



# Little Phoenix

  
YARM SCHOOL  
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## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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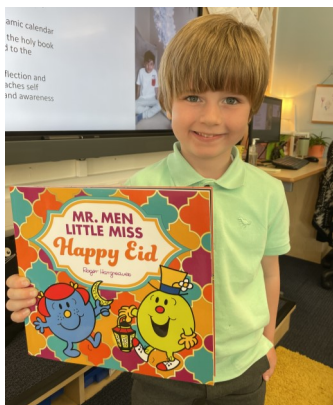
It is wonderful to have our children back following the Easter holidays and I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about their time away from school. We have now been back a full week and our children quickly returned to the school routine, participating in new clubs with great enthusiasm. The Eco Club children collected so much rubbish with their litter pickers, I could not believe my eyes. The Ukulele Club is an opportunity for our young musicians to learn the parts of a Uke and sing 'Thumb Brush Strum.' Next week, we will look at chords! We celebrated Eid last Friday and the children loved wearing traditional dress or an item of green. Many thanks to Azan's Mummy for talking to our Year 1 children about Eid. Our Year 2 children will very likely share many facts about Wales, including how to make Welsh Cakes and they certainly were delicious! I wonder whether the children can remember how to make them? It was the perfect opportunity to hone maths skills with measurement and capacity featuring strongly as they baked. As it is the first May Bank Holiday on Monday, I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes.

*Joanne Speight*



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## Welcome Back To Nursery

The Nursery children have loved coming back to school and seeing their friends. We have spent the week building, mark making, having fun and helping our new friends to settle in.





## Super Sports

The Summer Term has brought much excitement to the children in Reception as they have started to practise for Sports Day. The children particularly enjoyed the beanbag and egg and spoon races.





## Playing Games

Inspired by a lonely character in our new book, we have been inventing and playing games which other children could play. This has involved big doses of imagination, creativity, teamwork and learning how to write clear and simple instructions.





## Welsh Cakes

During Year 2's 'Welsh Week' the children sang Welsh songs, learned about the culture and country of Wales and baked their own Welsh Cakes. They followed recipes which they wrote in English and applied their knowledge of mass to weigh out the ingredients carefully. Da iawn!







## Easter Holiday School







## Summer Holiday School

Monday 17th July—  
Friday 4th August

The booking form will be emailed out by Mr Simpson four weeks prior to holiday school.



## 2023 Calendar

Summer Term 2023	
Pupils Return	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Half Term Begins	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (after school)
INSET	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Pupils Return	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Finish	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 (12 noon finish)

## Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 2nd May during the school day. We ask that all children come dressed in the correct summer school uniform, including socks.

## *Pre-Prep Poetry Competition*

On **Thursday 4th May**, we will be hosting our first poetry performance competition in Pre-Prep.

We would like all children from Nursery to Year 2 to learn a short poem or nursery rhyme of their choice to perform to their peers.

The children in Nursery and Reception will all perform the same nursery rhyme together, chosen by their form teacher.

Children in Year 1 and 2 can choose their own nursery rhyme, such as 'Humpty Dumpty', or a short poem such as 'My Mum'. We would like to limit the recital to two short verses.

Three performers will be chosen during the week beginning 1st May to perform on **Thursday 4th May**, with winners chosen by a panel of judges.

Good luck and have fun!

**Top Tips from Joseph Coelho:**  
[How to perform poetry](#)





### **Crazy Comedy Company—Sunday 4th June, 2.30pm**

Described as 'utterly hilarious for all ages' and 'the best family show, the Crazy Comedy Company Family Show is coming to Yarm on Sunday 4th June at 2.30pm.

The perfect family treat, you can eat, drink and giggle at the family show with plenty of beans!

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### **BBC Big Band—Friday 5th May, 7.30pm**

The BBC Big Band: Featuring Claire Martin

The Swing Legends and Big Band Divas

The internationally acclaimed BBC Big Band are joined by multi award winning vocalist, Claire Martin, for an evening of world-class music, inspired by the great Swing bands and legendary jazz vocalists of the Twentieth Century.

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# CUPCAKE COMPETITION

Enter our Coronation cupcake competition  
and win a £5 coin

Bake and decorate a cupcake of your choice  
and bring it to the Year 1 & 2 lunch cabin on  
**Friday 5th May 2023**  
before lunchtime

Our panel of judges will choose  
the lucky winner at 2pm.

**Terms & Conditions:** Please enter one cupcake only which is to be brought into school on the date of the competition stated above. All cupcakes will be judged on appearance and creativity only. Nuts must not be used in any recipe, as well as any other ingredients banned by the school.







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