



**Skelton**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter - Friday February 14th 2025**



Thank you for an amazing start to 2025! We have a fortnight of good food (handmade pizzas and homemade bakes for charity!), good dancing (the moves were electric!) and good company! Thank you for the generous donations to our bake sale - we raised over 60 pounds! We have been enjoying our final day of the half term in our comfy clothes for York Inspirational Kids! Please check the messages for information about next half term's clubs, parent workshops and other important dates. Have a wonderful half term and we can't wait to see you back at school on Monday 24th February.

Ms El Oakley and the Skelton team

### **A note from the Editors-in-Chief**



We met to type up our notes this week over lunch and turn them into a summary. Some of us are faster typists than others - we think we need to add touch typing into our computing lessons! We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

T and A



## Dispatches from Robins Bonjour from Robins!



We are looking forward to drawing unicorns and building obstacle courses outside! We are enjoying learning about music - we can find the beat. We have also been enjoying Jigsaw as we are talking about what we want to be when we're older - I want to be a teacher! We have been learning about the Gingerbread Man and we made gingerbread men. We got eggs, butter, powdered ginger, flour, golden syrup and sugar. We mixed it up and rolled it out then used a cookie cutter to make the gingerbread men. Mmm delicious! We loved the disco - it was a fun surprise to see the lights and to dance! The games were really fun. One of us has been swimming and can open our eyes underwater with goggles - wow!



## Dispatches from Woodpeckers

Hello from Woodpeckers editors!

We're looking forward to going to the disco, the football champions and a birthday party! Our favourite subjects at the moment are art because we get to paint with our favourite colours and today we are making rockets out of junk materials in Computing. We have been reading Fantastic Mr Fox - it's a 10 out of 10! We have been to Pizza Express and made our own delicious margarita pizzas. First, you get a circle of dough, spread it out with your fingers, then put tomato sauce on it, spread it with your fingers, put cheese on and put it in the oven. We didn't like it - we LOVED IT! We also had a bake sale - we wanted to eat everything! We were raising money for a Jewish visitor who brought in the Torah scroll - it is made out of animal skin! We learnt that Judaism is one of the oldest religions and Jewish people have special rules to follow. They also have special rest that starts on Friday evening and ends on Saturday evening. Have a great half term everyone!



## Dispatches from Owls

Góðan daginn from Owls! That means good afternoon in Icelandic - Mr Barker has taught us that! We're looking forward to more swimming, as our last couple of lessons have had to be cancelled. One favourite subject is history and geography as we like to learn about the world. We learned that the English tribes - like the Iceni - resisted the Roman invasions (some of them did welcome them though). Ask us more about Boudicca and the Iceni! We are having an afternoon party today as we have had such a good week! We all loved the disco - everyone was jumping up and down. The cowboy song did make us feel very dizzy though!



## Dispatches from Kingfishers

Greetings from the Kingfisher editors!



Kingfishers have stated they are looking forward to more school trips - especially the play of the Tempest written by William Shakespeare - and the school disco! We have been informed that art is a current favorite subject because you can learn, create, draw and learn from your mistakes. Maths is another favourite due to all the different things you can do! One Kingfisher reported that she adores PE (physical education) because she wants to be Messi and because she loves sports! Last week we did a virtual reality session and it was extremely fun! It was all about space - we got to see a black hole! We got to see the moons of Saturn - there were a lot. We think there are 162? We also got to "stand" on the International Space Station and looked down to see Earth. That was actually a bit scary! The bake sale on Tuesday was really exciting - and yummy. We raised a little over 62£. Thanks to everyone for helping with the cakes and brownies - :-). The school disco was really fun! Additionally the sweets were delicious.

## The Skelton Spotlight

This week, Woodpeckers chose to interview Miss Darvill!

### How long have you worked at Skelton?

I have been here for a little over a month now and will be back five days a week after half term. I'm super excited to continue teaching Woodpeckers!

### Who was the first member of staff you met?

Miss Chaplin at reception was the first member of staff I met. She was very helpful and welcoming.

### When did you join Skelton?

I joined Skelton in the middle of January teaching Wednesday - Friday in Woodpeckers.

### What was your favourite book when you were little?

When I was little my favourite book was Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson as my mum used to read the book using different voices. When I got a bit older, I loved reading any David Walliams stories.

### What's your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is Despicable Me and the Bee movie. I love an animated film.

### What's your favourite food?

I love all food but my favourite food by far is sushi. The only food I don't like is peas as I don't like the texture!

### What did you want to be when you grew up?



When I was younger I wanted to be a teacher!

**What's your secret talent?**

My secret talent is I am an INCREDIBLE dancer - my best dance move is the worm.

**What's your favourite nail design?**

I love getting my nails done and I often have different designs and patterns on my nails. I usually have different coloured flowers but this week I'm getting hearts on my nails for Valentines Day.

**Why did you want to work at Skelton?**

I love working at smaller schools because there's such a nice sense of community. I loved Skelton in particular because I love how friendly and welcoming all the children were from the first day I arrived. Children throughout the school always say hello and are very chatty and kind. The staff are also very helpful and friendly.

**Where's your favourite place?**

My favourite destination is Norway. I travelled there last year on a cruise and walked to see a glacier, the whole country was beautiful.

**What do you like to do to relax?**

I like to go to the gym to relax as I find exercise to be really good for the mind. I also love reading and often read a book in the evening. The final way I like to relax is by cooking. I like trying to come up with new recipes and enjoy making delicious meals for people.

## Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

### Call for Reading Ambassadors!

Are you a bookworm? Do you like reading a variety of texts and love talking about these? 10 shiny reading ambassadors badges are awaiting Skelton pupils who love reading! To apply, please create a poster to encourage your peers to read your favourite book and bring it to your class teacher Monday 24th February. We look forward to seeing your entries!

### Improving parental engagement

We want to further enhance our community links over the next half term. We will try to anticipate parental appetites for workshops and in school events further but we would love to hear from you! If there is anything you would like to see from school, please email [hello@ske.hslt.academy](mailto:hello@ske.hslt.academy) with your suggestions.

### Raising aspirations

As part of our personal development goals, we would love to draw on our wider community to raise aspirations. If you would be interested in coming in and doing a Q&A session or presentation for pupils about your career journey, we would love to hear from you. We would love to provide pupils with exposure to a broad range of careers, traditional and non traditional. Please email [hello@ske.hslt.academy](mailto:hello@ske.hslt.academy) to register your interest.

### Lost property

Please make sure your children's items are labelled, including water bottles and jumpers.

### PE Days

| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|               | Kingfishers    | Woodpeckers      | Owls (Swimming) | All classes   |

### Upcoming Clubs

| <u>Day</u>       | <u>Lunch</u>                                | <u>Staff</u>                         | <u>After school</u> |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Monday</u>    | Coding Club (KS1/2)                         | Ms El Oakley                         | KS2 Football        |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   | Art Club KS2                                | Mrs Naylor/ Ms EL Oakley             | Dance               |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | School Council/ Editors (alternating weeks) | Ms El Oakley                         |                     |
| <u>Thursday</u>  | Colour Me Calm (KS1/2)                      | Miss Darvill/ Miss Tyler/ Mrs Hunter |                     |
| <u>Friday</u>    | Football Club                               | Mr O'Connor                          | Multi-Sports        |
|                  | Book Club                                   | Mrs Naylor                           |                     |

## **A message from Friends of Skelton**

Thank you for all your support - the disco was a huge success! We'll be back in touch next half term with more exciting plans.

### **Dates for your diary**

Please see all important dates below. Further dates, such as sporting fixtures, are in the process of being confirmed. We will inform parents via the newsletter when further dates are added.

### **Spring Term**

| <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Focus</b>                                      | <b>Time and place</b>  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>w/c 17th February Half Term</b> |   |  |
| <b>Tuesday 25th February 2025</b>  | Kingfishers The Tempest RSC<br>York Theatre Royal | AM York Theatre Royal  |
| <b>Tuesday 4th March 2025</b>      | Woodpeckers Book Tasting                          | 8:50 - 08:15<br>Hall<br>All Woodpeckers parents are invited as part of our World Book Day celebrations! Please check in with your pupil (register and lunch options) and sit down to try out a new book with some juice and pastries.<br>£2 per child. |
| <b>Thursday 6th March 2025</b>     | World Book Day                                    | Wear pyjamas!<br>Further decisions to be made by our new Reading Ambassadors.  |
| <b>Friday 7th March 2025</b>       | KS2 Girls Football Tournament                     | Y3/4 10:00 -12:00<br>Y 5/6 12:45 -2:45   |
| <b>w/c 10th March</b>              | British Science Week                              | Events in school   |
| <b>Monday 10th March 2025</b>      | Living Eggs arrive in Robins!                     | Robins classroom   |
| <b>Tuesday 11th March 2025</b>     | Woodpeckers Reading Workshop                      | 08:50 - 09:15<br>Hall (Y2) and<br>Woodpeckers classroom (Y1)<br>All Woodpeckers parents are invited. We will complete some   |

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|                                 |   | activities that reflect your child's learning and deliver some information about how to best support them at school. |
| <b>Friday 14th March 2025</b>   | Red Nose Day  | Celebrations to be decided by School Council   |
| <b>w/c 17th March 2025</b>      | Switched On: Rail Safety                                    | In school  |
| <b>Monday 17th March 2025</b>   | Parents' Evening Reception - Y6                             | Hall<br>(Letters to follow)  |
| <b>Thursday 20th March 2025</b> | Parents' Evening Reception - Y6                             | Hall<br>(Letters to follow)  |
| <b>Monday 31st March 2025</b>   | Robins Trip to Grasslands                                   | n/a  |
| <b>Friday 4th April 2025</b>    | Last day of school<br>Non-Uniform day - charity fundraising | Charity to be decided by school council  |
| <b>Easter Holidays</b>          |   |  |
| <b>Monday 21st April 2025</b>   | Back to School  | n/a  |