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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break! As we return to school, we are now on the exciting run-up to Easter, with plenty of learning, trips, and special events ahead. Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes a season of growth, new beginnings, and fond farewells.

**A Fond Farewell to Miss Wilson.** It is with both sadness and immense gratitude that we announce the upcoming departure of Miss Wilson, who will be leaving us in just two weeks' time after an incredible 10 years of dedication to our school community. Miss Wilson has been an integral part of school life, wearing many hats over the years. She has worked tirelessly, always going above and beyond to support pupils and staff alike. She knows every pupil—past and present—so well and has been a friendly, familiar face to all who have walked through our doors. Her kindness, enthusiasm, and commitment to the school will be deeply missed, but we are also so proud of her as she moves onto pastures new. While it's hard to say goodbye, we know she will continue to make a difference wherever she goes. Please join us in wishing Miss Wilson all the very best in her next adventure—she will always be part of our school family!

**Year 5's Trip to York.** Yesterday, Year 5 embarked on an exciting trip to York, travelling in our very own school minibuses. As part of their history topic, they had the incredible opportunity to visit the world-famous Jorvik Viking Centre, bringing their classroom learning to life with interactive exhibits and fascinating historical reconstructions. The day began with a very early start, as eager pupils and staff set off on their journey, ready to step back in time to the age of the Vikings. From exploring an authentic Viking village to seeing real archaeological discoveries, it was an immersive and unforgettable experience. After a long day of adventure, they returned home late in the evening, tired but full of stories and new knowledge. A huge thank you to all staff and volunteers who helped make this trip possible!

**Year 4's Roman Adventure** to Segedunum Roman Fort. Today Year 4 went on their very own historical expedition to Segedunum Roman Fort, an amazing site that offers a glimpse into life on Hadrian's Wall. This visit ties in perfectly with their current topic on the Romans, allowing pupils to explore ancient ruins, discover Roman artefacts, and even get a sense of what life was like for Roman soldiers stationed in Britain centuries ago.

We can't wait to hear all about their experiences when they return!

Parking Reminder – Please Be Mindful - We understand that parking around the school can be challenging, and we truly appreciate the efforts you all make to park safely and respectfully. However, we kindly ask parents and carers to be mindful of our local residents when dropping off and picking up pupils. Where possible, please avoid blocking driveways or causing congestion. Your co-operation ensures a smoother and safer experience for everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

We are pleased to inform you that bookings for our **Spring Parents' Evening** are now open. This year, we are using **Arbor** to manage appointment scheduling. Please log in to the **Arbor app** to book your time slot with your child's teacher. If you have more than one child at the school, kindly allow sufficient time between appointments to ensure you can attend each meeting comfortably. If you experience any issues accessing Arbor, please contact the school office for assistance.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and look forward to a fantastic half-term ahead. There is so much to look forward to as we count down to Easter—so watch this space for more updates!

**Best regards,**

Mr S Brown  
Head Teacher

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