



**Dunholme St Chad's Church of England
Primary School
April 2024**



April at Dunholme St Chad's

Do you remember we told you FODS had arranged to raise funds for a new outdoor gym through the Tesco Community Champions Scheme? We were very pleased to be informed recently that they raised a staggering £1000! Sincere thanks to all who put blue tokens in the collection boxes at Tesco Wragby Road for St Chad's.

FODS raised a further £100 with their book swap scheme. Children donated their old books. These were then sold during World Book Day. It was lovely to see the children looking through the wonderful range of books, dressed as their favourite book characters. They also raised £400 through the 'Family Bingo Night', which was held at the village hall on 8th March. Thanks to all who attended and especially to those who organised it.

The 4th of March was St Chad's Day. We marked our namesake's special day by holding a special assembly in his honour. Rev Paul took us on a virtual pilgrimage of the village in a second assembly, which focused on key landmarks related to St Chad. He was an amazing man who showed love, truth and humility, which inspires us all today!

Our Year 2 pupils had a fantastic time on their Rand Farm residential. They enjoyed lots of delicious food, which had been grown on the farm, but they had to work hard first. They were put into teams and completed jobs such as milking the cows, cleaning the chicken coops, feeding the animals and moving heavy wheelbarrows of hay from one area to another. They learned all about yarn making, carrot growing and baking carrot cakes. It was lovely to see their smiling faces as they held cute, fluffy chicks, rabbits and guinea pigs. There was even some time for jumping on the outdoor giant bouncy pillow and having fun in the indoor playbarn. The overnight sleepover gave them a feeling of independence and self-confidence being in a different environment away from their parents & carers and was truly character-building! Our visit culminated with a tour around the farm on a tractor.

A small number of our Year 5 & 6 pupils represented the school at a swimming gala at Yarborough. The boys' team came 1st in their heat for both the 4x25m freestyle relay and 1st in the 4x25m medley relay. They came 2nd overall in the freestyle final and 1st overall in the medley final. The girls' team came 3rd in the 4x25m freestyle heat and 2nd in the 4x25m medley heat. We were especially proud of the performance from both teams as 5 out of the 8 swimmers were only in Y5. Roll on next year!



Book Sale



World Book Day



Y2 Rand Farm Residential



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Our final week of term was 'egg'tremely busy! We held our Easter Fayre in the school hall. The children's creations (Bonnets in Reception up to Year 2 and Egg Transformations Years 3-6) were showcased and FODS ran stalls & refreshments for everyone.

On the same day our Key Stage 2 pupils participated in their Easter service in the church, led by Rev Paul. It was wonderful to hear them singing so enthusiastically.

If you were fortunate enough to attend the Year 3 & 4 production of the 'Bee Musical', then you would know that the children in this age range love singing. For the past few weeks, I have struggled to focus on my work, while they have been rehearsing the catchy tunes. They worked hard to learn their lines and it was wonderful to see some of our quieter children taking on key speaking roles and shining onstage. They were all un'BEE'lievable!

We have more exciting events scheduled for next month. For our latest news, you might like to check out our website <https://www.dunholme.lincs.sch.uk/>

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