

12 April 2026

Dear families,

I hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and that children feel well rested and excited for the Summer term. There is always so much to look forward to in this final part of the academic year- please read on to see key dates and events and important news.



Important Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 13 April	School reopens for all children
Tuesday 14 April	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Centre- return for 5.00pm
Wednesday 15 April	Year 3 Bibbs Research Project Begins
Monday 20 April	Reception Height & Weight Measurement/Audiology Screening
Tuesday 21 April	Big Yellow Reading Bus
Wednesday 22 April	Nursery Parent Workshops (Maths)
Wednesday 29 April	KS2 STEM Day
Monday 4 May	SCHOOL CLOSED (May Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 5 May	Year 2 Parent Workshop (Maths)
Monday 11 May	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK- 100% attendance required
Monday 11 May	Nursery AM Farm Trip
Wednesday 13 May	Nursery PM Farm Trip
Friday 15 May	Reception Parent Workshop- Creative (2.00pm-3.00pm)
Monday 18 May	Reception Trip Yeadon Tran
Tuesday 19 May	Reception Trip to Yeadon Tarn
Wednesday 20 May	Year 6 Trip to Alhambra
Thursday 21 May	Year 5 Trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 22 May	School closes for half term holiday (3.15pm)

Mrs Lynch

After 9 years of service to our school, Mrs Lynch (Vice Principal) will be leaving at the end of the academic year. Mrs Lynch has played a key role in guiding the school to its current position and I know has supported many families during her time here. She will be taking a break from the world of education and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for the significant contribution she has made to the BD3 and Marchbank community.

We will have a new Vice Principal joining us in September. Mrs Austwick, currently a senior leader at Saltaire Primary School, was appointed just before Easter and is very much looking forward to starting her new role here.

Year 6 SATs Week

The national assessment week begins on Monday 11 May. It is important that all children attend every day- tests cannot be completed outside of the schedule set by the Department for Education. The children are well prepared and have had numerous opportunities to practise and get a feel for what the tests will be like. It is important during this week that children sleep and eat well to ensure they can concentrate fully and demonstrate how much they know! We are proud of their attitudes towards learning and have been impressed by how dedicated they have been to additional tuition before and after school. Please continue to support this for the next three weeks.

Trip Payments

There will be lots of educational visits taking place during this term. If you have not already done so, it is important that you pay your £20 payment as soon as possible. We do subsidise trips for children in all year groups and feel that the one payment for the whole academic year is fantastic value for money. A coach alone can cost £700 per trip so your contributions are vital in helping us sustain this approach.

My Child At School (MCAS App)

From September, all of our communications will be sent through this App. Whilst most families have registered and are using the App, many do not have notifications turned on to be alerted with new messages. We are aware that sometimes there are too many messages in one day and have put a system in place that will make sure that there will be no more than 2 updates on any one day. Please speak to the office team if you are struggling with accessing the MCAS App.



Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Greenwood.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs Rebecca Greenwood
Principal