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School Newsletter

13.12.24

A message from Miss Richards...

What a wonderfully festive week we have had! A huge 'well done' to all of the children in Class 1 & 2 for their amazing performances of 'The Inn-Spectors'. Watching them grow in confidence and shine on stage was an absolute joy.

On Wednesday, we had York Mix in school for the Elf Run. Thank you for all sponsorship money we have received for St Leonard's Hospice. So far, we have raised a phenomenal £701! If you have a cash donation, please bring it into school by Wednesday 18th December, or you can still donate via the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/rufforth-primary-elf-run

The festivities continue next week which is equally busy! We look forward to the whole school Christmas craft morning, KS2 carol service, panto, party day and Christmas lunch!

As we approach the end of our first term of 2024-2025, I would like to thank the whole staff team for providing your children with excellence every day. Staff at Rufforth go above and beyond to nurture and educate the pupils in their care.

This always feels like the busiest term but equally, one of the most special. The Christmas activities for families and children this year are as wonderful as ever and a huge thank you again goes to staff for their commitment and hard work.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Miss Richards

Class Star Awards

This week's stars (13.12.24):

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **All of Class 1** for a fantastic Nativity performance!

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **All of Class 2** for a wonderful Nativity performance!

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Erin S** for her cheerful, positive attitude to learning.

Class 4: *GROW* **Ralph** for your mature attitude to school and confidence to tackle new challenges.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Gilbert (Class 4)** for his determination learning his solo for the carol service.

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Last week's stars (06.12.24):

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Ernest** for sharing some wonderful ideas with the class and Rev. Martin on our class trip to church.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Ruairidh** for being wonderful throughout our nativity rehearsals and learning all his lines.

Class 3: *GROW/INSPIRE* **Amelia** for her positive 'can-do' attitude and her good example to others.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **Leilani** for her consistent effort in her learning.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Isabella (Class 2)** for her enthusiasm and commitment to learning her lines for the nativity.

Rufforth's Rock Stars!

This week's Rock Stars (13.12.24):

Class 2: Austin for always trying his best.

Class 3: Noah for his excellent speed and accuracy with multiplication and division facts for all the tables..

Class 4: Jonah for pushing yourself to improve your accuracy.

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Last week's Rock Stars (06.12.24):

Class 2: Elsie for her determination and improvement in her recall.

Class 3: Nelum for progress in speed and accuracy and her determination to keep improving.

Class 4: Penelope for great application of the known facts.

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Monday 16th December - **Christmas for the Community, 10:30—11:30am, school hall**

Tuesday 17th December—KS2 Christmas Carol Service in church, 6.30—7.15pm

Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Party Day

Thursday 19th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December—Riding Lights Christmas Panto & end of term

Monday 6th January—INSET day—school closed to children

Tuesday 7th January—school re-opens

Monday 27th January—Young Voices concert, Sheffield Arena

Equal Access Award

Following staff training and sport events planned both this year and last, we are delighted to have been recognised as a Barclays Equal Access School. This award recognises our commitment to providing equal opportunities for both girls and boys to participate in football.

A huge thank you to our Rufforth Sports Crew for all of their hard work and commitment to sport for all of our children.

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4— 17th January

Class 3—31st January

Class 2— 24th January

Class 1—7th February

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly

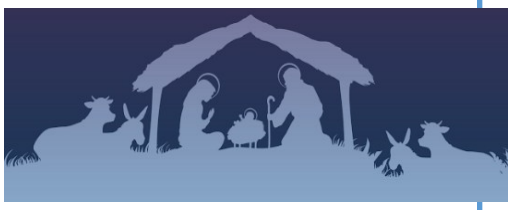
This week's whole school attendance is

97.06%

York Minster Service

Miss Richards and Mrs Pearson were incredibly proud to take a small group of children to participate in the Archbishop Holgate's School Christmas service at York Minster on Monday 9th December. The invitation was open to all KS2 children and all schools in Pathfinder Trust attended.

The evening was a festive delight of carol singing , dance performances, readings and reflections. Our children joined Pathfinder's primary choir in singing 'Tonight', a song that Class 3 and 4 will also perform in their carol service next Tuesday.



Keeping our children safe

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child at school please contact Miss Richards, Mrs Pollock or Mr Woolford-Mullen, our Safeguarding Leads.

Christmas events—key information!

What?	When?	Details
Christmas for the Community	Monday 16th December 10.30-11.30am	Carols for residents of Rufforth village.
KS2 Carol Service	Tuesday 17th December All Saints Church 6:30pm – 7:15pm	Further details will be shared by Mr Woolford-Mullen and Mrs Kite.
Christmas Craft Day	Wednesday 18th December	Event in school, led by staff. Children will be in their house teams for craft activities.
Christmas Party Day	Wednesday 18th December	Children attend school in their party clothes. Please ensure suitable footwear. Lunch is a party buffet served by the PTA with donations from parents. Further details will be shared.
Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day	Thursday 19th December	Please note that ParentPay may not change this to the Christmas lunch menu. Further details will be shared. This is not a full non-uniform day: children can swap their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper. Uniform trousers or skirts must be worn.
'A Christmas Cracker' Pantomime	Friday 20th December	Funded by PTA.

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Christmas for the Community

On Monday 16th December, as part of their final rehearsals for the carol service in church the following day, children in Class 3 and 4 will perform their songs for the local residents of Rufforth village.

We are proud of the relationships we have with other schools and with parents, and this event will further develop links with our local community. If you have friends or family living in the village, please share the details of the carol concert—we would love for them to join us.

PTA UPDATE

Christmas Raffle

Firstly thank you to everyone who either bought raffle tickets, donated prizes and/or baking and those who helped at the nativity performances. The raffle generated much needed funds for our children's enrichment activities next term.

Next Week

It's Christmas Party day on Wednesday! Please bring your allocated food items into school on Wednesday morning. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform and come in Christmassy party clothes should they wish.

Thank you in advance to those parents who have volunteered to help on the day. We couldn't do it without you.

Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumpers on Thursday

Children are permitted to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday, with school uniform on the bottom half. We still have a few Christmas jumpers on a table in the reception area. Please feel free to take any that are remaining.

Finally, we'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Leanne, Suzie, Lottie and Lewis

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COOKERY GIFT VOUCHERS; THE PERFECT EXPERIENTIAL GIFT FOR YOUR CHILD THIS CHRISTMAS

Clare's Kitchen after-school Cookery Club runs weekly after school for 2 hours during term time. Children plan, prepare and cook a fun recipe together. They learn a whole range of independent skills, as well as having fun and gaining confidence. There are fun 'Bake Offs' around celebrated holidays and special days such as Halloween, Christmas, St Valentine and Easter. See us in action on social media:

http://www.facebook.com/clareskitchenyork

instagram @clareskitchenyork

Email Clare clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk Mobile 07813182216

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our website or scan the QR code

Job	Strategic Lead for Attendance (Member of
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 9 (£31,757 — £35,611 — this is the pro rata salary) Full Time, 37hpw, Term Time Only. Required as soon as possible.
Closes	Monday 13th January at 09:00am

Job	Teacher of Social Sciences (politics & Scoiology)
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Fixed Term, January/April – August 2025. Part Time, 0.6 FTE (Full Time/Permanent position would be considered for the successful candidate)
Closes	Thursday 19th December at 08.00am

Job	Food Technician
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 5 (currently £20,161 this is the pro rata salary) Term Time + 1 week (45 weeks) Part Time, 35hpw. Required as soon as possible.
Closes	Monday 6th January at 08.00am

Job	Early Years Teacher
School	New Earswick Primary School
Details	Teachers Main Scale M3-M6 Required from: 24th February or 22nd April 2025 – Maternity Cover Full Time – 32.5 Hours per week.
Closes	Friday 13th December at Midday

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Required as soon as possible Currently £12.20 per hour Full Year, Monday-Friday Hours of work: 6.45-8.45am and 3.30-6.30pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments
Closes	N/A

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Enhanced DBS check required.

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