

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

There are certainly some very excited children in school today! We have seen some fantastic costumes embracing the Halloween theme, and the children are clearly looking forward to the celebrations. The disco has also been a real source of excitement, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to Layfield Roots for all the hard work that has gone into organising this wonderful event. Your time and effort are very much appreciated.

It has also been an incredibly busy week in school, with trips and visits taking place every day as we continue our quest to enrich the curriculum and provide the children with engaging and memorable learning experiences. On Monday, our Year 6 children visited Yarm School for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Experience Day. On Tuesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in an athletics event, where I am very proud to announce that we achieved second place! On Wednesday, our Reception children enjoyed a visit to Yarm Library, providing a lovely opportunity to explore books and develop their love of reading.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Layfield for their continued hard work and dedication in ensuring that our children can access these wonderful events and experiences. It is through these opportunities, alongside the fantastic learning taking place in the classroom every day, that we continue to broaden the children's horizons and support their development.

It has certainly been a successful, albeit busy, start to the 2026–2027 academic year, and I think the children have certainly earned a well-deserved rest over half term! I hope you and your families enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable break together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning and new experiences.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week (Thurs-Thurs) is summarised below. Well done to Year 2 for having the highest attendance this week!

Nursery	92.64%
Reception	98.12%
Year 1	97.70%
Year 2	99.21%
Year 3	92.26%
Year 4	91.96%
Year 5	96.79%
Year 6	94.16%

Whole School Attendance:
Cumulative attendance, since
September, is shown below:

Nursery	95.03%
Reception	96.59%
Year 1	96.80%
Year 2	97.14%
Year 3	95.46%
Year 4	94.49%
Year 5	98.79%
Year 6	93.79%

Cumulative whole school
attendance:
96.0%

Attendance	Description
98-100%	Excellent
95-97.9%	Good
92-94.9%	Caution (Below national)
90-91.9%	Cause for concern
89.9 or below	Presistent Absence Serious Concern

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

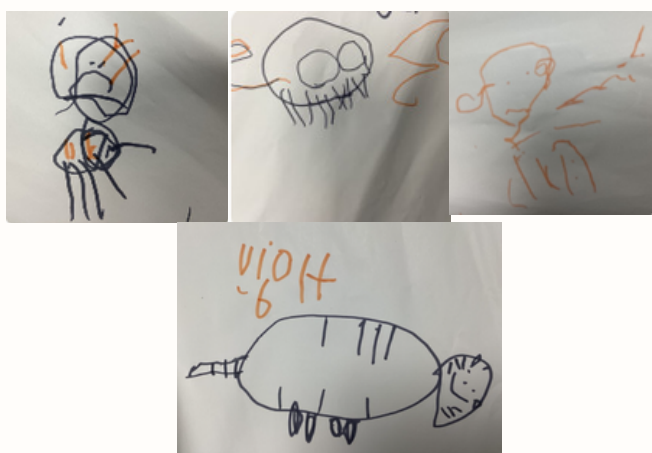
Please contact Miss Lock, Mrs Smith or Mr Pinkham if you have any safeguarding concerns.

THIS WEEK IN

NURSERY

Nursery listened to a story about a tiger called, 'Augustus and his Smile'. They drew some fantastic pictures of Augustus.

They also had a music lesson from a visiting teacher called Mrs Turton.



RECEPTION

Reception had a lovely time at Yarm Library. We enjoyed looking through some books and listening to stories.



YEAR 1

In Year 1, the children have been showcasing their jumping skills following a half term of learning and practise. They have also been enjoying a range of maths and writing challenges, consolidating their addition skills by exploring number parts and getting creative by writing lists for spells!



YEAR 2



Year 2 pupils this week have produced spooky monster texts focussed on using full independent clauses and conjunctions. In maths, we have been counting up and down on number lines to solve some spooky addition and subtraction problems.

On Wednesday, all pupils had a great time taking part within the UV dodgeball event. Have a wonderful half term break everyone!

YEAR 3

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed dodgeball warm up games and had a fantastic couple of rounds of dodgeball after playing versions of the game such as infection.



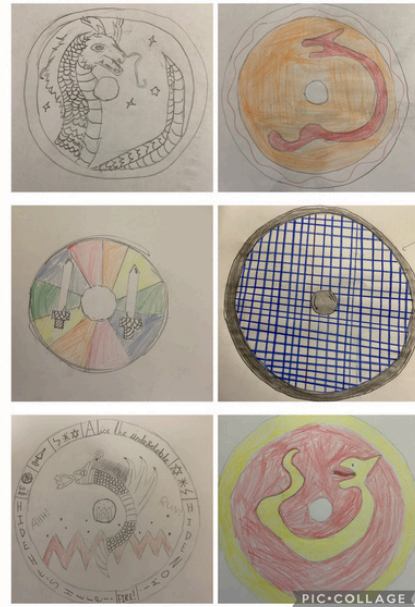
YEAR 4

Year 4 had a fantastic time taking part in their UV Dodgeball session! The children had lots of fun playing games, showing off their skills and working together as a team. Their favourite game was Dress the Zombie. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and having fun. Well done, Year 4!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons in our History lessons. We enjoyed finding about the different Kingdoms and deciding which Kingdom we would have liked to have lived in. The children used their artistic skill to re-create a shield representing their chosen kingdom.



YEAR 6

It's been a busy and exciting week in Year 6! We've enjoyed a fantastic STEM day at Yarm School, had lots of fun during our UV Halloween PE session and even started creating our clay heart sculptures in Art!



SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday 2nd November - Friday 11th December 3:30pm-4:30pm

MONDAY	Choir - Year 1 - Year 6 (Mrs Rosana Turton)
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts – Reception to Year 6 Karate – Year 2 to Year 6 (Yarm Martial Arts)
WEDNESDAY	Football – Reception to Year 2 (DF Coaching) Diva Dance – Year 1 to Year 6 (Miss Rachael)
THURSDAY	Sports Stars – Year 1 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)
FRIDAY	Dodgeball – Year 1 to Year 3 (DF Coaching) Football – Year 3 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)



WEEKLY MENU 1



Weeks beginning - 31st August, 21st September, 12th October, 2nd November, 23rd November & 14th December, 2026

Dish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional	Toad in the Hole Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Cobbler Creamed Potatoes Broccoli Diced Carrots	Homemade Pizza Roasted Potatoes Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon & Pineapple Baby Boiled Potatoes Garden Peas Baked Tomato	Harry Ramsden Fish Fillet Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Popular	Mini Cheese Slice Potato Wedges Baked Beans	Fish Star Baked Jacket Potato Baked Beans		Jacket Potato Filled with Tuna	
Vegetarian	Quorn Toad in the Hole Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables	Quorn Cobbler Creamed Potatoes Broccoli Diced Carrots	Mediterranean Quorn Bolognese Homemade Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato Filled with Cheese or Baked Beans	Baked Cheese Roll Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Sandwich Selection	Tuna Mayonnaise Potato Wedges	Roast Ham Baked Jacket Potato	Egg Mayonnaise Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Jacket Potato	Cheese Oven Baked Chips
Dessert	Apple Crumble & Custard Sauce Crispy Cake Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge & Custard Sauce Iced Bun Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Sauce Raspberry Bun Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Lemon Sponge & Custard Sauce Cup Cake Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Decorated Iced Sponge & Custard Sauce Ice Cream Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit

Available daily – Salad bar, milk and drinking water

All our menus are compliant with the School Food Standards - we only serve farm assured meat, MCS fish and free range eggs. Low fat milk. If you require advice regarding allergens, please contact the School Catering Supervisor.



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