and purpose, and we are incredibly proud of her.

Yorkshire Three Peaks



Some of our staff are taking on the Three Yorkshire Peaks challenge to raise money for Yorkshire Cancer Research UK, inspired by our brave colleague Julie Miller as she continues her recovery after bowel cancer. Staff have dedicated countless hours to training, showing real commitment and teamwork as they prepare for this demanding challenge.

The charity funds vital research, improves early diagnosis, and provides crucial support for those affected by cancer across the region.

If you would like to support this wonderful cause, please visit:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/biltongrango?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



What's Happening In School

What's Been Happening

The children in Sunflower Class have really enjoyed their final Forest School session of the year. They have shown great courage by taking risks and have learnt many new skills during their experience.



Clubs

Reception had a fantastic time at Science Club exploring solids and liquids. They even made their own gloopy glue and learnt how materials can change.



In other news

We were thrilled that Harry Gator could join us for 'Walk to School Wednesday!'

The children had great fun meeting him while learning about the importance of walking to help care for our planet, just as David Attenborough encourages us to look after the natural world.



This Term's Clubs

Monday – Schools Out

Tuesday – Gymnastics Club AM – KS2

Tuesday – Football Club PM – KS2

Tuesday – Art Club KS1 and KS2

Wednesday – Drama Club – KS2

Wednesday – Striking and Fielding - KS2

Thursday – Lunchtime Book Clubs – UKS2

Thursday – Scatterball Club – Rec/KS1

Friday – Football KS2 AM

Friday – Lunchtime Choir

Sports Competitions

April 29th and May 6th – Tchoukball - LKS2

May 13th and May 20th - Rounders – LKS2

June 10th and June 17th – Rounders – UKS2

June 24th, July 1st and July 8th – Scatterball – KS1

Mr Bolton's Wellbeing and Safety Corner

Getting outside for a walk can have a powerful impact on both our physical and mental wellbeing for children and adults alike. Even a short daily walk can help improve heart health, strengthen muscles and bones, support sleep and boost energy levels. Walking outdoors also gives us time away from screens and busy routines, helping to reduce stress and anxiety while improving mood and concentration. Time spent in nature can be especially calming for children, supporting emotional regulation, confidence and overall wellbeing.

We are very lucky in Harrogate to have beautiful free outdoor spaces right on our doorstep. Places such as Valley Gardens, Hookstone Woods and Nidd Gorge are wonderful places for a family walk, bike ride, picnic or simply a chance to slow down and enjoy nature together. Sometimes the simplest activities can have the biggest impact on our wellbeing.

Mrs Young's Talking Tips



Talking tip:

Create a talk box- this is an exciting way to ensure conversations take place in your home. Collect items to add to your box such as a leaf or a photo. Talk about the items and where they came from together.

School Office Updates

Please return any consent for routine educational visits forms asap.

Bookings for our holiday club have now gone live on Arbor if you need to book places.

Thank you!
Mrs Hornby



the
Hive
at Bilton Grange Primary School



**Spring Half-term
HOLIDAY CLUB**

COME ALONG AND JOIN US
for fun and active
holiday care for primary
school aged children in
the Harrogate area



Tuesday 26 May 2026
Wednesday 27 May 2026
Thursday 28 May 2026
Friday 29 May 2026
Monday 1 June 2026

Short Session (£25):
9:00am to 3:00pm

Full Session (£35):
7:30am to 4:30pm

For parents of children attending Bilton Grange Primary School,
please book as soon as possible via your Arbor account

If your child does not attend Bilton Grange Primary School, please
telephone 01423 502375 or email biltongrange@ycatschools.co.uk
to find out how to book places

Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event
Friday 15 th May	Y5/6 Valley Gardens Trip
Tuesday 19th May	Class Photos
Tuesday 19 th May	Y6 French Breakfast Event
Wednesday 20 th May	Reception New Starter Transition Evening
Thursday 21 st May	PTA Family Bingo Night
Friday 22 nd May	Non-uniform Day – Yorkshire Cancer Research
Friday 22 nd May School Closes for Half Term (normal finish time)	
Friday 5 th June	Y3/4 Brownlee Triathlon
Wednesday 10 th June	Bedtime Stories New Starters 2026
Friday 12 th /19 th June	Reception New Starter 2026 Visits
Watch this space for dates for other exciting events!	
Friday 17 th July School Closes for end of Term (2pm finish)	