



# Skelton

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Newsletter - Friday 4th April 2025**

And so we reach the end of the Spring Term! It has been a whirlwind with trips, charity events, in-school concerts, community events and - most importantly - consistently fabulous learning which has been captured by our editors in their class dispatches this week. Reflecting on this term, I can only share how impressed every member of staff has been with how brilliant Skelton pupils have been this term. I am particularly thrilled by how many pupils have begun to step out of their comfort zone - in sports, on the playground, in their lessons - and tried things that they have found difficult. They have persevered and found success. We have welcomed even more pupils to our Golden roster, and we have even more on our Golden Radar.



On a personal note, thank you for the last term! My time as Interim Principal has been short and sweet but I have enjoyed every second of it. Thank you so much for being so welcoming and for your support in every aspect of your child's experience at school. I am thrilled to be supporting Mrs Naylor in her new role as substantive Principal next half term to ensure that Skelton continues to move from strength to strength. Mrs Naylor has worked with the team at Skelton for a long time and she really understands and cares for the school. I know she has a real drive and deep commitment to ensure every pupil at Skelton thrives in every aspect of their school life - so watch this space!

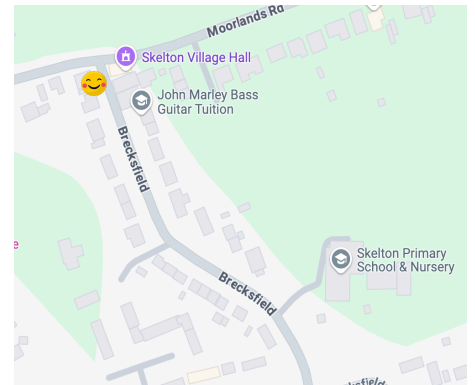
Have a wonderful Easter break and we'll see you back at school on **Tuesday 22nd April!**

Ms El Oakley and the Skelton Team

## Looking ahead: key messages and reminders


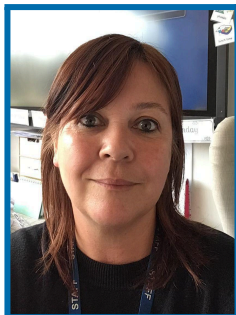







### Car parking: drop off and pick up





Please ensure that you are parking in the designated areas when dropping off or collecting your children. There have been collisions in the past and other members of the community have raised concerns. Please ensure that you are parking in a way that keeps all members of our community safe. There is a small car park on Brecksfield before the village hall that can be utilised.



### Staffing Summer 1

Leadership			
	Mrs Naylor - Principal		
Support Staff			
	Miss Chaplin School Administrator	Miss Lomax Midday Supervisor and After School Club	Ms Birkley Cook
			
	Mrs Gaskell	Miss Brown	

	Teaching Assistant	Breakfast Club	
Ducklings			
	Miss Heald	Miss Marshall	
Robins			
	Mrs Crump Class teacher and EYFS lead (Mon -Weds)	Mrs Hunter Class teacher (Thurs -Fri)	Miss Haywood Student teacher
Woodpeckers			
	Mrs Teasdale Class Teacher (Mon-Tues)	Miss Fry Class Teacher (Weds - Fri)	Mrs Wilson Teaching Assistant - mornings / HLTA PPA afternoons
			
N.B Miss Darvill will remain with us for the first week back after Easter.			

Owls			
	Mr Barker Class Teacher (absence cover)	Mrs Winskill Teaching Assistant	Mr Pierce Student Teacher
Kingfishers			
	Miss Bryant		

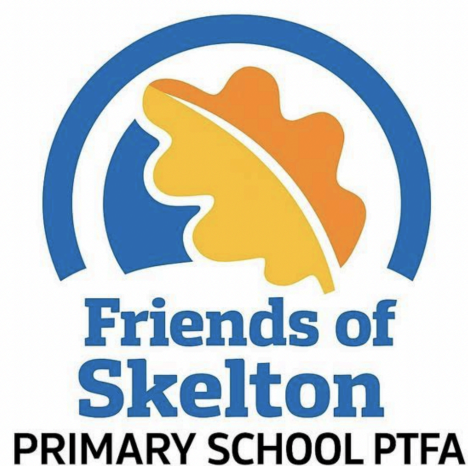
### Easter Egg Trail: Easter Holidays

This Easter, join us for the annual Skelton Easter trail! Bring your thinking caps, solve the clues, and receive a goody bag! All correct answers will be entered into a prize draw to win a £15 Smyths voucher! 🥚

The trail will take place on Skelton Pasture on Saturday the 19th of April, between 10am-2pm.

For more details, follow us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/friendsofskelton](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofskelton)







### Dispatches from Robins

We are learning all about growing in Ducklings and Robins! We asked our friends what they are looking forward to:

**What are you enjoying learning about at the moment? Why? Any fun facts?**

A - I'm enjoying learning about making patterns. I painted one in the workshop! and I used pasta, cheerios and lollysticks to make another in the maths area.

B - I enjoyed making Tesco in the construction area. We built a road and a car park and put



Easter eggs on the shelves because it's April now, soon it's Easter and lots of days off!

**Tell us what you have been up to over the last month. The people want to know!**

I - We've been learning all about farms. We learnt about farms in Kenya and farms in England. We went on a school trip to a farm and saw chickens, chicks, cows and calves.

H - We had our own chicks in school!

J - They were cute and fluffy.

**Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.**

C - I enjoyed making my Easter Bonnet and dancing around the hall.

E - I loved making it at school with my Daddy.

J - The cow licked me on the arm at the farm!

C - And the cow had a poo, that was funny!

**What are you looking forward to next term?**

L - I'm looking forward to learning new special friends in phonics!

A - I'm looking forward to watching my sunflower and bean plant grow more!



### Dispatches from Woodpeckers

In science we have been continuing to learn all about amazing animals! Did you know that an amphibian is cold blooded? We have enjoyed making and evaluating windmills in DT. In maths the year 1s have finished their topic on multiplication and division and the year 2s have started fractions ! We have also enjoyed writing up our versions of The Bear and the Piano using our own characters, setting and instruments.

Here are some funny things that happened this term:

- When Miss Darvill's windmill blew away during our testing!
- We also loved creating our easter bonnets and parading round the whole in our designs.
- Our favourite day however was the day the chicks visited and Miss Darvill had to catch the chicks when they started running and the chicks even pooped on the carpet ! It was very funny.



We are excited to come back to school! We are looking forward to starting our new art topic and are looking forward to meeting our new class teachers!

### Dispatches from Owls

**What are you enjoying learning about at the moment? Why? Any fun facts?**

History - "I like learning about the past - the Romans basically built ancient Britain."

Volcanoes - "Some are effusive and some are explosive and some have volcanic vents coming out them and lava is called magma underground"

"There are 4 different types of volcanoes: shield, stratovolcano, lava dome and cinder cone."



Maths - "I like working on my unit fractions - that is a fraction where the numerator is always 1", "I really like learning about fractions - like equations that are really hard because they're a challenge to test how good I am at maths".

Writing - "I like writing because I like writing about

Rhodopis - the Cinderella of the Nile!"

Reading - "I like learning about the Malamander in reading lessons because it's all about mysteries."

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"We always do our Morning Wow! In the Hadean era, the Earth was made of fire and magma and a massive planet the size of Mars smashed into Earth."

"We were learning about biodiversity when we were learning about plants outside."

"Healthy foods - protein helps our muscles grow."

"I liked when we made volcanoes and they erupted."

"We looked at the flowers and inspected them to see how many anthers they had."

"I like in computing making a website about our favourite animals, volcanoes and our favourite book"

"When we were looking at the flowers, I spotted a big, colourful beetle and there was a large spider I saw as well."

"We made our own volcanoes!"

**Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.**

"When the teacher says "are you sure about that?""

"B made a funny noise when he was holding his nose" (Editor's Note: we think this was in swimming?)

"L did a cartwheel all the way to the line."

"At playtime I tried to do a cartwheel and then I fell over"

"I liked the volcanoes because my face and B's face were really shocked!"



## Dispatches from Kingfishers

Year 6s are really enjoying learning about statistics in maths, as it is really challenging but strengthens our brains. We have been loving our Ancient Egyptian topic over the past term. We have focused mainly on primary and secondary sources and how useful they are to historians. JT told us a fun fact: the larger they drew the people or hieroglyphics, the more important they were in society.

In science this term, we have been learning about properties of materials where we have been able to do a science experiment each week. Our definite favourite was when we mixed bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to show an irreversible change. We learnt that this solution was irreversible because a gas was produced through lots of fizzing! Kingfishers visited Grasslands Farm on Tuesday where we learnt about how a mixed farm works. This farm had cattle and chickens - we got to hold newborn chicks which were very cute but lively! We got to experience what it would be like to go through a cow crusher and physically see how many humans it took to pull a piece of farming machinery. Horsepower is definitely stronger but JT, TN and AG gave it a good go. In the afternoon, we enjoyed the sunshine whilst completing a physical grid reference challenge, working our way around the fields. With Mrs Wilson in Art, we are becoming amazing photographers by recreating famous pictures and editing them on software. We love changing the tone, brightness and experimenting with our designs to see how creative we can be.

Some funny things have happened this term! Miss Bryant got squished in a cow crusher when we went to the farm, as we believe Miss Marshall did when she went with Robins! It was very uncomfortable and most of Kingfishers wanted to leave her there. Miss El Oakley's impressions when we are doing our creative writing sessions always make us laugh! The accents really add to the storytelling and characters.

We are looking forward to SATs (!) and completing our DT projects next term which will involve us practising our sewing skills. We are looking forward to putting our skills to the test.

## The Skelton Spotlight

This week, we have chosen to interview Miss Bryant!

### How long have you worked at Skelton?

I have worked at Skelton since September 2024 and have had a wonderful year with Kingfishers!

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

Miss Chaplin at reception was the first member of staff I met. She had a big smile on her face and helped me settle in.

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

When I was little my favourite book was either The Tiger Who Came to Tea or Penguin Small. My dad would always read Penguin Small to me because it was his favourite too!

### What's your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is Moana - you can't go wrong with a Disney film.

### What's your favourite food?

I love all food but my favourite food is a Sunday Dinner, especially one that my mum makes.

### 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?**

I don't think I have a secret talent which is a bit boring I know!

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

I spent a lot of time at Burton Green and loved the feeling of working in a small, village school, just like Skelton! Skelton has such a friendly and caring environment and everyone is so lovely to work with.

**Where's your favourite place?**

My favourite destination is Cornwall. I travelled there last year with my family and we love to spend our summers down there by the sea.

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

I like to watch a good TV series or go on a walk with my friends. We spent our half term walking around The Lakes and it was lovely!

### Dates for your diary

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

### Summer Term

Date	Focus	Time and place
<b>Monday 21st April</b>	BANK HOLIDAY	Home!
<b>Tuesday 22nd April</b>	Back to school!	School
<b>Thursday 1st May</b>	Last swimming lesson for Owls	The Mount
<b>Friday 2nd May</b>	Owls Visit to Skelton Community Cafe	Village Hall
<b>w/c 12th May</b>	SATS Week	School - Y6 only
<b>Friday 16th May</b>	SATS Celebration	TBC - Y6 only
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	Last day of school Non-Uniform day - charity fundraising	Charity to be decided by school council
<b>w/c 26.05.25 May Half Term</b>		
<b>Monday 2nd June 2025</b>	Back to School	n/a