

23rd January 2026

**Pre-School Time Change** I am writing to you with what I hope will be exciting and above all, convenient news. I am delighted to inform you that we will be extending the pre-school day to match the rest of the school day from after February half term, meaning that pre-school days will now end at 3.30pm. Children can continue to be picked up any time after 3pm but for those children with siblings in older years in school, I hope this comes as a long awaited relief!



After Easter, we will also be offering wrap-around care for our pre-school children from 8am every day and until 5.30pm every day except Friday. If this is something that you believe you will make use of, please contact school by 8am on the morning of the day that it is required. If you know well in advance that this is something you will make use of then please let us know as you can make block bookings whether that be weekly, half termly or termly. The cost is £5 per hour, or £10 for two hours. (Please note that if you stray into a second hour you will be charged the hourly rate).

I am sure you will agree that both these changes are really positive as we strive to ensure that the provision we put in place for all our children, is second to none.



**Punctuality** Please make sure that the children are ready to enter school at 8.50am so that the register can be taken at 8.55am and learning can begin promptly at 9am. Too many of our children are coming to school after 9am which disrupts the start to the day for everyone. Thank you!

**Ofsted Letter from the Trust** Ofsted inspections are beginning to gather momentum and increase in volume following the introduction of the new Education Inspection Framework (EIF) and the pilot inspections which were carried out in the Autumn Term. Darley Primary School was last inspected in January 2020 and Summerbridge in February 2022 so it is likely that both schools will be inspected in the not too distant future. So that parents are aware of what the new inspection process entails, Jo Robinson, the Trust CEO, has written to all the schools in the trust with the attached letter. Please take note of it, and then when the time comes for our next inspections, you will know what it involves and what the report means.



**And finally...** Please be advised that from next week, **Willow Class (Y5/6) will have PE on Wednesday afternoons** and **Rowan Class (R/Y1/Y2) will have PE on Tuesday afternoons**.



**This half term our whole school topic is: 'Invaders'**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Over the past few weeks, Ofsted has begun publishing the first sets of inspection findings under their new national framework. As these new report cards start to appear publicly, I wanted to write to you to explain what has changed and what these new judgements mean. We know that Ofsted reports are important to families, so it is important to us that you have clear, straightforward information.

**A new type of Ofsted report**

Schools will no longer receive one overall grade like “Outstanding” or “Good”. Instead, each school now gets a **report card**, which shows how it is doing in several key areas such as teaching, inclusion, behaviour, and leadership.

This approach gives parents more detail and a fuller understanding of a school, rather than a single headline grade.

**The new grades**

Each area of the report card is graded using the following scale:

- **Exceptional** – The school’s work is truly outstanding and among the very best nationally. Other schools could learn from it.
- **Strong standard** – The school is doing better than what is normally expected. Leaders are working above the expected level.
- **Expected standard** – The school is doing what it should be doing. It is meeting the professional, statutory and care standards expected of all schools.
- **Needs attention** – The school is not yet meeting the expected standards, but leaders are likely to be able to make the necessary improvements.
- **Urgent improvement** – The school needs to make rapid improvements in order to reach the expected standard of education or care.

**Please note:** “Expected standard” is a very positive judgement. It means the school is doing what is required and providing pupils with the education and care they should receive. It is not the same as any grade from the old system.

**What this means for you as parents**

You may notice that schools receive different grades across different areas. This is normal under the new system — it’s designed to give a fuller and more rounded picture of each school.



It's also important to know that 'Exceptional' will be uncommon. It is intended to highlight rare, sector-leading examples of excellence, that other schools across the country could learn from.

Where an area is judged as Needs attention or Urgent improvement, the school will receive extra support and monitoring to help it improve quickly.

#### **What this means for our Trust**

YCAT's priority remains the same: ***to ensure every child in all our schools reaches their full potential.***

When Ofsted visits, we will:

- share each school's report card with you
- explain clearly what the grades mean
- celebrate areas of strength
- work openly and quickly on any areas for improvement

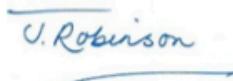
Our commitment to transparency and high standards will not change.

#### **If you have questions**

Please speak to your school's headteacher or contact the Trust office. We will be happy to help explain anything in more detail.

Thank you for your continued support for our schools and your children.

**Yours sincerely,**



**Mrs Jo Robinson**

Chief Executive Officer

Yorkshire Collaborative Academy Trust (YCAT)

# SUMMERBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# **TIMES TABLE ROCK STAR DAY**

# MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026



Children are invited to come to school dressed as their fayourite rock star for the day to celebrate our times table

# DARLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

