

# NEWSLETTER 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

“Rooted and grounded in love”  
Ephesians 3:17



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C of E Primary School

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## Headteacher's Message

Despite all the rain we have had a great week in school. We have had a whole school focus on improving our table manners which has been incredibly successful with more children than ever speaking politely and using please and thank you, using cutlery to eat instead of fingers and not talking with their mouths full of food. We have also seen children being much tidier when they are eating, keeping food on their trays or on the table and tidying up after themselves when they have finished. Well done everyone!

Next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January is our Christingle Service in church. All members of our school community are warmly invited to join us, Reverend Dianne and Reverend Dawn at Baldersby St James Church at 2pm. The children will all travel to the church on coaches from school shortly beforehand. They can then either be collected by parents/carers/other families at the end of the service or travel back to school by coach for the end of the day as usual. If you have not completed the form sent by email earlier this week sharing who will collect your child and where from, please do so as soon as you are able. Thank you.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

This week in early years we have been reading the story "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers. We have looked at a world map to find Antarctica and have learned about how the very top and bottom of the world are cold places. We have learned some facts about penguins and have written simple sentences about objects we might have lost. In maths, Reception have been learning about 6, 7 and 8 and have been recognising representations of these numbers. Nursery have been making patterns and finding mistakes in them.

### Class 1

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

We've had a fantastic week in class 1 writing some more letters, this time we got to choose who we wanted to write to. Year twos have really worked hard in their maths lessons, adding money and working out change and year ones have shown great enthusiasm learning about the numbers to 20, comparing and ordering them. In our geography lesson we learned about the difference between climate and weather and wrote our own weather reports.

### Class 2

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

Another busy week in Class 2, we have really enjoyed producing persuasive speeches in our English writing based on Hogarth's plea to the Farmers in "The Iron Man". In Science we looked at different types of magnets and how they work. We began to look at cartwheels in our Gymnastics session in PE and for Geography we looked at fault lines and tectonic plates and their relationship to natural disasters. We had a great RE lesson on Thursday, where we looked at the meaning of the Lord's Prayer and modernised it.

### Class 3

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

Class 3 have begun learning about multiplying integers by fractions in Y5 and algebra in Y6. They have worked incredibly hard in English, writing their diary entries in the perspective of Syms Covington. In music, we studied different songs in the hip hop genre and performed a rap battle. The children have also begun their 'layered portrait' in art, using Mike Barrett's work as inspiration.

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



## Celebrating our Success

### Stars of the Week

<b>EYFS</b>	This week the star is Max. Max has had a super week in school. He has listened really carefully and has written some super simple sentences. Well done Max!
<b>Class 1</b>	The Star for Class 1 this week is Logan because of his amazing work in class. He has made fabulous progress with his writing and maths and works so hard in lessons. A super well done Logan.
<b>Class 2</b>	The star in Class 2 this week goes to Noah N. Noah has had a great week this week and has shown excellent learning in all lessons.
<b>Class 3</b>	The star is going to Oliver for his excellent dedication to his writing in English. Congratulations on such a creative and entertaining recount Oliver!

### The Values Award



This week Charlie in Year 6 has nominated Wyatt in reception for compassion and friendship. He has noticed that Wyatt always makes sure that everyone is ok and is a great friend to all.

### Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
96.3%	92%	100%	97.6%



### Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week is a Wake Up Wednesday guide to How to set up parental controls to protect privacy on an iPhone.



Please don't forget that we are a nut free school. No nuts or products containing nuts can be brought onto the school site – this includes snacks when children are collected at the end of the day.

## February Half Term at RIPON MUSEUMS

**Saturday 14 February**  
**Sunday - 22 February**  
**February 2026**

**Ripon Workhouse Museum & Garden**

**Daily:** Make Your Own Match-Maker Theatre  
cut, colour and craft your own theatre

**Daily:** Get To Work! Self-led family trail

**14th & 21st Feb:** The Master's Valentine's Card

**21st Feb:** A Very Messy Storytelling Session 11:00am & 1:30pm

**18th Feb:** Vile Victorian Valentine's Cards fun craft session 10:30am & 1:00pm

**Ripon Prison & Police Museum**

**Daily:** Sketch The Suspect  
create a picture-perfect match

**14th & 21st Feb:** Ripon Workhouse Theatre Group perform 'Meet The Policeman' 11:30am, 1:30pm & 2:30pm

**Ripon Courthouse Museum**

**Daily:** St Valentine's Generation Game  
a jury evidence game

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### Key Dates for this half term

**Class 3 trip to Boroughbridge High School –**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

**Christingle Service Church Baldersby St James -** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

### Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	No sharing due to Christingle
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and Class 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS and Class 2

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40.

We look forward to welcoming you.

# York City x Thirsk Talent Hub Programme

**WHO ARE WE?** The York City Talent Hub is an 11-16 programme delivered at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College with the aim of providing sports students a head-start to a lifelong career in Football and Sport; delivered by York City Academy coaches.

We are recruiting current Year 5's who will be Year 7 starters in the 2027/28 academic year.

## WHAT WE DO...

Students will participate in a school-time timetable focusing on the following subjects:

- Football & Performance
- Introduction to Coaching
- Introduction to Refereeing
- Performance Analysis

## Y5 Trials

### WHEN?

Mon 16th Feb  
9.30-11.00pm  
Weds 18th Feb  
10.00-11.30am

### WHERE?

Thirsk School  
& Sixth Form  
College,  
Grass Pitch



To book a place on the trials please use the QR code to access the form. If you have any queries about the programme please contact either:

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**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

**U11s • U13s • U15s  
BOYS WANTED!**

## WINTER NETS

@ Boroughbridge High School

Sundays 4-7pm,  
22nd Feb - 29th March

## OUTDOOR TRAINING

@ Ouseburn CC

Friday nights from 17th April - 17th July  
Matches in the Nidderdale Junior league, nights vary

For more info:

[ouseburn.play-cricket.com/Aboutus](https://ouseburn.play-cricket.com/Aboutus)

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