



News from Lealholm Primary school



Fern Class

Fern class have had an excellent week in English learning the skills needed to write our own newspaper report while in maths we have continued to work on shape and pattern. On Monday at the farm Fern class showed how wonderful they can be with lots of questions and excitement learning about how a dairy farm works, hopefully they didn't come back home too muddy.



Attendance

Our attendance this week is **96.4%**

Heather Class

There has been enough excitement this week to counteract assessment week with Heather class meeting Mike Barfield, visiting a farm and going to a panto! If that wasn't enough, they've loved their computing lessons with y5/6 using a mix of forever loops and count controlled loops to make a robot dance and y3/4 building sequences of code to drive a Lego taxi.



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Head teacher's Award

This week's head teacher's award goes to Fran, who consistently models excellent behaviour and is always there to help friends.

Headteacher's Message

What an exciting few weeks it has been at Lealholm! Our recent visit to Wilks Farm was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of dairy farming. The thoughtful questions they asked showed just how curious and engaged they were—well done to everyone involved!

We were also thrilled to welcome author and illustrator **Mike Barfield**. Heather Class impressed us all with their fabulous questions, and a big thank you to our librarians for creating such a vibrant display of his books.

Preparations for our Christmas performances are in full swing, and we're so impressed with how confidently the children are learning their lines and singing. We hope you can join us for these festive celebrations!

Finally, a huge thank you to **FOLS** for fully funding this week's pantomime trip and even providing treats for the children—what an amazing gesture! The excitement is building, and we can't wait for this special experience.

FOLS Request

If you are able, please send any donations for hampers into school. The hampers will be raffled at upcoming events. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day & Panto Fun

What a wonderful way to round off the week! The children celebrated Christmas Jumper Day heading to the Whitby Pavilion to enjoy the magical pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

The performance was full of laughter, excitement, and festive cheer, and the children all said how much they enjoyed the show.

Star of the Week

Fern Class Star of the week goes to Nina for her efforts to improve her handwriting and spelling. She has worked so hard to make sure she makes progress in every lesson ensuring her work is as clear as possible.

Heather Class Star of the week goes to Peter, an amazing turn around with work being completed quickly and to a high standard.

ClassDojo Winners - Fern Class

Blonde d'Aquitaine – Fran
Rhode Island Red – Sidney
Blue Texel Sheep - Oliver
Bronze Turkey - Ada

ClassDojo Winner - Heather Class

Blonde d'Aquitaine – Annie
Rhode Island Red - Jeffrey
Blue Texel Sheep - Peter
Bronze Turkey – Zoey

Afterschool Clubs

Tuesday - Choir-Mr Russell, 3.30-4.15pm

Wednesday - Board games - Mr Clark, 3.30-4.15pm

Lunch Menu

Monday – Chicken Burger & Diced Potatoes.

Tuesday – Crunchy topped Mac & Cheese.

Wednesday – Roast Gammon & Mashed Potatoes.

Thursday – Beef Mexican Taco with Rice.

Friday – Fish Star & Chips.



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Heather Class Meet Author Mike Barfield

Heather Class enjoyed a wonderful hour in the company of Mike Barfield – a talented local author who has written numerous books and even penned over 100 episodes of *Dennis the Menace* for TV!

Mike answered questions the children had sent him in advance, and he was particularly impressed with Solomon's thoughtful question about why he wrote so many comics. He shared his love of *Beryl the Peril* and even showed the class a treasured *Topper* comic from his youth.

He encouraged the children by saying that anyone can become a writer if they really want to – it's a lot of fun and, as he joked, "you get to sit at home drinking endless cups of tea!"

Overall, it was another fabulous experience supporting our pledge that every child develops a lifelong love of reading.



Pictures from this week





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Information for next week – 08th – 12th December 2025

- ❖ **Monday** – Stay and Play 2-3pm, for Sept 2026 starters
- ❖ **Thursday** – Music Lessons
- ❖ **Friday** – LC Sport Session

Key Dates – Autumn 2025

Music Sessions – Thursdays

LC Sport Sessions - Fridays

December

- ❖ Monday 8th Stay and Play 2.00-3.00pm
- ❖ Monday 15th Carol Concert at the Church – 2.30-3.30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 16th Dress Rehearsal Christmas Performance – 2.00-3.30pm
- ❖ Wednesday 17th Christmas Performance – 2.00-3.30pm / 6-7.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 18th Christmas Lunch
- ❖ Friday 19th Christmas Party – 1.30-3.00pm

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

- ❖ Last Day of Autumn Term Friday 19th December 2025
- ❖ Monday 5th January – PD Day
- ❖ First Day of Spring Term Tuesday 6th January 2026
- ❖ Feb half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
- ❖ Friday 13th March – PD Day
- ❖ Last Day of Spring Term Friday 27th March 2026
- ❖ First Day of Summer Term Monday 13th April 2026
- ❖ May Day Monday 4th May 2026
- ❖ May half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
- ❖ **Last day of Summer Term Friday 17th July 2026**



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