



Attendance across school this year has been a challenge, with illness playing a huge part in pupil absence. Despite the ongoing struggles we have had a positive improvement this half term and we have seen attendance levels go from strength to strength.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for co-operation in notifying the school office of illness and appointments and would ask that this continues in to the 2025-2026 academic year.

Notifying the office ensures that operations run smoothly.

Our whole school attendance this term is currently **91.4%**
With your support we are striving to better this in the next school year.

Regular school attendance is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can have full access to the school curriculum and reach their potential.

North Ridge Community School strives to promote an ethos and culture which encourages good attendance and where each pupil will feel valued and secure.

Please be aware that we are unable to authorise any absences for family holidays as per the government guidelines and school policy. Although we understand your reasons, we cannot authorise any requests.

As always, our door is always open.

If you have any concerns, or if there is anyway we can offer support, please don't hesitate to ask.



NRCS Newsletter



Summer Term 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year at North Ridge Community School, we want to take a moment to celebrate the achievements of all our pupils. Each and every child has worked incredibly hard, shown resilience, and made fantastic progress - we are so proud of their efforts!

A particular highlight this term has been the successful transition of pupils moving between classes, including those preparing for their next steps into 6th Form. Our dedicated staff have worked closely with pupils and families to ensure these transitions have been smooth and positive, helping everyone feel confident and ready for the future.

We are also very excited to announce the opening of our new classrooms at The Bridge setting. This space is designed to support our pupils in preparing for adulthood and life beyond school. The Bridge will provide tailored opportunities for developing independence, life skills, and readiness for transition into 6th form and beyond. We can't wait to see the positive impact this will have on our school community.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support. We wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Best wishes
Sam and Jade.



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Rabbit Class



Rabbit class have had a busy and exciting term. We have participated in lots of fun and enjoyable activities including our end of year visit to Charleys' Play Barn!



During our English lessons we have really enjoyed listening to the stories 'Susan Laughs' and the 'Gingerbread Man'. We have enjoyed practicing our mark making skills and making our own Gingerbread Man.



In Math's we have been exploring Money. We have been working hard on matching and sorting different coins and pictures. We also enjoyed taking part in a role play shopping experience, exchanging a coin for a chosen item.



This half term, we have loved exploring the Upper Primary Playground where we have been working on playing together and sharing during RSHE.

We have done amazingly well sharing the outdoor equipment and had so much fun playing on the swing and the trampoline.



During our PE sessions we have worked hard to develop our jumping and throwing skills in preparation for Sports Day. We have enjoyed jumping over the hurdles and bouncing around in the sacks. We all did brilliantly, and had so much fun taking part in Sports Day!



Parent Participation

We thoroughly enjoyed the Hands in Harmony concert organised by Nexus at Gulliver's Valley. It is always a pleasure to showcase our learning at Sing and Sign events and to have parents attending to enjoy it with us, makes it even more special. We had an amazing day!

We have recently opened the doors to invite families to 'Meet the team'. We understand how nerve racking this time of year and changing classes can be for pupils and parents alike, we hope you enjoyed the time spent in school with your child, in their new setting and that this helped give you reassurance and confidence to support your child on our return in September. As ever, our doors are open should you have any queries or questions.

As we approach the Summer holidays we will be sending out information via Seesaw with details of clubs and activities happening locally throughout the holidays, along with any other details we feel may be of support or interest.

Seesaw is our main source of communication between teachers and parents, please ensure that your are connected and checking messages for regular updates.

Coming soon...

Looking forward to the 2025-2026 academic year and based on previous Parent/Carer feedback, we are planning to host further training courses such as Makaton training. We will send information out about these and other courses in due course, so keep an eye out!

Thank you for another brilliant year.

Parent Participation

This time of year is always extremely busy with trips and transition in to new classes. Whilst we feel that we haven't hosted as many events in school for Parents/Carers to attend as we do at other times of the year we have still had some amazing highlights and as ever your support has been outstanding.

This years My Futures Careers event was really well received by parents. This is always an insightful event for parents and pupils with numerous providers showcasing their offer. The feedback we received from parents this year was truly amazing. Many of our parents expressed their gratitude for the event taking place, the providers offering information and increasing their overall awareness and knowledge of future availability for our pupils. It was lovely to see so many of you attending and a delight to be able to help so many of you understand life after North Ridge.

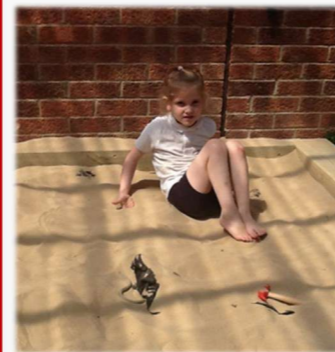
Sports Day and the Summer Fayre was really well attended and so many of you joined in the activities on offer! Whilst the sun wasn't shining it was still a fabulous morning full of fun and laughter, we really hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Although our Summer Fayre was on a smaller scale this year and hosted in our cabin on the field, you still helped us raise a staggering £489.63—Thank you for all of your contributions and support it really does make a difference.



Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog class have had a wonderful Summer term with lots of learning and exciting activities happening. In the first half term, we looked at the book 'Whatever Next' and everyone really engaged well with the story. We loved acting out Baby Bear going on a trip to the moon and doing lots of space themed arts and crafts activities. In the second half of term, we have looked at 'Susan Laughs' as our class book and have practised recognising symbols and Makaton signs for the emotions and activities in the book. In Math's, we have focused on positional language and money, as well as recapping giving one more and looking at numbers to 10 or 20.



In our Science lessons, we built bird's nests and looked at other creatures that could fly. We also enjoyed going on a minibeast hunt. This half term, we have built bridges and rafts and tested them out. In PE, we worked on ball skills, kicking and receiving a ball. Then we have enjoyed using circuits with different jumping and climbing activities. In our Independence lessons, we have done lots of cooking and chopping. It's also been a time when we have worked on turn-taking (waiting for our go) and sharing.

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Sports Day and the children all did really well joining in with the activities. We finished the day with a fantastic trip to Charley's Play Barn, where the children loved exploring and trying out the different play areas.

It has been such an amazing year working with the children in Hedgehogs and we are all so proud of what they have achieved.



Eagle Class

We have had a fun filled and very busy term in Eagle Class.

All of the classroom staff are so impressed with how well all of the children did going out on our trip to Charleys' Play Barn. They all did amazingly, with the changes to routine and for some of our children going on the school buses for the first time! We loved our time spent at Charleys' Play Barn, it was a big hit from start to finish; we enjoyed taking part in the role play and there were lots of opportunities for sensory play too.

All of the pupils in Eagle Class have been working incredibly hard this term to get ready for Sports Day. We have been working on following instructions and practicing the different activities in preparation for the big day. We really loved having parents in on Sports Day and we thought the children did really well adjusting to the changes and doing so well with parents coming in for the morning.

The children have all loved taking part in independence this term, we have been working on following instructions and sequencing routines. We were incredibly proud of how good the children were at recognising and following the familiar routines of making toast and washing their hands. We have had so many "wow" learning moments this term and have loved having so much fun!



Duke of Edinburgh

Throughout this year we have kept you updated with our Duke of Edinburgh students.

Once again we would like to say a huge **Congratulations to Ben, Abs, Zara and Ellie** from 6th form who have all achieved and now received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

The 4 of them started their gold award back in 2023, and have worked incredibly hard, shown great levels of commitment and overcome many challenges along the way.

On 12th May 2025, delightfully, they were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate their achievements where they met Prince Edward.

They were accompanied to London by Jade, Sue, Dawn and Alison, it was truly a remarkable day, students had the best time and made amazing memories.

Having our students at the palace was not only a special day for each of them, a day for them to be proud of themselves but also a special day for North Ridge.



The Bridge

This half term has been so busy for the students at The Bridge. First of all, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of V.E Day. We had a street party, listened to some music from the era and even played some war time games.



Some of our students went to Buckingham Palace to collect their gold Duke of Edinburgh awards. This is a fantastic achievement well done.

We also planned and prepared a picnic at Harmony House putting our food preparation skills to good use.

As an end of year treat, we went to Cleethorpes with Coppice and Heatherwood schools. We had fish and chips, a dip in the sea and even built some sandcastles!

Then it was time to say goodbye to our friends that were leaving. We danced the night away at our Prom to send them off in style and celebrated them at their leaving assembly. They will be missed greatly but we wish them all the luck in the future at The Ridge, the Communication College and Amazon.



Frog Class

We have had a lovely term in Frog Class!

In English we have been looking at the “Gingerbread Man” and the story “whatever Next” by Jill Murphy. We loved roleplaying both stories, being astronauts that go to the moon on a rocket and have a Space picnic! We made milkshake to go with our own picnic outside!

We did some amazing work in Science making rafts to see if they could float when we put cars on them. When we didn't have enough sticks, we added more!

In Music we have been drummers – copying a beat when we have listened to some funky tunes!

We did lots of cleaning on our Independence Day including washing some very dirty bikes!

We all really enjoyed Sports Day where our families and people who look after us came to join in and we had a brilliant time at Charley's Play Barn in Doncaster too!



Caterpillar Class

We have had a very busy term in Caterpillar Class!

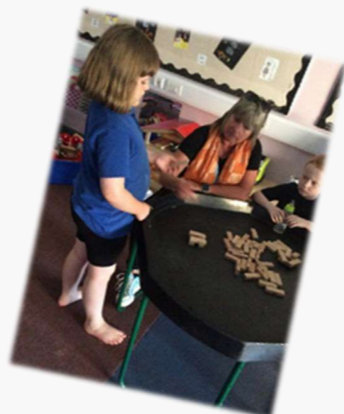
The children and staff absolutely loved our visit to Charley's Play Barn and accessing the various different role play areas, trampolines and the giant sand pit!

The children were all extremely well behaved and showed some great sharing and listening skills with their peers and adults. They showed great resilience during the changes of the day and when transitioning on the bus between the play barn and school.

The children really enjoyed Independence day and working on lots of different skills from washing the bikes to visiting the "shop" and buying a treat with some money. They have all also loved independence lessons this term making biscuits and other treats using different equipment such as the microwave and the air fryer.

Caterpillar class have really worked hard this year on working together, sharing and taking turns.

We have had many 'WOW' moments and we are very proud of them all!



Oak Class

As part of our Asdan qualification this term we have completed our final unit: 'Making Requests and Asking Questions in Familiar Situations'. We have worked in the Enterprise Café to practise working as part of a team and making requests to each other. Further to this we went out in the Community and practised asking questions when visiting shops. All of this work has been submitted and all pupils have achieved an Asdan Award qualification at Entry Level 1.



Everyone in Oak class really enjoyed visiting the local Museum this term, where we were able to experience what life was like in the past by taking part in a role play in the shop. We weighed food on balance scales and used an old-fashioned till. We visited the World War section and also saw the Green arrow train and everyone had their picture taken next to it. Before we left the Museum, we were able to visit the Art Gallery on the top floor.

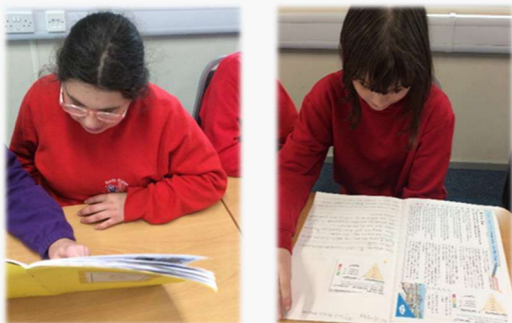
As part of our travel training this term we have practised crossing roads using zebra and pelican crossings and following the green cross code. We have planned how to use public transport and identified where to catch a bus and what numbers we need to look for. One of our final activities as part of Oak class was to plan and take part in a trip using public transport. We used our bus passes and caught a local bus to Morrisons and visited the café to have breakfast.



Otter Class

Otter class have had a brilliant final term for this year.

In English we really enjoyed reading the story of 'Eye Brows of Doom' which was a funny book. We did lots of work based on the book, recalling information, ordering, writing sentences and discussing the characters.



Throughout this term in math's we have covered a number of different topics - fractions, time, probability, position and

direction. Pupils have loved pretending to be robots and giving each other directions to move around the room safely. We have had a great time using the Beebots, programming them to move to designated landmarks. In time, we have been learning to read an analogue clock, looking at o'clock and half past, with some pupils moving on to quarter to and quarter past the hour.



We had a great trip to Doncaster Museum which was linked to our History topic on WW2 and also English where the pupils wrote a recount about their trip. The pupils looked at all of the different artefacts and corresponding information. We found this interesting but we especially loved trying on some old clothes.



Keep up all of your hard work and I wish you all the best in your new classes.

Beaver Class

We have had an amazing Summer term in Beaver Class.



In English we enjoyed listening to our class story 'Look Up!'. We have matched symbols and words to pictures in the story and we have continued to develop our fine motor skills by tracing over patterns and writing letters. In phonics, we have been learning to recognise Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds and recognising hard to read words, we have all tried really hard and done so well.

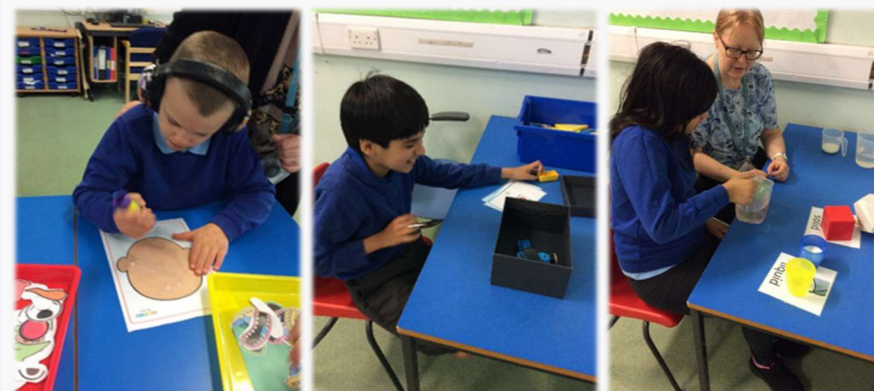
In Math's we have been adding two small numbers together. We have sorted objects by colour, size and category and we have continued learning how to use positional language, for example, on, in, under, behind and next to.



In RSHE we have been thinking about our emotions and working hard to learn to show whether we are happy or sad by using our class emotions chart. We have also been learning to share resources and take turns with a peer.

In Science we have used symbols to identify whether something is a solid or a liquid and in Art we have used paper and card to make some brilliant 3D sculptures.

We especially enjoyed having DARTs in school for our Music lessons. We loved using a microphone to try out our singing voices. We played a variety of instruments and we did some great listening!



Finally, we had a go at using a badminton racket and shuttlecock in PE! We also enjoyed using the large apparatus with Active Fusion.

Fox Class

This term in Fox Class, we have been focusing on road safety and awareness of different modes of transport and where we might be going when we use these types of transport.

All pupils have made fantastic progress in following instructions and listening to what they are being asked to do. Fox Class pupils are showing kindness to each other in line with the North Ridge REACH Values. Pupils have been practicing turn-taking and sharing and are showing greater awareness of the feelings of peers through this process.

In Mathematics, the children have explored money and its value, as well as creating tally charts and bar charts. Some children have interpreted information from such graphs.

Pupils have enjoyed playing sports this term, including going on a trip to the English Institute of Sport, the Trust Primary Olympics and North Ridge Sports Day, continuing to work together as a team! In Science, pupils have really engaged in practical experiments, having enjoyed making predictions and watching to see if they are right.

In Art, pupils have explored sculptures, and used tools to manipulate and shape different materials to represent real life objects.

In Careers and RSHE, Fox Class have undertaken roles and responsibilities, taking on classroom monitor responsibilities and children have taken on different roles to prepare for, and party-plan an end of year Fox Class party.

Well done, Fox Class! You have made fantastic progress this year and it has been a pleasure to teach you!



Deer Class

Deer Class have done some amazing learning in PE throughout the Summer term. We worked really hard to develop our skills, completing different elements of an obstacle course, working as a team, and communicating. We did some great listening, followed instructions and did some fabulous team work!



Deer class have done some lovely learning about the different modes of public transport available. We have also looked at how we would catch a bus. This has included some lovely role play, as well as preparing us to go on our bowling trip where we practised catching one of the school buses.



In English, our class text in Summer was 'The Eye Brows of Doom'. We loved the story and talked lots about how important it is to be kind and what is meant by kind and unkind. We worked carefully together to create our own eyebrows that we then put



on our own faces! We have also looked at our second story 'Grandad Mandela'. We have loved looking at, and learning about, the different types of houses found in Africa. This inspired us to make our own and create a non-chronological report about them.

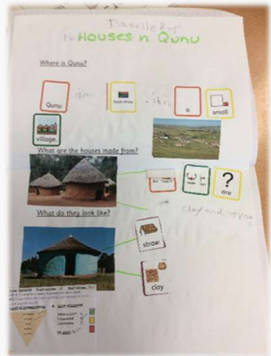


We loved learning about fractions and what a fraction is. We have done this by sharing out some of our favourite sensory items including water in our water play and play dough with our friends and the amounts we have separated it into. We have also enjoyed looking at time and the different routines that we follow in school — our favourite has been looking at the steps to make our own toast!

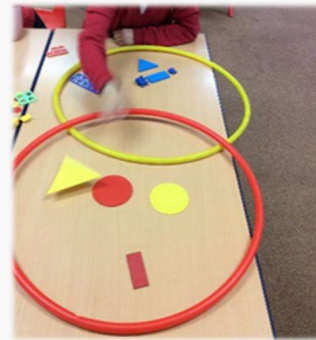


Owl Class

This term in English we have learned about recount writing and non-chronological reports. We used the book 'The eyebrows of doom' as this introduced the process of one character's journey across a day being retold. We explored recount texts, recognising their features and then wrote our own recount from the visit we had to the Museum. We linked this to our History lessons as we had been learning about WW2.



We have also explored non-chronological reports, linking to RE where we are learning about Nelson Mandela. We have read 'Grandad Mandela' and initially explored life in South Africa in the past- exploring the type of house Nelson Mandela would have lived in. We used clay to make our own version and then wrote a report about life in Qunu.



We have developed our math's skills through applying our knowledge with exploring fractions this term. We explored halves and quarters of shapes as well as using objects to find halves of amounts. Then we looked at time- starting with days of the week and months of the year before telling the time focusing on o'clock and some of us learned about half past and quarter past/to.

We have investigated data handling- collecting data, recording it as tally charts and then creating pictograms to represent the data. We have also begun to explore position and direction being able to understand and use some prepositions- in, on, under etc as well as some of exploring left and right, clockwise and anticlockwise to be more specific with somethings location.

In our wider curriculum we enjoyed our visit to the Museum which supported our History learning about WW2. We really enjoyed creating our own medals back in school afterwards, knowing that some soldiers receive these for their work.



Mole Class

We have had an amazing time in Mole class this term.

We have been working really hard to build on our existing skills and expanding on these to learn new ones.

Our class topic this term was 'Lost and Found' and our class text was a lovely story book full of fabulous pictures about a little boy called Dave who lost his favourite teddy bear called Dogger. We worked very hard and were able to sequence the story, describe the characters and make predictions of what may happen next—we loved seeing if we were right!

Our next topic was inspired by our class text 'Look Up', a lovely book that tells the story of a little girl who just wants to show everyone a meteor shower but things do not always go to plan, we really enjoyed this topic.

In Art we have created some lovely paper art sculptures. The children have been very creative this term and have produced the most wonderful art pieces.

In Science we have done a variety of experiments including looking at how materials change. The children have loved the hands-on practical approach in science and were able to make the most fabulous predictions.

We have also been very lucky to be able to visit the school café and develop a huge amount of skills, exchanging coins for objects, making choices from the menu and socialising with unfamiliar people.



Seal Class



Seal class have enjoyed lots of exciting science experiments, our favourites were when we could observe chemical reactions!

In PE we have been very busy! We looked into a new sport- Badminton, we did really well and had a lot of fun practicing both indoors and outdoors. We also really enjoyed practicing for sports day!



In Art this term we have been focusing on sculpting and exploring how we can create different shapes as well as messy trays and using basic tools to create some brilliant pieces of Art work!



In Math's and English, we have been exploring some lovely new books and looking at the value of money using different coins.

To finish this term, Seal class practiced roles and responsibilities of 'North Ridge REACH Values' in RSHE and planned their own class party- Well done everyone amazing progress this year!



Squirrel Class

Squirrel Class visited Doncaster Museum to support their learning about World War 2. They had a fantastic day, their behaviour was amazing and they loved looking at all of the different artefacts from times gone by.

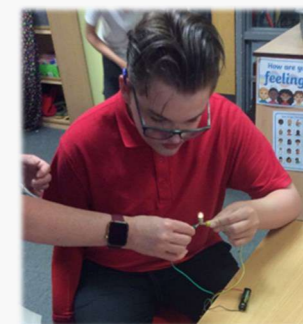


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In Science we learnt about electricity. We looked at dangers related to electricity and we were

really good at knowing how to be safe. We really enjoyed using the equipment to explore and make electrical circuits of our own.

In PE Squirrel Class worked hard and used a range of skills to complete an obstacle course. We balanced carefully to walk across



beams, balanced balls on tennis rackets, dribbled footballs round cones and even tried super hard to use skipping ropes. We had lots of fun!



We loved Independence Day! We worked together to clean the classroom and practiced making a bed by putting the sheets on carefully.

