



# Little Phoenix

## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

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Mrs Speight's message ...

As I write the penultimate newsletter of the academic year, it always allows for a little bit of reflection time on my part. We've recently had our Induction Day and the team have been meeting with your child's new Form Teacher to aid a smooth and seamless transition next term. September will be here before we know it and the year will start all over again. Our Sports Morning was a huge success and the children displayed such engagement and determination when participating. I must also thank all of the staff who assisted in ensuring that the morning ran so smoothly. Having the opportunity to take part in all of the activities enabled every child to run, throw, jump and catch with great precision. The pupils had a 'cracking' time during the egg and spoon race, what an 'eggcellent' Sports Morning for all! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their last week of clubs and activities and the Doodle Club last night was a joyous, relaxing occasion. I would thoroughly recommend doodling if you have a spare moment. I'm sleeping out with the Year 6 children tonight on the astro to support Shelter but I'm already looking forward to my bed tomorrow night! Have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes,

*Jeanne Speight*



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## Nursery Musical Showcase

The Studio Hall was alive with song and dance as the children from Nursery performed on stage during their Musical Showcase.



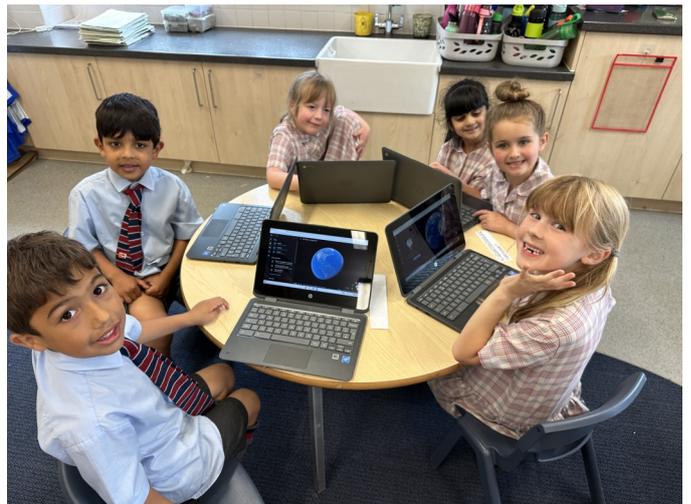
## Beautiful Butterflies

The children in Reception have closely observed as their caterpillars have emerged as butterflies. It was a momentous day when they set the butterflies free.



## Amazing Oceans

Inspired by Moana's love of the ocean, Year 1 have been learning about the five oceans of the world, I wonder if the children can sing the song to remember the names? All the children enjoyed taking part in a carousel to help embed these names. Activities included: looking at the oceans on Google Earth, using atlases to locate them, completing a jigsaw and drawing a picture to show the various layers of the ocean.



## Great Fire of London

The Year 2 children took their model houses down to the woods to recreate a scene from the Great Fire of London. They experienced how quickly the flames would have travelled as the fire spread throughout the city.



## Nursery Sports Afternoon



Pre-Prep Sports Morning





### Dates For Your Diary

#### July

**Monday 3rd**—Pre-Prep Celebration (PAA) 5pm

**Thursday 6th**—Nursery End of Year Celebration for N2 children 2pm

**Friday 7th**—School finishes at 11.30am **(no after school care)**

### 2023/24 Calendar

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
Pupils Return	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023
Half Term Begins	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Finish	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (after school)
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
Pupils Return	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half Term Begins	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
INSET	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Pupils Return	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Finish	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (after school)
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
Pupils Return	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half Term Begins	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Finish	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (12 noon finish)

### Last Week of Term

#### Monday 3rd July

Nursery finishes at 3pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 remain at school for Pre-Prep End of Year Celebration

#### Tuesday 4th July- Thursday 6th July

Nursery finishes at 3pm

Reception and Year 1 finish at 3.15pm

Year 2 finish at 3.25pm

No Clubs this week

After School Care is available for those who need it.

#### Friday 7th July - Term finishes at 11.30am

End of Term - No After School Care - Term ends at 11.30am for Nursery and Pre-Prep children.

### Book Changing Sessions Summer 2023

Monday 17th July (9-11am)

Wednesday 2nd August (9-11am)

Friday 11th August (9-11am)

Thursday 24th August (9-11am)

### Summer Term Reports

Your child's Summer report is available to view on the parent portal. Please follow the link below and log in to access the portal

<https://yarmschool.parents.isamshosting.cloud/api/homepage>

### **The Lightbulb Princess—Tuesday 31st October, 2pm**

A delightful new show full of sparkle and song, for everyone aged 4 and up.

Can you help a very unusual princess solve an unexpected problem?

Without the twinkle of fairy lights, the holiday season could be cancelled! It's up to our intrepid explorer, her pals and YOU to illuminate the world again.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/the-lightbulb-princess/>



### **Fireman Sam—Saved the Circus—Sunday 5th November 2023, 3.30pm**

When all of his friends go away, Norman Price decides to find adventure in Pontypandy and become the star of a visiting circus. But with a tiger on the loose and faulty lights, the adventure soon turns to danger. Can Fireman Sam come to the rescue and save the circus?

Join Sam, Penny, Elvis, Station Officer Steele and Norman in an all singing, dancing, action-packed show. You can become a fire-fighter cadet and then watch the magic of the circus.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/fireman-sam-saves-the-circus-2/>

