

NEWSLETTER 5th December 2025

"Rooted and grounded in love"
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

This week Class 3 have been on a trip to Boroughbridge High School for a Maths workshop. They had a fantastic time and we're delighted that they have the opportunity to go to a secondary school and have a taster of what their next steps might look like. Many classes this week have been completing their end of term assessments and it is always fantastic to see how much time, care and effort everyone puts into showing off their learning. We are very proud of all the progress the children have made this term – the longest one of the school year. This afternoon we were delighted to welcome the Yorkshire Grinch into school, to meet the children and hand out Christmas presents. The children really enjoyed his visit and hearing his Christmas messages of making sure that everyone is included and the importance of spending time with family. A huge thank you must go to the Friends of Dishforth who were keen for the children to have a memorable Christmas treat and whose fundraising made this possible. Thank you!

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Early Years we have enjoyed reading the book Stick Man. We really enjoyed going on a welly walk to find Stick Man in his family tree and we tried different movements that Stick man makes. We have explored different materials to see which material will be best to make a coat to keep Stick man dry. We have made our own stick people using natural materials.

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 1 have been really enjoying rehearsing this week, everyone is very excited to show our "Magical Christmas Journey" in the final week. In other lessons we have learned about the lifecycle of a butterfly, found out the differences between urban and rural schools and enjoyed making and learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#)

We have had a great week in Class 2. In History we learnt about Hadrian's Wall and the battles between the Picts and the Romans. In Science we loved making models to show how our biceps work in our arms. Our English this week has been writing a Non-Chronological report on The Romans which has allowed us to show off all of our History learning as well as our English writing skill. In between all of this we have completed our Autumn term assessments and had a visit from The Grinch!

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#)

This week the children have published their non-chronological reports about Charles Dickens, which are beautifully written. They have learnt about time zones and the different hemispheres in science. We welcomed a green Christmas visitor on Friday, after playing maths games in our workshop at Boroughbridge High School. The children were excellently behaved and enjoyed meeting some of the children and staff.

Please follow this link to our website to find out about our curriculum [Website Curriculum Page](#)



Celebrating our Success

Stars of the Week

EYFS	This week our star is Eddie. Eddie always tries his very best in everything that he does. He is a super friend to everyone. Well done Eddie!
Class 1	The Star for Class 1 this week is Zach. Zach is really enjoying the challenges of year 2 and is showing a very mature attitude towards his learning. He always gives 100% in class and always has a strong sense of pride in his work.
Class 2	Star of the week goes to Matthew. Matthew has shown a mature, hard-working attitude this week He is always trying his best and is a pleasure to have in class. Well done Matthew!
Class 3	The star this week is Josephine for her incredible work ethic and brilliant behaviour in class. Well done Josephine!

The Values Award



This week Zach has nominated Elodie for respect because at playtime she always looks after the Early Years children.
Thank you Elodie!

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
94.24%	94.8%	90.98%	96.44%

Christmas Dates

Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fayre, doors open 2.45 No Celebration assembly
Tuesday 16 th December afternoon	EYFS & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal - village hall
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity performances 2.15pm and 5.30pm – village hall
Friday 19 th December	Christmas party day (party clothes) Early finish 2.30 - no celebration assembly or after school club

Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week is a Wake Up Wednesday guide to setting boundaries around gaming and an NHS update on 'Togetherness' an emotional health digital learning hub..



Could you donate a prize?

Donations are wanted for the tombola – please put in the box by the entrance or hand into the school office.

Could you help out?

Any offers of help at the fayre would be gratefully received. Just let the school office know if you are free to help.
Thank you!



THE SNOW QUEEN 'A FROZEN ADVENTURE'

The Hightimers Presents: The Snow Queen, A Frozen Adventure!

This winter, join The Hightimers for a frosty, funny, and heart warming pantomime that's perfect for kicking off the festive season — The Snow Queen!

Gerda and Kai have grown up together as the best of friends — but as they begin to realise their feelings run deeper, fate takes a frosty turn. When Kai is swept away by the icy-hearted Snow Queen, Gerda sets out on a daring journey to bring him home.

Along the way, she's joined by a cast of colourful characters, including our fabulous Dame and her well-meaning son Olaf — who might be in for a chilly surprise! Expect penguin-powered pandemonium from the hilarious duo Chilly and Willy, toe-tapping tunes, dazzling costumes, and all the traditional panto fun you know and love — with a snowy twist!

Whether you're 5 or 95, this magical adventure is packed with laughs, surprises, and seasonal sparkle. So wrap up warm, bring the whole family, and let The Hightimers whisk you away on a winter journey you won't forget...

Use the code DISHPRIMARY25 on the website for your discounted child ticket price (limited numbers of discounted tickets available).



Do you want to take small steps to make some big changes?

We are here to help you take the next step with support, guidance, and opportunities tailored just for you.

Get in touch today for an opportunity to arrange a 'life chat'



Email: skillsandcareers@northyorks.gov.uk
Call: 01609 536 066 and ask for the Trailblazer team



This project is supported by York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, using funding from the Department for Work and Pensions' Get Britain Working Economic Inactivity Trailblazer.



Flu season is here, and getting your child vaccinated is one of the best ways to keep them healthy and in school. A flu jab not only helps protect your child from illness, but also means less time off school for them and less time off work for parents and carers. Flu vaccination also helps protect vulnerable friends and family by reducing the spread of the virus.

If your child missed their vaccination at school, catch up clinics are now available at:

17/12/2025 3.30pm - 5.30pm Hob Moor

Children's Centre, York

12/12/2025 16.00pm-17.30pm Knaresborough

Wellbeing Hub HG5 OLG

IT'S QUICK, IT'S FREE

To book a place please use the QR code, or call/email your local office. Both the nasal vaccine (no needles, contains gelatine) or an injection (pork-free, gelatine free) are available.