



Highlight of the week:
Year 1 & 2

The Seahorses and Dolphins have had an action-packed term, balancing out-of-this-world space exploration with hands-on problem-solving! They blasted off into history by learning all about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 moon landing, an experience brought vividly to life by an immersive visit from the Wonderdome planetarium. Back on Earth, the children faced a dramatic challenge when a mischievous "wolf" wrecked their classrooms, prompting them to design and build their very own wolf traps. They brilliantly channeled this excitement into their literacy lessons, using their engineering feats to write detailed, step-by-step explanation texts on exactly how to catch the furry culprit.



SEND Central offer many resources, guidance, workshops and support groups for parents and carers of children with SEND. To take a look at what they offer, please visit the website link below.

<https://www.yorksend.org/support-parent-family/parent-carer-support-groups>

Or follow this link for the timetable of events at SEND Central

<https://www.yorksend.org/parents/send-central/4>

Stars of the week

15th May

Eddie Sanderson
Albie Bailey
Christian Manase
Zaynab Sameer
Poppy Whitwell
Sophie Dobson
Connor Spencer
Canaan Unoma
Ashleigh Haywood

Class

Orcas
Turtles
Seahorses
Dolphins
Stingrays
Pufferfish
Sharks
Whales
Sea Otters

22nd May

Connie Burns
Amelia Kedra
Ava Greenwood
Brodie McSweeney
Theo Lant
Mia White-Lawton
Alexa Hale
Kai Hallett
Elliot Lee-Allen



Celebrating Care and Looking Forward

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderfully busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the incredible highlights from across the school and look ahead to the exciting weeks to come.

Exploring Our Value of Care

Over the last few weeks, our school community has been exploring our core value of **care**. It has been beautiful to see how the children have embraced this. We have been learning about the inspiring people who show care every single day through their jobs, from healthcare workers to emergency services.

We also took a step back in time to look at famous historical figures who dedicated their lives to caring for others. A particular highlight was celebrating the birthday of the heroic Grace Darling. The children were absolutely captivated by her bravery and kindness, and it sparked some wonderful discussions about how we can all be everyday heroes by showing care to those around us.

Spectacular Class Assemblies

I have been incredibly proud to watch our Reception and Year 1 class assemblies recently. It always completely impresses me to see just how much knowledge the children have absorbed throughout their topics. More than that, seeing how confidently they stand up to impart their knowledge to all of us is nothing short of magical! A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for these special assemblies. Your presence means the absolute world to the children and fills the room with such warmth and encouragement. Thank you for your continued support.

Looking Ahead: Transitions and Celebrations

When we return for the final half term of the academic year, our focus will shift towards transitions and preparing the children for their next big steps. We will soon be sharing details with you about your child's new teacher and class for next year.

Please remember that the final half term is a balancing act—it is just as much a celebration of everything they have achieved this year as it is a preparation for their next stage. We want the children to feel confident, excited, and proud as they look to the future.

- **Moving Up Day:** Our official Moving Up Day will be on **Wednesday 1st July**. On this day, the children will move into their new classrooms and spend the day with their new teacher to get a wonderful feel for the year ahead. More detailed information will follow soon.
- **We Are Here to Listen:** Change can bring about a mix of big emotions. If you or your child have any worries or concerns at all about the upcoming transitions, please do come and speak to your child's class teacher. We are always here to support you.

I wish you all a restful, safe, and incredibly happy half term break! I hope you get to enjoy some wonderful family time, and I look forward to welcoming the children back for a fantastic final stretch of the year.

Roman Festival Learning

York Museums Trust are running a free Roman History Livestream on Thursday 21 May, 10-12pm. Involving interactive learning sessions in which children will be able to view unique artefacts and take part in fun activities. For my information email schools@ymt.org.uk or call 01904 650348.

25th - 29th May	May Half-Term
Monday 1st June	Pupils return for Summer 2

Class Attendance

11 th - 15 th		18 th - 22 nd
93%	Orcas	87%
93%	Turtles	93%
91%	Seahorses	91%
96%	Dolphins	97%
92%	Stingrays	94%
100%	Pufferfish	98%
89%	Sharks	84%
94%	Whales	93%
97%	Sea Otters	99%
95%	Whole School	94%

IF YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR
3RD BIRTHDAY BEFORE
AUGUST 31ST 2026

WE WOULD LOVE THEM TO
JOIN US IN **TEAM ORCA**
IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE
THEIR FIRST STEPS ON
THEIR SCHOOL JOURNEY.



Have a chat with **Mrs Carolan** in
Nursery or call in at the school office