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Newsletter

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## Headteacher's Message

What an amazing week we have had at Ghyll Royd School! One of the highlights was our Swimming Gala, where Forms 3–6 demonstrated superb confidence, teamwork and determination in the pool. The atmosphere was electric and every swimmer should feel incredibly proud of their efforts. A huge well done to House Rodney, who secured first place, followed closely by Drake and Nelson.

We also had a fantastic time marking Comic Relief and saw some brilliantly inventive crazy hair, delicious baking efforts and some fantastic activities throughout the day. My sincere thanks to all parents, pupils and staff for the creativity and energy brought to the event.

Looking ahead, next week, our Friends of Ghyll Royd School have prepared a wonderful programme of Easter activities, which I know the children will absolutely love. Their hard work and dedication to organising memorable experiences for our pupils is very much appreciated.

We are also looking forward to our 1889 Foundation Launch Event on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm at The Craiglunds Hotel. This is a very special moment in our school's history, and I warmly invite all parents, families and friends to join us. Please do share the official invitation with grandparents, former pupils and any alumni you know, we would be delighted to welcome them.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do to support our school. It is a privilege to lead such a caring and enthusiastic community.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

**Mr Hadley Nicholson**

## Headteacher's Commendations

### Week commencing: 09.03.26

**Reception:** Erin S for always trying her best and listening to instructions. She is a super friend to her peers and always plays happily with them.

**F1:** Sisa N for her amazing contribution to the Mother's Day Tea. Her speaking has been so clear and she has delivered speeches with real gusto. Great job Sisa!

**F2:** Viren, for being kind and thoughtful with impeccable manners, he throws himself into all aspects of the curriculum always giving 100% commitment, he constantly challenges himself to finesse and improve his work. Brilliant work Viren!

**F3/4:** Georgia L, for her incredible efforts and enthusiasm on the residential at Nell Bank and her wonderful work in Mathematics lessons. Well done, Georgia.

**F5:** Jacksen C for his degree of focus and attention in class, ensuring the basics are done well and regularly completing work to the best of his ability.

**F6:** Sebastian A-R, for his challenge over the last few months, securing a place at Scarborough College with a Scarborough All Rounder Award. Congratulations.



PARENTS - GRANDPARENTS - FRIENDS OF GHYLL ROYD & ALUMNI

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
AN EVENING WITH HADLEY NICHOLSON AND COLLEAGUES  
FOR THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 1889 FOUNDATION

GRAND  
*Launch*

17:30 hrs  
Thursday | 26 | March  
2026

VENUE

THE CRAIGLANDS HOTEL COWPASTURE RD, ILKLEY LS29 8RQ

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## 1889 Foundation Launch – Please Help Us Spread the Word

We are very excited to invite all our parents, families and friends to the **official launch of the 1889 Foundation on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm** at the Craiglunds Hotel. This special event will share our vision for the future of Ghyll Royd School and celebrate our long history dating back to 1889.

We would love as many members of our extended community as possible to join us. **Please share the invitation with grandparents, former parents and any alumni you know**, even reaching one additional past pupil would mean a great deal.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating this important milestone together.



# Comic Relief Day: A Wild, Wacky and Wonderful Friday!

What an incredible day we had at Ghyll Royd School celebrating **Comic Relief Red Nose Day**! Our school has been bursting with colour, laughter and creativity from the moment the children walked through the gates, proudly showing off their **crazy hair** creations. From towering unicorn styles to rainbow spikes and everything in between, the effort made by families at home certainly set the tone for a fantastic day of fun.

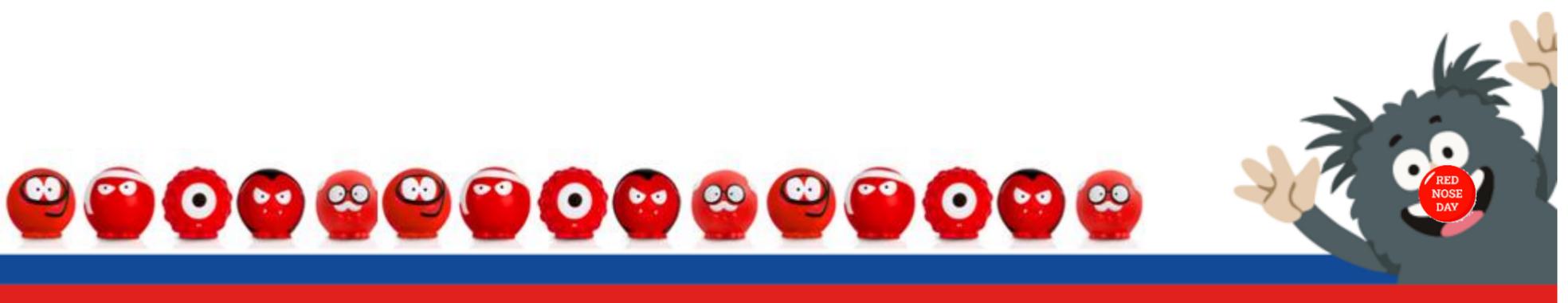
Throughout the morning and afternoon, the children took part in a whole host of Comic Relief activities that had the entire school community smiling. The kitchens were busy earlier in the week as pupils prepared delicious **bakes** and today those treats were enjoyed and shared to raise even more for this wonderful cause.

Our **silly Flamingo and Minibeast races** brought plenty of giggles, as did the challenge of **finding hidden treasure**. The excitement continued with pupils trying their best to **guess how many sweets were in the jar**, while others tried to crack the challenge of **naming the bear**.

One of the unexpected highlights of the day was the children putting their unusual talents to the test with some enthusiastic **worm charming**, proving once again that Comic Relief brings out the most hilarious and imaginative ideas across the country!

It has been a **very busy, joyful and memorable day** for our whole school community. Thank you to all our families for your support, your generosity and your brilliant creativity. Most importantly, thank you to the children, whose enthusiasm and kindness helped make Comic Relief Day at Ghyll Royd one to remember.

What a wonderful way to end the week, with fun, teamwork and lots of laughter, all for an amazing cause.





# SWIMMING GALA!



  
Ghyll Royd School  
and Pre-School  
A foundation for life



What an incredible afternoon at our annual Swimming Gala! Forms 3–6 took to the pool today for one of the most exciting events in the Ghyll Royd calendar - and what a performance it was!

**A huge congratulations to House Rodney, who swam their way to 1st place!**

House Drake put in a superb effort to secure 2nd place.

House Nelson followed proudly in 3rd place, showing great determination throughout the gala.

A massive well done to **all our swimmers**, you were all absolutely amazing and should feel incredibly proud of your achievements. Your hard work in weekly lessons and rehearsals really paid off today. What a fantastic celebration of skill, effort and school spirit!



**PIPPIA FEST '26**

**SKINNY LIVING**  
edbl + ROBERT VINCENT

**MAY 3**

## Ghyll Royd School is delighted to welcome back Pippa Fest!

After an incredibly successful, ***sold-out*** first year, PippaFest is back for a second year! PippaFest is an all-day music festival for all ages on Sunday the **3rd of May 2026**, in our beautiful grounds of Ghyll Royd School. What better way to start summer on the first May bank holiday? There will be 11 hours of non-stop incredible musical talent... featuring the incredible headliners SKINNY LIVING, and so many other amazing artists including; Robert Vincent, EdBl, Bethannie Hare (Costello) from former Hollyoaks fame.. But that's not all! There will be family fun activities to keep the children busy, not to mention an array of fantastic food and drink outlets. PLUS a great bar! All profits of PippaFest will go to Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Pippa Simpson, a local girl who lost her fight with brain cancer at the age of 25 in 2024. You can find more about the charity on their website: <https://www.teenagecancertrust.org/> This event was her biggest wish, so please come along and have a great day out, fun and dancing in the sun (hopefully) whilst supporting a wonderful cause. To see last year's festival and to stay up to date with PippaFest '26 - follow their Instagram @Pippa\_Fest [https://www.instagram.com/pippa\\_fest/?locale=kk-KZ&hl=ar](https://www.instagram.com/pippa_fest/?locale=kk-KZ&hl=ar) and Facebook page [\(1\) Facebook](#)

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RED NOSE DAY

# HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP

FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN



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through Class for Kids

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**BOOK  
NOW!**

Join us this Easter half term for a week packed with energy, fun and loads of activities your children will love! (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April)

Here's what we've got lined up:

**The Ghyll Royd School Easter Sports Camp is packed with energy, teamwork and outdoor fun!**

## Multi-Sport Monday

**Choose It Tuesday** – pick your favourite activities!

**Wheely Fun Wednesday** – bring your wheels!

**Challenge Day Thursday + Easter Egg Hunt** (no food given out)

## PLUS...

Daily certificates

Medals

Star of the Week Trophy

A brilliant way to stay active, make friends and enjoy the holidays!

To book your child's place visit: <https://ghyll-royd.classforkids.io>

## MARCH

**Mon 23:** Reception swimming; Swimming Gala @QE

**Tues 24:** Optional Parents' Evening 4-6pm

**Weds 25:** Forms 3, 4 - Bradford Science & Media trip

**Thurs 26:** KS1 swimming; KS2 Inter-league Cross Country; Form 6 Transition Seminar

**Fri 27:** End of Term Awards Service: 2.15pm

Mon 30 March – Thurs 2 April  
GHYLL ROYD SPORTS CAMP

