



Dates for the Diary Spring Term January – March 2026

Celebration Assembly

Family members are warmly invited to attend Celebration Assembly at 8:50am in the Town Hall with Miss Kirkman, Mrs Foster or Mrs Lorains leading the assemblies. Dates for this half term are as follows:

9th January 2026
6th February 2026
6th March 2026

Communion

Children attend communion as a class on a 3-week rolling basis. The service takes place at 10am every Wednesday at All Saints Church Ripley and is a public service, so parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Year 6 – SATS Club and Breakfast Club

SATS club will take place every Friday with Mrs Lorains, starting on 27th February, before school from 8:00am – 8:45am with the last Friday being the 8th May.

SATs breakfast club will run SATS week (Monday to Thursday) from 8am each morning WC 11th May 2026.

These are free clubs in preparation for end of KS2 SATS with all Year 6 pupils invited to attend.

Year 2 – SATS Club and Breakfast Club

SATS club will take place every Friday with Mrs Bassitt, starting on 27th February, before school from 8:00am – 8:45am with the last Friday being the 24th April.

These are free clubs in preparation for end of KS1 SATS with all Year 2 pupils invited to attend.



PE

A list of correct PE kit is available on the website.

Please ensure full PE kit is in school – class details below:

Class 1: Monday & Tuesday

Class 2: Monday & Tuesday

Class 3: Monday & Tuesday

Please ensure earrings are removed before school if children are unable to remove them on their own.

Clubs for Spring 1 are as follows:

Football with Harrogate Football Club – Every Tuesday
This is from 3:20pm – 4:20pm

Art Club with Miss Herd – Every Wednesday
This is from 3:20pm – 4:20pm

Musical Theatre Club with Mrs Lorains/Mrs Kearsley – Every Thursday
This is from 3:20pm – 4:20pm

Spring 2 Clubs will be communicated during Spring 1.

Year 4/5 – Parent Information Evening for Residential – 14th January 2026

This will be held at 4pm at Beckwithshaw School. A representative from Carlton Lodge will be present.



Special Pizza Party Menu – Thursday 15th January 2026

The normal menu for this day will be replaced with the following special Pizza Menu:

*Pizza Sub
Crispy Garlic Potatoes
Chocolate Dipping Pot*

If your child is normally on a packed lunch on this day, and would like a school lunch, please let me Mrs Randall know by **Friday 9th January 2026**.

Year 6 – Parent Information Evening for Residential – 21st January 2026

This will be held at 4pm at Kettlesing School. A representative from Bewerley Park will be present.

Y5/6 Girls Federation Football Competition – Thursday 29th January 2026

Three girls from Ripley have been selected/volunteered to represent the Federation at Rossett Sports Centre, participating in the area round Football Competition, hosted by Harrogate Town AFC.

Children selected will be required to attend as part of the planned events on the PE Curriculum for this academic year, as well as providing wider opportunities to build relationships with their peers across the Federation and the wider small school communities.

Children attending this event will travel to the event by Coach, and parents are required to collect their child from Rossett Sports Centre at 5pm.

The winner of the local round will qualify for the Regional Round, playing schools from other areas such as Sheffield, Leeds and many more.

If our team is lucky enough to win the Regional Round, they will get the opportunity to play in the National Final, which will take place at a Premier League Stadium.

A consent slip will be sent to those children participating on Monday 12th January, and should be returned to school no later than **Friday 16th January 2026**.

Spectators are permitted at this event. Address: Rossett Sports Centre, Pannal Ash Road, Harrogate, HG2 9PH National



Storytelling week 2nd – 6th February 2026

Children will take part in various activities throughout the week.

In addition to our annual reading teacher swaps/ buddy reading and reading assemblies, we are delighted to confirm a special one-day visit from children's author Mr Ian Broadbent on Thursday 5th February.

Mr Broadbent will be delivering engaging storytelling sessions from his 'Tales in the Dales' series to all classes across the morning, inspiring pupils with his love of books, imagination and creative writing. More information about Ian and his work can be found here: <https://ianbroadbentbooks.com/>

There will also be an opportunity for pupils to purchase signed books. Any surplus from sales will be donated to Candlelighters - Supporting Children with Cancer & Families.

We are very pleased to be supporting both literacy and such an important charity through this visit.

Further information regarding book purchases will follow in due course.

EYFS/KS1 Dance Competition – Tuesday 3rd February 2026

On Tuesday 3rd February 2026, all children in EYFS/KS1 (Years R-2) will be attending Ashville College to participate in the inter schools Dance Competition, hosted by Sporting Influence.

All children will be required to attend as part the planned events on the PE Curriculum for this academic year, as well as providing wider opportunities to build relationships with their peers across the Federation and the wider small school communities.

Children will be transported to and from the event by coach. Permission forms will be sent out on Monday 12th January and should be returned to school by **Friday 23rd January 2026**.

Spectators are not permitted at this event.

Details of required costumes will be included in Monday's letter, and should be worn to school on Tuesday 3rd February.



NSPCC Number Day – Friday 6th February 2026

Children will take part in various activities throughout the day, and are invited to wear a number themed outfit/costume. This can be as simple white spots on a black outfit to represent a domino, a top with a number theme or go all out and turn into a something like a numberblock for the day!

Please note no football/sports team shirts/tops are to be worn.

Walk to School – Friday 6th February 2026

Walk, cycle, bus or 'park and stride' the last mile to help protect our planet! We do what we can, when we can and every mile counts!

Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 9th – Friday 13th February 2026

Children will take part in various activities and talks throughout the week to highlight the importance of children's mental health.

Pancake Day Special Menu – Tuesday 10th February 2026

The normal menu for this day will be replaced with the following special Pancake Menu:

Crispy Chicken Wrap
Cheesy Quesadilla (v)
Potato Wedges
Pancake with Ice-Cream

If your child is normally on a packed lunch on this day, and would like a school lunch, please let me Mrs Randall know by **Friday 30th January 2026**.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February 2026

Children will take part in various activities and talks throughout the day to highlight the importance of Internet Safety.



Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 11th February 2026

Children will attend the Ash Wednesday service at All Saints Church Ripley on the morning of Wednesday 11th February.

We request that any parent **not** wishing for their child to receive the blessing, which includes the ash cross on the forehead, to notify school before Monday 9th February 2026.

Last day of Spring 1 Term – Friday 13th February 2026

School closes at the normal time of 3:15pm.

School re-opens to all pupils – Monday 23rd February 2026

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

This year, to celebrate World Book Day we will be using the text: Window by Jeannie Baker - a beautiful picture book which focuses on the effect of humans on our landscape around us.

Children will have a launching assembly where the book will be read then will take part in puzzle-based "escape room" tasks in their classes linking to the text throughout the day.

We invite children to dress in their favourite book character costumes but request that at least one element of their costume must be reduced, reused, or recycled materials fitting in with the theme of our whole federation text. For example, this could be recycling an old t shirt or creating part of your costume from junk materials! We can't wait to see what sustainable creations you will make.



Special World Book Day Menu – Thursday 5th March 2026

The normal menu for this day will be replaced with the following special World Book Day Menu:

Beasty Burger with Fries (Chicken Burger)
Wormy Spaghetti (Spaghetti in a cheesy tomato sauce) (v)
Matilda's Marvellous Mousse Cake (Chocolate Mousse Cake)

If your child is normally on a packed lunch on this day, and would like a school lunch, please let me Mrs Randall know by **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

Whole School Cross Country Competition – Tuesday 10th March 2026

On Tuesday 10th March 2026, all children (R-Y6) across the Federation will be attending Ashville College to participate in the inter schools Dance Competition, hosted by Sporting Influence.

All children will be required to attend as part of the planned events on the PE Curriculum for this academic year, as well as providing wider opportunities to build relationships with their peers across the Federation and the wider small school communities.

Children will be transported to and from the event by coach. Permission forms will be sent out in due course and should be returned to school by **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

Spectators are not permitted at this event.

Please ensure full Ripley PE kit is worn to school on this day.

Parents Evening 1 – Tuesday 10th March 2026

This will be held in school from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Parents will be notified when bookings go live on Arbor closer to the time.



Parents Evening 2 – Wednesday 11th March 2026

This will be held in school from 3.30pm – 6:00pm. Parents will be notified when bookings go live on Arbor closer to the time.

Walk to School – Friday 13th March 2026

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Year 4/5 Residential – 19th - 20th March 2026

Year 4/5 Pupils will be attending this year's Federation Residential at Carlton Lodge.

International Happiness Day – 20th March 2026

A day filled with happiness. Children will take part in various activities throughout the day focusing on spreading happiness; reflecting on our own happiness; celebrating with others; learning about happiness.

Year 6 Residential – 23rd - 25th March 2026

Year 6 Pupils will be attending this year's Federation Residential at Bewerley Park. Please note that as this residential falls at the start of the week, and children may be tired following their action-packed days, registration will be kept open until 10.15am on Thursday 26th March, for those year 6 pupils attending the 3 days. All children attending residential must be in school by 10:15am on the Thursday, or will be marked as unauthorised leave of absence.

Last day of Spring 2 Term – Friday 27th March 2026

School closes at the normal time of 3:15pm.

School re-opens to all pupils – Monday 13th April 2026