New Marske News

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Absence due to illness

It can be difficult to know whether to keep your child off school or nursery when they are feeling unwell. To help with this, the UK Government provides clear guidance for schools and childcare settings on health protection and the management of infectious diseases. This guidance outlines when children should stay at home and when it is safe for them to attend school. You can find the guidance on the GOV.UK website:

Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK

The NHS also provides helpful advice for parents to support decisions about whether a child is well enough to attend school. This guidance covers a wide range of illnesses and conditions and can help reduce the anxiety that sometimes comes with making this decision.

As a school, we understand that children may occasionally attend with minor symptoms, such as a runny nose, a mild headache, or a slight cough. With appropriate care and treatment at home, many pupils are able to remain in school for the full day. If a child's condition worsens during the school day, we will always contact parents to discuss the most appropriate course of action. This may involve a parent coming into school to administer medication or collecting their child to take them home.
We encourage all parents and carers to visit the NHS website for advice on common childhood illnesses and recommendations on how best to manage them:
Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

OPAL Play

We are delighted with the success of our OPAL playtimes. OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) has transformed our playtimes, giving pupils access to a wide range of exciting opportunities, including a scooter park, reading area, sandpit, mud kitchen, den-building area, role-play area, potions pitch and much, much more.
Our pupils thoroughly enjoy these activities, and we work hard to ensure that all play areas are safe, well supervised and well resourced.
I would like to thank our lunchtime supervisors for their continued commitment to enhancing our playtimes through the provision of engaging equipment and activities that they know our children will enjoy. Elaine, Tracey and Sam do an outstanding job of ensuring that playtimes and lunchtimes are engaging, enjoyable and safe experiences for all pupils.

Key Dates for this term

Halloween Disco	22nd October 2026
Non uniform day – collecting for Christmas Hampers	23rd October 2026
EYFS Pumpkin Patch Activity	23rd October 2026
End of Autumn Half term 1	23rd October 2026
Start of Autumn Half Term 2	2nd November 2026

Mobile Phones

New Marske Primary School is a mobile phone-free environment for pupils. However, we recognise that some parents may wish their older children to carry a mobile phone when attending after-school activities or travelling to and from school independently.

If a pupil needs to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be handed to their class teacher immediately upon arrival and collected at the end of the school day. We recommend that mobile phones are not brought into school unless there is a specific need.

This policy also applies to school discos. We understand that some parents may wish their child to have a mobile phone when travelling to and from the event. However, mobile phones must not be used or displayed during the disco. Any pupil found using a mobile phone during the event will have it confiscated and returned at the end of the disco.

These measures help to ensure that mobile phones are not used inappropriately and allow all pupils to enjoy the event fully, engaging with their friends and participating in the activities rather than using their devices.

Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to announce that ***Annabella Savoury*** and ***Charlie Doy*** have been chosen as head boy and head girl for this academic year. The pair were chosen due to their excellent attitude in school and positive impact they have on their peers. Our head boy and head girl have already supported staff in assemblies and represented the school at the Galileo Pupil council meetings. Well done Annabella and Charlie.