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School Newsletter

24.10.25

A message from Miss Richards...

As we reach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I want to extend a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support and enthusiasm. It has been a wonderfully busy (and long…!) half term!

The children in Reception have got off to a flying start! It has been fantastic to see them grow in confidence since their very first day and to have them join in whole school celebrations such as today's wonderful Harvest assembly.

In other classes, the children have also grown in many ways. Class 2 have enjoyed their learning about maps and the local area, kicking off their topic with an alien invasion in the playground! To bring Class 3's learning about the Stone Age to life, they took a trip back in time to Murton Park where they learnt about life so long ago. To enhance this, and as part of our Enrichment Pledge, they also took part in a den building day, which was great fun! Class 4 have a new topic this year focussing on the Tudors. A visit to Merchant Venturers Hall gave them a real insight into trade and the impact of this during Tudor times.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising a fun-filled afternoon of Halloween activities yesterday. It is wonderful to be able to step away from our 'traditional' learning and bring the children together for fun and enrichment. We are always seeking ways to go above and beyond and to ensure our personal development offer is the best it can be.

We launched our updated Behaviour Policy in September and I am pleased to share that this has been positively received by the children. In a pupil voice exercise, I was told that children understand the 'minutes' sanctions and that they still really enjoy the team rewards. If you are ever in our Celebration Assemblies, I am sure you would agree that the dojo points still incentivise the children!

Thank you to everyone for engaging with Class Dojo; I do hope that this is proving to be a useful communication tool. In the coming weeks, it will get very busy with preparations for Christmas so please continue to check the calendar for dates and the messages for reminders.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. **If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.**

Wishing you a wonderful half term,

Miss Richards

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4—Friday 21st November

*Class 3—Friday 14th November**

Class 2— Friday 28th November

Class 1— Friday 5th December

**Note Class 3's assembly is first*

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly, every Friday afternoon.

Diary Dates

Don't forget to use Class Dojo's calendar to keep up to date with all school events!

ClassDojo

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To help promote and celebrate our school improvement focus on writing this year we have introduced our 'Write Stuff' certificate.

Every week, teachers choose a child in their class who has really stood out for their work in writing. This may be their overall progress; the accuracy of their spelling, punctuation or grammar skills, or the composition, effect and flair of their writing.

It has been wonderful to use the display in the corridor to showcase the fantastic work that teachers have chosen. If you are ever in school, please take a look—we are sure you will be amazed at the high standard and huge amount of effort our children put into their work.

Magical News!

All primary pupils across York were invited to take part in a magical drawing competition! Children were asked to use their imagination and creativity to design "The Grand Wizard" mysterious and magical character. No drawing skills were required; it was all about fun and imagination!

We're so proud to celebrate that Eden in Year 1 was one of three runners-up in The Grand, York's drawing competition! Check out her fantastic magical creation below - such imagination and creativity! Well done, Eden you truly brought the magic to life! Eden has won afternoon tea at with an adult at The Grand!

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.

Rufforth School council were invited to take part in an exciting project within our local community.

Due to bad weather an old Ash tree had collapsed along the Rufforth cycle path. The school council visited the site to see the remains of the tree and came up with some ideas of what it could be carved into. We worked together alongside parish councillor, Suzie Flynn, and Mike Wood who created two owls with the remaining part of the tree. School council chose the names Ashleigh and Hedwig.

Mike kindly had a plaque made displaying our School name alongside the tree - I am sure you will agree it is very impressive!

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OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 12th November

1.30pm to 2.30pm

Will your child be due to start school in September 2026?

Rufforth Primary School is a friendly, vibrant and highly regarded primary school, situated just two miles outside of Acomb.

We have excellent adult-to-pupil ratios and only admit 15 children each year into our Reception class and we currently have space available in other year groups too!

Get in touch

Call us on **01904 806222** or visit our school website to find out more about our school.

Where to find us

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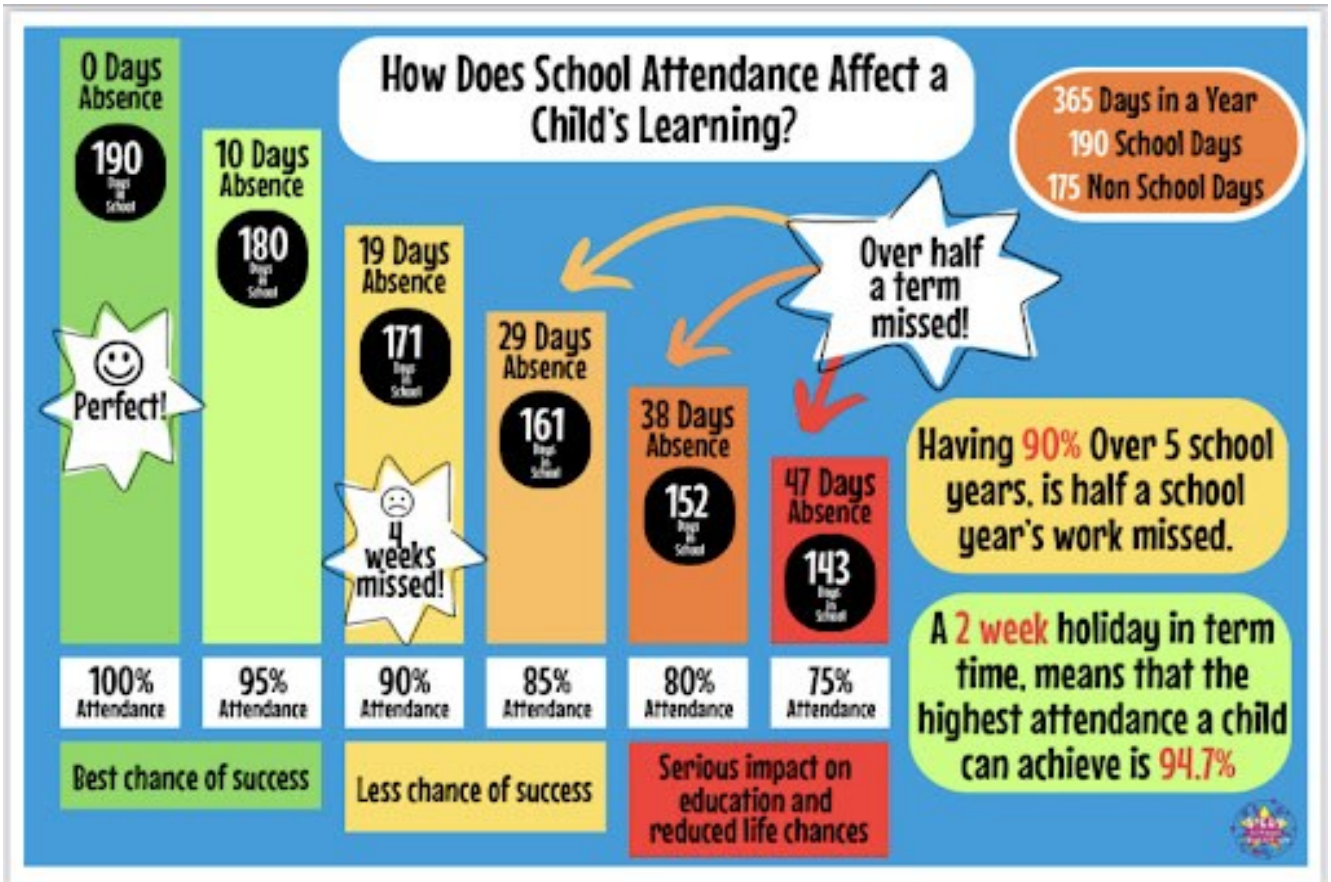

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.

Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.

A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.

Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.

Learn more:
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Admissions Consultation for 2027-28 Entry

In conjunction with the City of York Council, we are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for 2027-28. The consultation is running from 8 October to 21 November and includes the admissions policies and planned number of places (PAN) available at each school in York for entry in September 2027. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please see the admissions page on our website or visit:

https://www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation

Fair Admissions Consultation 2027-28

In line with the City of York Council and York School and Academy Board's (YSAB) commitment to Fair School Admissions we have reviewed our admissions arrangements in line with the Sutton Trust Fair School Admissions Pledge.

The Fair Admissions Consultation is open from Wednesday 15 October to Friday 28 November 2025. Please click here to respond to the Fair Admissions Consultation.

The parish of Marston Moor, which incorporates the villages of Askham Richard, Bilbrough, Long Marston, Rufforth and Tockwith, is welcoming Bishop Flora, the relatively new Bishop of Selby to the parish on the 30th November for a service of confirmation.

This is to take place in Tockwith at 10.00am. Confirmation is the occasion for those wishing to say yes to Jesus' call to follow him on our journey through life. It is a confirming of the promises made by us if we are older enough to do so, or more usually for us, at our baptism. Confirmation gives us the chance to say yes ourselves. The only criteria in our eyes for being confirmed is to be able to truly understand what is happening and what the individual is 'agreeing' to, usually this is around the age of 10, although a child who regularly comes to church, and understands the concept more clearly, might be a year or so younger, and of course there is no upper age limit!

If you would like further information about the confirmation, please feel free to either contact Rev'd Martin, martin@theottersholt.plus.com, 07842 106044, or Rev'd Karen, karenflood@doctors.org.uk, 07733 440425.

There will be 4 short 'teaching' sessions before the confirmation, between 2-3.00 on the Sunday afternoons of the 26th Oct, 2nd , 9th and 16th Nov. There is no test and if you miss a session that will be fine, but please call one of us if you are concerned with the times of these sessions.

With our Blessings, Martin and Karen.

OPEN 8AM-5:30PM FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-11

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

JOIN OUR ARTY | CRAFTY | SPORTY | ADVENTURE | FUN HOLIDAY CLUBS THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM!!

FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS | OPEN 8AM-5:30PM

JOIN OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME - 50+ ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE WEEK WITH 2 CHOICES EVERY HOUR!!

FOOTBALL CAMPS AVAILABLE AT SET VENUES - LED BY FA QUALIFIED COACHES!!

SWIMMING RUNNING ON SET DAYS AT SET VENUES - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!!

OCTOBER HALF TERM THEMED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HALLOWEEN DISCO, TRICK OR TREAT & MORE!!

OTHER YORK VENUES

ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE'S SECONDARY (E S)
COPMANTHORPE PRIMARY (E)
HEADLANDS PRIMARY (E)
HUNTINGTON SECONDARY (E)

VENUE KEY:
E - ENERGY PROGRAMME
F - FOOTBALL CAMP
S - SWIMMING DAYS

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OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Teaching Assistant (TA2) 1:1 SEN Support
School	New Earswick Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£25,114- £26,319) reduced pro-rata Fixed term to 17th July 2026. 32.50 hours per week, Term Time Only Monday to Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm
Closes	Friday 31st October at Midday

Job	MSA
School	Acomb Primary School
Details	Grade 2 Level 1 £24309 per annum reduced pro rata to: £5,307.67 per annum Permanent contract Term time only Monday to Friday 11am -1pm
Closes	Friday 24th October at 5pm

Job	Supply Teaching Assistant
School	Applefields School
Details	Applefields School are seeking to recruit multiple Teaching Assistant Level 2 based at Applefields School's mainsite (Bad Bargain Lane) as part of a Supply Bank. We are keen to support applicants who may be looking for reduced or flexible hours rather than a full 5-day week. Grade 4 (L1-4) £25,114—26,319 per annum., reduced pro rata.
Closes	Friday 31st October 2025

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Job	Exam Invigilator
School	Malton School
Details	£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract.
Closes	N/A

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Currently £12.60 per hour Full Year or Term Time 20 hours per week, Monday-Friday, 3.30-7.30pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments Required as soon as possible
Closes	N/A

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