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Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

13.02.26

A message from Miss Richards...

As we reach the end of this half-term, I find myself looking back at the last six weeks with immense pride. It may be cold and grey outside, but the inside school, the children have been shining brightly!

Our curriculum remains our core, but it is the enrichment activities that often provide the "spark" for our children, and this term has been one for more memorable moments:

- **Class 4's residential to London:** A huge well done to our Year 5s and 6s in for an amazing residential to London. From visiting the Natural History Museum, to walking around the city, to posing in Madam Tussauds and enjoying the hotel breakfast, the children's conduct was exemplary. It was a pleasure to accompany them and to see not only how much they enjoyed every experience, but how respectful and trustworthy they were in every situation.

- **Young Voices:** A massive "bravo" to our KS2 Choir who performed at Sheffield arena for Young Voices. Standing among thousands of other children to form one massive choir is a life-changing experience. Their conduct was exemplary, and their enthusiasm was contagious! Thank you to Mrs Sunley and Miss Todd for preparing the children for this event.

Other enrichment events have included a visit from **York Rescue Boat** for Class 3; A **Great Fire of London workshop** for Class 2, and **Active Day** for all classes!

After a busy few weeks, I hope you all get the chance to rest and recharge. We have an action-packed Spring 2 waiting for us on the other side of the break, including World Book Day (see below for further details), Science Week, Family Afternoon Tea and our upcoming Parents' Evenings on 16th March..

Wishing you a wonderful half term holiday

Miss Richards

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4—Friday 27th February

Class 3— Friday 6th March

Class 2— Friday 13th March

Class 1— Friday 20th March

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

EASTER ASSEMBLY—Thursday 26th March, 2:45pm.

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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World Book Day

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

This World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), we are doing something a little different. Instead of many books, we are focusing on just one: the wonderful **The Day the Crayons Quit by Oliver Jeffers**. By exploring this story together, our pupils will collaborate on creative writing projects across every year group.

To bring the story to life, we invite all children to come to school dressed as a "Human Crayon." To achieve this, we are asking everyone to wear an outfit in **one single colour** for both their top and bottom halves (for example, an all-blue or all-red ensemble). We look forward to a bright, colourful day of shared storytelling and seeing our hallways transformed into a giant crayon box!

To keep the reading magic going at home, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher. These will be sent home with children and can be exchanged in local bookshops for one of the exclusive World Book Day books or used as a discount against any other purchase.

Sporting Success

Huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 multi-skills team who won the Pathfinder competition and to our Y5/6 team who also won the Pathfinder dodgeball tournament! We are getting quite a reputation across the Trust and York for our sporting successes and wonderful sportsmanship. Well done, everyone!

As part of our Pathfinder and School Pledge, we aim to engage with and celebrate our wonderful Rufforth Family. In place of the usual Topic Showcase session at the end of term, we are introducing our first afternoon tea. Please do not worry if you child does not have a family member who can attend; we will also be hosting a Classroom Tearoom so that those children can showcase their work to other members of staff and still enjoy the refreshments.

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.

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Stronger Starts with Tesco

Great news! Rufforth Primary School PTFA has been shortlisted for funding towards creating a Sensory Space for School for children to play, learn, relax and feel safe, especially those with SEND. Help us make our project win 1st place across our region!

1st place - up to £1,500
2nd place - up to £1,000
3rd place - £500

Rufforth Primary School PTFA

Vote for us with your blue token

From mid-January you can vote for us in the following Tesco Stores:

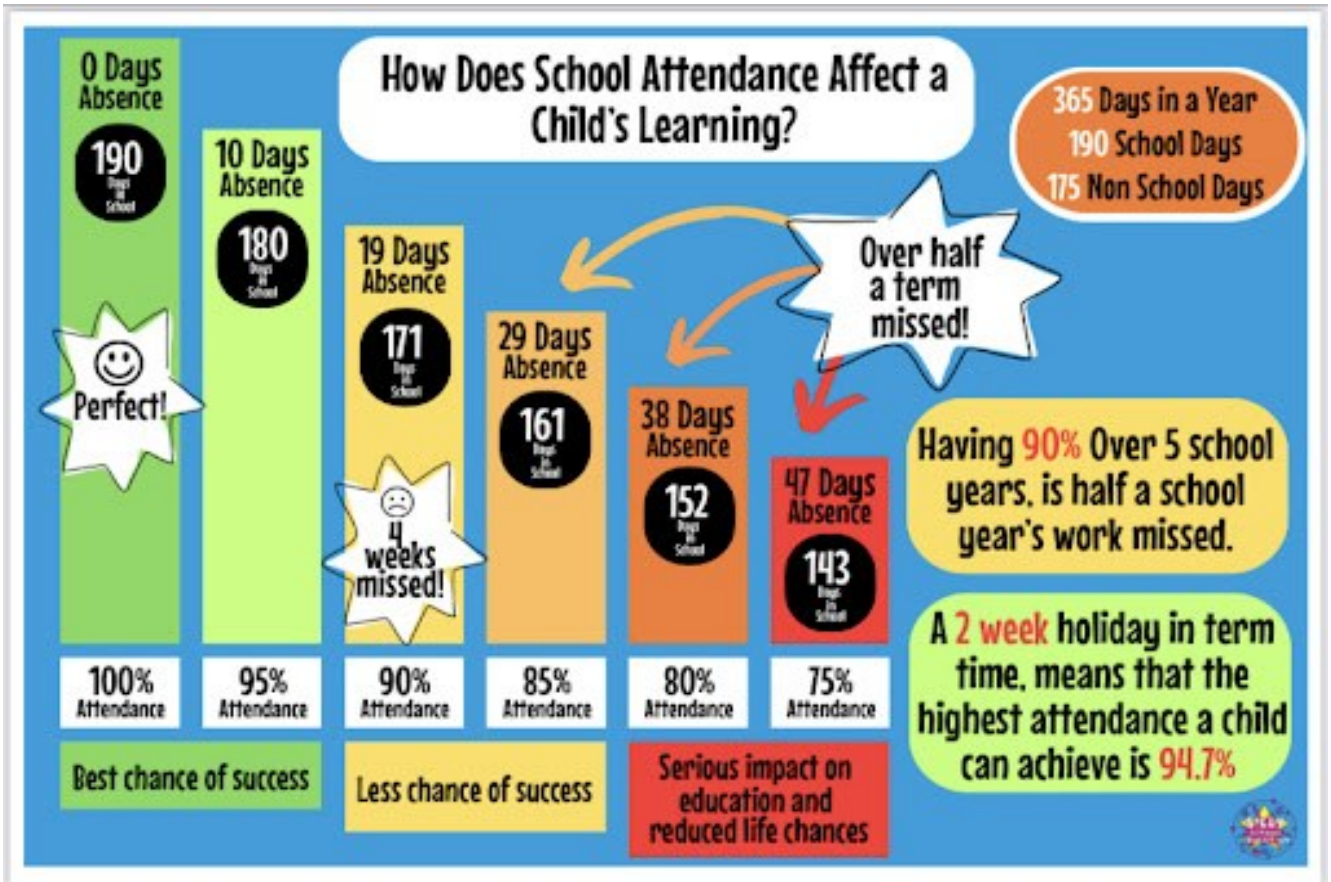
- Tesco Extra
  Tadcaster Road YO24 1LW
- Tesco Express
  Acomb Wood YO24 3XN
- Tesco Express
  Low Ousegate YO1 9QX
- Tesco Express
  Piccadilly YO1 9TU

Thank you - every token counts

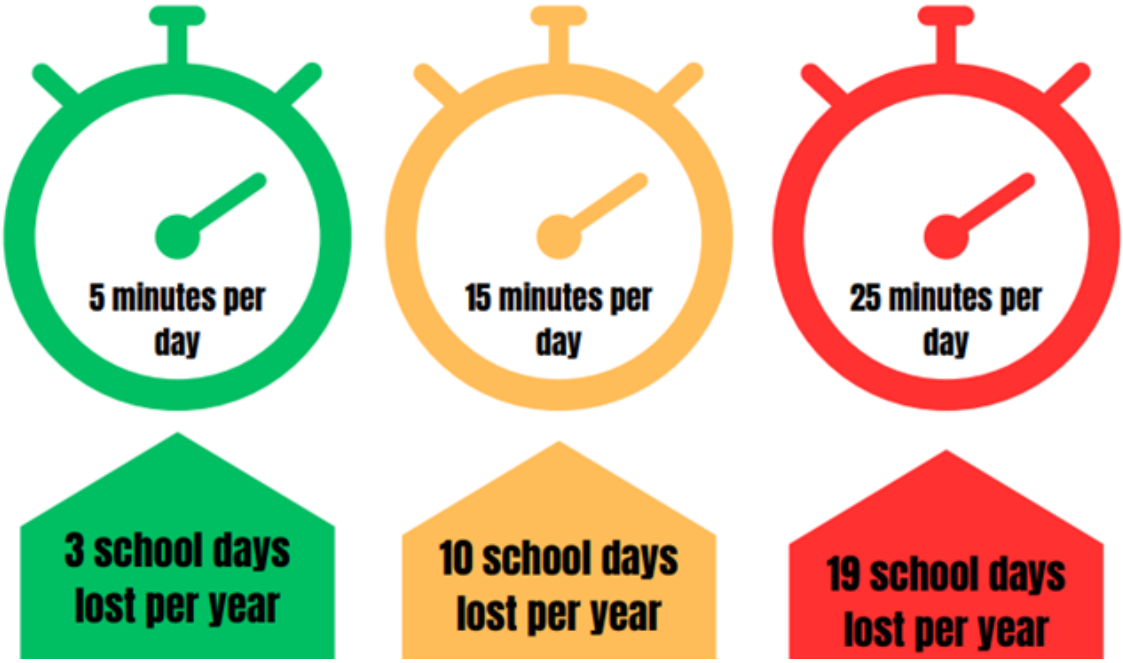
With a huge thank you to our PTFA, we are thrilled to be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme, raising funds to create a sensory space for our wonderful school!

Please support us NOW by visiting any of the Tesco stores listed above and voting with your blue tokens.

If possible, we would really appreciate if you could share the flyer via social media to get the word out there!



EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS



OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Trust Finance Manager
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Grade 10 (Points 10.1—10.4) £43,606—£49,228 per annum Permanent Full Time—37 hours per week Full Year Preferred Start Date: ASAP
Closes	Friday 23th February 2026 at 12 Noon

Job	Teacher of Maths
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Teachers Mainscale Full Time, Permanent Required from September 2026
Closes	Monday 23rd February 2026 at 08.00am

Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2—Supply
School	Applefields School
Details	Part Time—Supply £13.43 - £14.03 GBP per hour plus holiday pay Grade 4 - Level 1 to 4
Closes	Friday 20th February 2026 at Midnight

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

Job	MSA
School	Hempland Primary School
Details	Grade 2 Level 1-4 (24,309—24,399 pro Rata) 6.25 Hours a week—11.45—13.00 Permanent Term Time Only
Closes	N/A

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Currently £12.63 per hour Full Year, 10 hours per week, Monday-Friday, 4.00-6.00pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments Permanent Required from: March 2026
Closes	N/A

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