

Rocket Class Autumn 2026

Welcome to Rocket Class!

I hope that you had a lovely summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead! We have already thought about some things that we want to do, explore and learn this year! We have had a fabulous first few days, getting to know each other and our environment, playing and learning together. I am so proud of you all! We love to share your child's learning adventures with you, so please share any news with us. Starting school at any age, for the first time or starting a new year group, is a big adventure for families, if you have any questions please always ask! In Rocket Class, in fact, in our school, we love to read. Please read to your child everyday as many times as you can, it really does make a huge difference!

General Information and Timetable

Miss Pawson is the Class Teacher and **Key Person** for all children.

Mrs Court, Mrs Lancaster, Mrs Cornforth and Mrs Johnson are teaching assistants who support the children's learning.

Mrs Fielder, Mrs Cornforth, Mrs Court and Mrs Johnson take the class on Wednesdays.

Children need a drink bottle (**water only**) every day. We also have milk (EYFS only) and a snack in class during the morning.

Children need a warm/dry coat and gloves, hat or sun hat depending on the weather, we spend a lot of time outside! We need a pair of welly boots for working outside in, these need to stay at school as we will be using them every day.

It is really important to clearly name your child's clothes, especially our jumpers!

Monday

All School learning to read books returned to school in the morning.

Wednesday

Forest School takes place on alternate Wednesday afternoons, with our first session being on 23/9/26.

Thursday

School learning to read books come home to share and celebrate (please attend the meeting on 21/9/26. We look forward to seeing you there. Further details can be found in the weekly update or school diary dates.). This is for all families in EYFS, Year 1 and 2.

Children come to school wearing their PE kits

(see website for uniform list, we will do PE outside whenever possible).

Please read for pleasure every day!

Rocket Class

In Rocket Class, we are starting the term by thinking about ourselves as young people and as learners, what it means to be part of our class family and our school community. We follow our passions and interests in our learning. Please see our EYFS Autumn term plan on the class web page for ideas of the things we will cover. In Year One learning we will cover this term will include...

- Maths: Counting and ordering numbers
- English writing: Narratives and poetry as well as lots of writing for pleasure
- PSED: Families and friendships
- Science: Everyday materials, working scientifically and seasonal changes and plants
- PE: Look, run and avoid
- Art: Natural World- drawing
- Computing: Online safety
- DT: Mechanisms, wheels and Axels
- Geography: The Seaside/ Weather and seasonal patterns as well as map skills
- History: How has the way we travel changed?
- World Views and RE: Creation- Who made the world? The Christian World View of Harvest
- Music: Around the World

As always, we will be reading widely all of the time...we are currently reading books about starting school, friendships and 'wonderful me'.

Communication

Diary dates for the term ahead can be found on the school website.

An updates email is sent each week from admin with reminders of things parents need to know for the week ahead.

Any letters are always sent out by email; for ease, these are also uploaded to the letters section of the website for future reference.

There is a whole school news section on the front page of the website, which has articles added for parents.

The latest articles will always appear at the top.

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Need to contact us...

admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk for any general enquiries or any out of school hours correspondence.

grace.pawson@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk for class teacher questions; 8am – 5.30pm only.