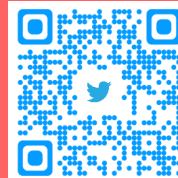




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Hello everyone

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend **Parents' Evening** this week. If you were not able to attend, please book an appointment using SchoolCloud for next Wednesday — staff in our Main Reception are happy to help you do this!

Important dates coming up:

Monday 15th June — Water Safety Assemblies for each year group

Monday 15th June — Y4 working with Karen Argent from Letter Press

Wednesday 17th June 3.45-6.15pm — Parents' Evening (2 of 2)

Monday 22nd June — Sladefield Year 2 classes visiting Thornton (morning) for transition

Friday 26th June — Attendance Gold Award trip to TwinLakes (pupils with 99% and over!)

Tuesday 30th June — New Y3 parents and children afternoon visit (first half)

Friday 3rd July — Loudmouth e-safety assemblies for Y4 and Y5, workshops for Y6

Monday 6th July — New Y3 parents and children afternoon visit (second half)

Monday 6th July — Y5 Bikeability week starts

Tuesday 7th July — Y6 graduation day

A reminder that from **2nd September 2026**, Thornton will be running a **FREE breakfast club**, Monday to Friday, for ALL children.

Start time	8.15am
End time	8.45am
Cost	FREE

If you want your child/ren to come to this free breakfast club, please

use the QR code to complete **ONE FORM FOR EVERY CHILD**. Thank you. We can only accept children if you have completed this online form!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



Parents' Evening



FREE Breakfast Club for ALL 8.15am - 8.45am Monday to Friday starting September 2026



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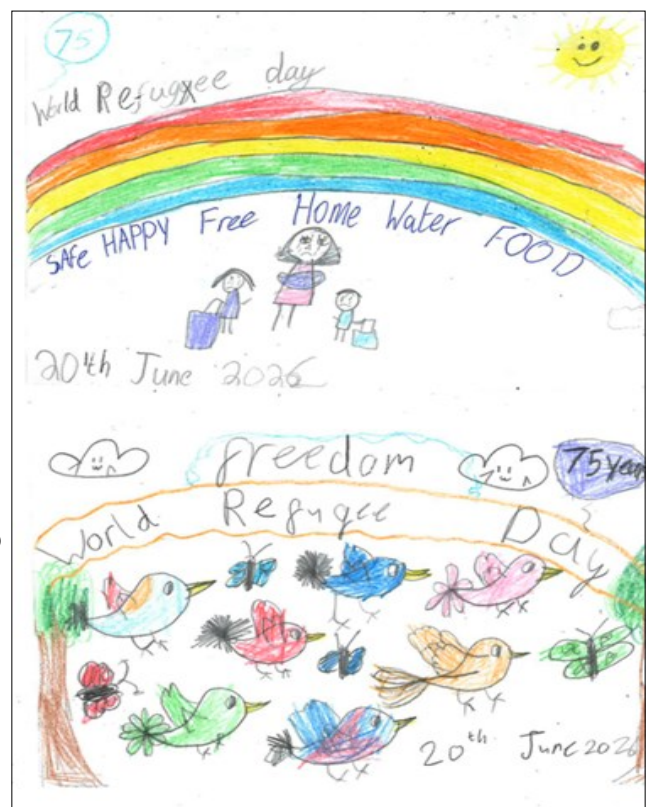
World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day 2026 falls on Saturday, June 20th this year. This international day of recognition honours the millions of people around the globe who have been forced to flee their homes. This year marks a significant milestone - the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention. The theme this year is based around "Courage", and celebrates the resilience it takes for people seeking sanctuary to rebuild their lives and step into an uncertain world.

We discussed the question 'What events may lead to children and their families becoming refugees?'

- Civil unrest in a country making people feel unsafe
- Poverty or loss of income
- Family disputes or problems
- Natural disasters like floods, hurricanes, earthquakes or bushfires
- Drought or famine which leads to lack of food and water
- War and conflict
- Climate change

In class we explored what it would feel to be a refugee, and examined **Articles 10 and 22**.



Article 10 (family reunification)

Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with them.



Article 22 (refugee children)

If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.



Year 3

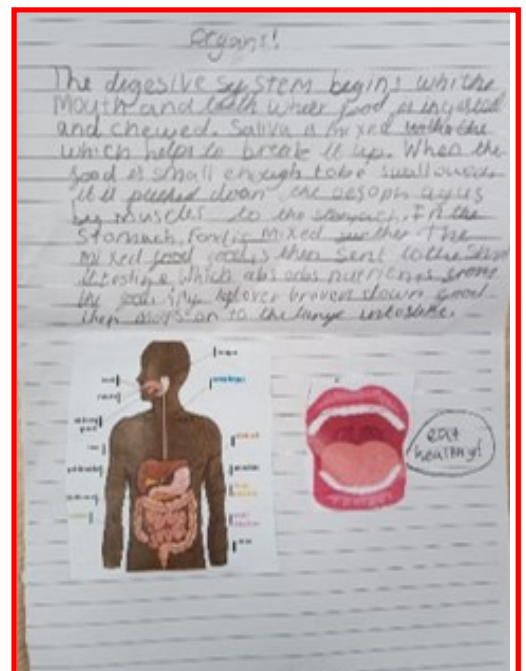
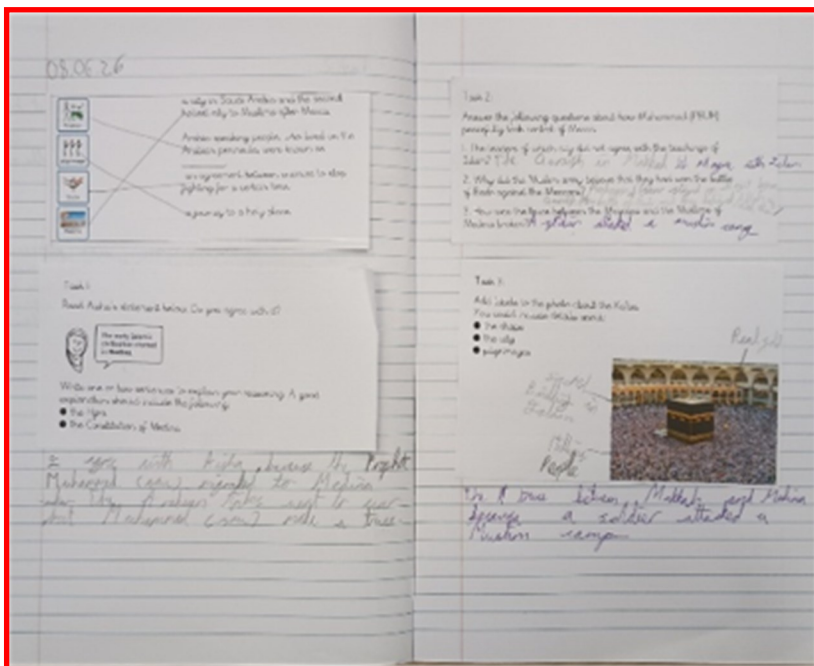
To begin their new geography topic, year 3 worked in groups to make a **3D model of a river**. They used an assortment of different materials including stones, tissue and fabric, to make a model resembling a running river. The children used their models to explain the journey of a river, using new vocabulary such as **mouth, source, riverbank, meander** and **river bed**. We had lots of fun getting creative with the resources provided and we are very proud of how they turned out!



Year 4

The children in Year 4 have enjoyed starting the new Science and History topics this term.

Pupils have been able to share their prior knowledge of the **Early Islamic civilization**. Pupils learnt about the significance of the holy cities of Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia. Pupils also learnt that algebra was developed at this time and that scholars studied subjects like maths, science, medicine and astronomy. Pupils also produced homework about how the **digestive system** works in the human body.



Year 5

Year 5 were treated to a performance by **Abbie Ayre & the Shed of Science** this week. We learnt about air quality and sustainable travel. Here are some of our thoughts afterwards:

Danyaal: "I didn't realise how much air pollution cars cause."

Hashir: "I never knew that 72% of the air is nitrogen and only 21% is oxygen."

Munawar: "I knew air pollution could make you ill, but I was shocked to learn that it can kill. It kills thousands every year!"

Zayd: I never knew that the shorter you are, the more you are affected by air pollution."

Mujtaba: "Everyone can make a big difference by planting trees."



Year 6

This week, Year 6 pupils have been developing their understanding of **global trade** by learning how to use import and export data to investigate the movement of commodities and manufactured goods around the world. They explored how different countries rely on one another and analysed data to deepen their geographical knowledge.

To showcase their learning, the children produced an informative double-page spread.

Monday 8th June 2026

Commodities - Commodities are raw materials that are grown or dug out of the ground.

Manufactured - something that is made by humans, not nature, usually in large quantities for selling.

Commodities	Manufactured
bananas	cakes
wheat	computers
orange carrots	cars
	clothes
	Tv
	headphones

Imports and exports

Match the word:

cotton	bread
wood	t-shirt
wheat	table

Global trade

My school bag is made from commodities - cotton, metal - and many manufactured goods - plastic, nylon.

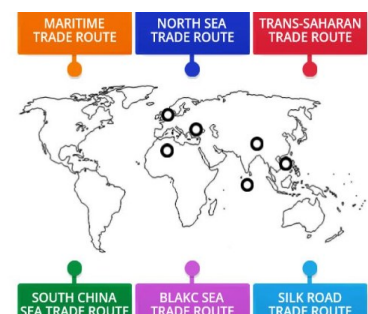
The amount of money the UK makes from the export of different products each year.

Match the word:

The UK makes the money from selling drinks.

The UK receives the least money from selling fish.

The export of meat is limited because meat has to be refrigerated.

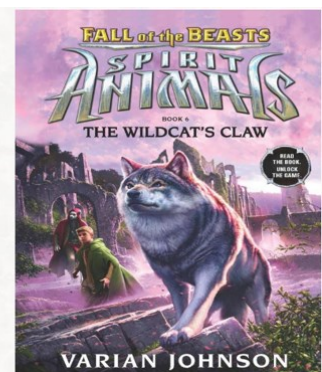


'Author of the Month' June



Varian Johnson

Varian Johnson is the author of several novels for children. He was born in 1977 and grew up in the thriving metropolis of Florence. He has a twin brother and a younger sister. Varian excelled in many subjects while growing up, specifically math and science. *Twins*, illustrated by Shannon Wright, is Varian's debut graphic novel. Varian loves traveling around the world talking about writing and books.



Growing up, Varian Johnson couldn't decide whether he wanted to be an engineer or a writer, so he decided to do both.

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK ONE

DINE

Main

Vegetarian

Sides

DINE



Hot Dog

Meat Feast Pizza

Roast Chicken

Lamb Burger

Fish Fingers
(Pollock or Salmon)

Cheese & Tomato
Pastry

Cheese & Tomato
Pasta Bake

Cheese & Bean
Wrap

Veg Samosa

Cheese and
Tomato Pinwheel

Wedges and
Broccoli

Sweetcorn and
Peppers

Roasties and
Carrots or Broccoli

Green Beans

Chips and Beans

Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Jacket Potato with choice of topping

Freshly made sandwiches and Salad Bar are also available

Lemon Drizzle
Cake

Trifle

Chocolate and
Beetroot Brownie

Flapjack

Rainbow Cookie

WEEK COMMENCING:
13/04, 04/05, 25/05, 15/06, 06/07,
27/07, 07/09, 28/09, 19/10

Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt,
Mousse, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL

Dinner and Club money payment reminders

Thank you to all parents who continue to pay regularly into Parentpay for their child's meals and club payments. Regular payments can prevent unmanageable debts being created.

The office will be sending text reminders, letters and making phone calls to remind parents to keep their accounts up to date.

Please remember to inform the school office if your child's lunchtime arrangement changes as it can often cause your child being charged for meals that they did not receive.

Call the office on 0121 327 0824 to let us know of any changes.

Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a:

- **Healthy Sandwich**
- **Piece of Fruit**
- **Yogurt**
- **Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)**

Strictly **NO NUTS** are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send anything unhealthy in your child's packed lunch such as crisps or chocolates. **Thank you for your support.**

School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 93.9%

Class Attendance

Well Done to **5ST** and **6ZB** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!



The Magic 10 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project VIP Cinema reward

Well done to pupils who completed the Magic 10 raising attendance and punctuality project! The pupils were invited to a VIP cinema experience. They enjoyed watching a movie and also had yummy popcorn.



Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a first aider please request a call back. Please call the school office on **0121 327 0824** our lines are open from 8am. Thank you very much for your support. We are proud to work with you to fully support your child's attendance. **Remember...everyday counts!**



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 15th June
Year 4

Tuesday 16th June
Swimming for 4NG
and 4SH

Wednesday 17th June
Year 3

Thursday 18th June
Year 5

Friday 19th June
Year 6



Forest School Midsummer Community Party

Date: 20/6/26
Time: 12pm-3pm
Location: At Ward End Park The White House

Activities:

- Fairy/Elf Doors
- Flower Crowns
- Wing Decorating
- Stick Friends
- Large Nature Collage
- Wand Making

To join us for a day of nature, creativity and outdoor fun please

contact: Bina Sandhu on **07561716828** or Email **Bina_sandhu@nortonhall.org.uk**

We will be ending with
Roasting Marshmallows
on the fire to make S'mores



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