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Headteacher's news:

It has been an extraordinary final week of the spring term and I could not let this opportunity pass without my very own press release...

When our reception children reached into the fruit bowl for a banana on Monday morning, I don't think any of us could have imagined what would follow. When I first heard about our little frog friend, I assumed that it had come in from outside and not all the way from the Ivory Coast. The stowaway has certainly created a stir and we have had various news teams: BBC Look North, BBC Radio Leeds, the [BBC News Website](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk), Heart Radio, Yorkshire Evening Post and more reporting on the story. It has generated so much excitement in school and the wider community and I am very proud of the children and staff who have been involved in our moment in the spotlight.

I am also proud - as is Miss Bairstow - of the Y6 children who ran the Scholastic Book Fair this week. They did a brilliant job and with your help too, the fair was a huge success. Thank you for supporting this event. We will let you know the commission we have raised, which we will use to spend on books for school, after the holidays.

We have had some lovely emails and cards of appreciation following the Joseph performances last week. A video has been produced and we will make this available (for a small fee) after the Easter break. The FORP raffle and bar sales made an incredible £1000 profit too - a very well done to Emily, Claire and the team!

The final piece of news is to let you know that Miss Roberts and Miss Hanna are leaving the school today and will be starting new and different jobs after the holidays. On behalf of the school and the governing body, I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the school during their time here. They will be missed.

The FORP Easter Egg Scramble was a success this afternoon and this led nicely into the end of the school day and the start of the Easter break which I hope will be enjoyed by all.

In assembly this week, I spoke to the children about the Easter story and Miss Tidey talked about spring - including the signs of spring and new life / beginnings.

Sports News: On Saturday, the final league race of the season took place at Woodhouse Grove. [Click here](#) for further details. The U11 football team played back to back league games against Ashfield Primary School (Otley) on Tuesday this week winning both matches (3:1 and 2:0). The Y4 Skipping Festival was unfortunately postponed on Monday due to electrical faults at the venue. We await a rescheduled date for this competition.



Yorkshire Attractions are trialling a digital version of their much loved voucher booklet for the

Easter holidays and beyond. The booklet can be downloaded via this link <https://we.tl/t-ulClv9APgJ> or it can be accessed as a pdf [here](#).



Autism Bricks UK are proud to announce that they are opening their doors to the community and providing a monthly Lego club. [Click here](#) to download the poster for your own records.



Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Y1 Pear](#) [Y1/2 Lime](#) [Y2 Cherry](#)
[Y3 Willow](#) [Y3/4 Cedar](#) [Y4 Beech](#)
[Y5 Oak](#) [Y5/6 Ash](#) [Y6 Maple](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 31 Mar: School closes for Easter.
Mon 17 Apr: School opens for Summer 1.
Wed 19 Apr - Fri 21 Apr: Y6 Residential to Peat Rigg.
Mon 1 May: May Bank Holiday.
Fri 5 May: King Charles III coronation celebrations in school (more details coming soon).
Mon 8 May: Bank Holiday for the coronation of the King.
Tues 9 - Fri 12 May: KS2 SATs (Y6).
Fri 26 May: School closes for half term.