

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

### Thank you

I would like to start with a massive thank you to you all for the lovely, positive comments you made after the York Press published an article about our Ofsted inspection. The level of care and understanding you have shown for the school and all the staff is truly heart-warming. I don't think my words could properly express how grateful we really are, but thank you so very much. I know even more what a precious school and community we have at Naburn!

### Ukraine Collection

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Ukraine appeal this week and thank you to our School Council and Worship Team for organising this. As well as the collection, Sycamore Class wrote lovely messages to go with the items. See a selection below.



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## Ducklings

We have been hatching beautiful ducklings in school as part of our Science work. It has been lovely catching up with them first thing in the morning to check on how they are getting on and counting up new cute additions to the numbers! They have been a lovely distraction.



## Open the Book

Open the Book led worship on Wednesday with the second part of the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the fiery furnace! The children loved it. Thank you Open the Book Team for bringing this story to life with your brilliant drama and props!



## Tree Planting

After our two tree planting experiences we wrote about the importance of trees to life on Earth. Once again the quality of writing is superb. Please come in and take a look



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### Home football match against AYJS

We took two teams to Millbridge Farm to play football against AYJS. The matches were played enthusiastically and in very good spirit. Spectators appreciated the level of skill and determination from both teams. Thank you to AYJS for playing and thank you to the Durant family for letting us use their facilities for the game and also marking the pitch out and providing seats for parents and friends of the school. It resembled a proper football stadium. Thank you also to all the parents who helped walk the children to and from the venue.



**Walking back after the game from Millbridge Stadium**

### St Crux (Message from Friends Of Naburn)

Saturday's fundraiser at St Crux has raised an incredible £1,200 for school!!!! This is an amazing sum of money and reflects everyone's enormous efforts put into the event. Most families in school contributed in some way - either by baking, donating items to sell, providing food for the cafe, helping on the day, sorting bric-a-brac beforehand, transporting on the day etc. etc. People in the community and Governors also contributed, by knitting chicks to sell, making jams and preserves, baking cakes and donating cash to buy items for the cafe. Every single thing contributed to the success and we thank each and every person for their efforts and help. We will report in due course what the money will be used for but the children are very lucky to have such supportive parents who always go the extra mile to ensure their children get the best possible experiences and learning at Naburn School. Thank you all.

### My thanks to the Friends Committee

I would like to add my thanks to Friends of Naburn School for all their hard work. This fundraiser takes such a lot of organising and that brings a lot of extra pressure. I am delighted and grateful that they remained strong and stuck with it. It was an absolute TRIUMPH! Congratulations!



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## Comic Relief

What an afternoon of football we have just had celebrating Red Nose Day with a special football tournament. I am exhausted after running up and down the pitch refereeing. We had four teams with each team playing three matches in a round robin. The winners won all of their games. Congratulations Team Vipers and well done to the other three teams that took part. We had 32 out of 40 children actually playing and the remaining children helped with the organisation, which says a lot about our children's willingness to get involved.



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Friday is Super Hero Day and Joke of the Day! At the time of writing, I have no pictures or information, but I will report the event and the amount of money we have raised in next week's newsletter. Thank you.

### Easter Competition

A reminder that we will be holding a **NEW** annual event! The Easter Competition! This will take place on the morning of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. All children are invited to enter one of three categories per class. The categories are as follows:

- ☐ Making an Easter Garden
- ☐ Making an Easter Gift
- ☐ Creating a topical scene using **real** eggs as characters! E.g. "The Univers 'eggy' Boat Race" could be a model of eggs in boats representing Oxford and Cambridge as they paddle down the Thames.

In the meantime, if you wish to know more, please come and see me or give me a ring. Still plenty of time for the children to design, prepare and create. It would be great to have a local celebrity judge, so please get back to me if you know any suitable candidates in our community who might be interested. They will have the tricky job of judging who the chocolate prizes will be awarded to! YUMMY!

### Headteacher/Parent Meetings

A list of the remaining meetings for the Spring Term can be found in the table below. Please get in touch with the School Office if you wish to make an appointment.

Meeting Date	Time
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4.30pm to 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30pm to 6pm

### TT Rockstars (Message from Mrs Mann)

Another fantastic week of times table battles at Naburn! Congratulations to the Year 5s who won their battle against the Year 4s last week. Great uptake in the battle with lots of children taking part - well done everyone!

This week's battle is between Year 3 and Year 2. Current standings see the Year 2s in the lead...but it is very close! Can Year 3s catch them?

Finally, all children in Year 3/4 attended the TT Rockstar club on Tuesday which was brilliant. Lots of times table practise and discussions about which times tables they are finding tricky at the moment. Well done all those who attended and I am looking forward to the next one!

The timetable for this half term is as follows...

Date	Year Groups Battling
21.3.2022	Year 6 and Year 4
28.3.2022	Year 1 and Year 2
04.4.2022	Whole School Battle- All Year Groups (Year 1 -6)

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**TTRockstar winners from last week**

### Picture News

**Story:** Royal Mail has announced that both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp prices are to go up. The cost of a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp will rise to 95p on 4<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of a 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp will rise to 68p.

**Question:** Is there still a place for letters in today's world?

**Virtual Assembly:** Found here: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

### Message from Picture News

#### Picture News for Parents

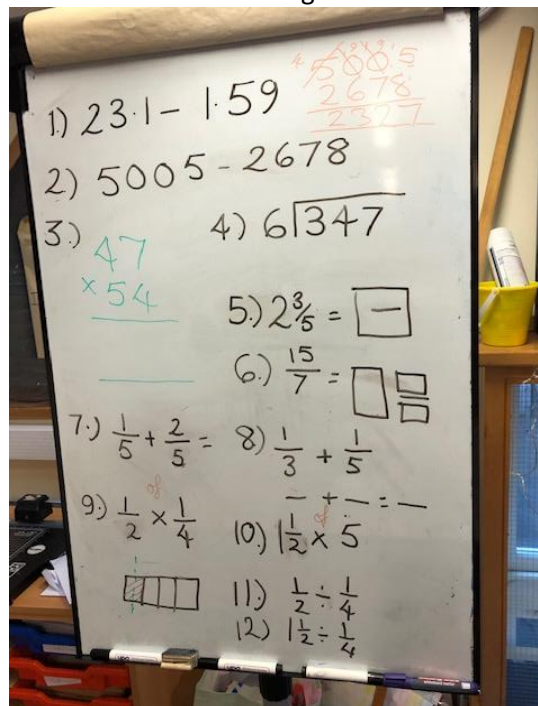
If you have a Facebook or Twitter page at school and would like to share the Picture News story of the week with families at home, feel free to share our new weekly **60-second summary** for the story. Found on our page each Friday at 7am.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/picturenewsprimary](http://www.facebook.com/picturenewsprimary)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HelpPicture>

### 'Ave a Go!'

The Year 6 'Ave a Go' board this week! Please have a go.



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**Stars of the Week**

Red Nose Day made all of us Stars of the Week!

Hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



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