



Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter

28/11/2025

Head teacher's note

Well done to our new school councillors - their classmates have chosen wisely and I know that they already have some great ideas for us. The first one being a whole school "Bodhi Day" on his birthday. Big congratulations to Beth, Ella, Nori, Celeste, Betty, Isaac, Edie, Evie and Finlay.

We have been donated some sets of single bedding - duvet, pillow, pillowcase, duvet cover and sheet - if this would help you out then please just let Emma or Helen in the office know and bring a bag to take it all away in.

Please could you make sure that you are leaving school through the playground gates at drop off and pick up and not the front door. Thank you.



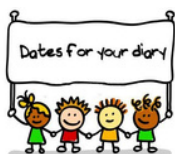
Dates

Mon 1st - OPAL observation and baseline audit
Mon 1st - Salvation Army assembly KS2

Weds 3rd Y5/6 DR & EB parent writing workshop

Thurs 4th Y5/6 AW parent writing workshop

Fri 5th - Christmas Fair



Friends of Fishergate

Bake Sale on Monday

Early Years will be hosting our final bake sale of this school term at 3.15pm in the lower hall on Monday 1st Dec. Items will be sold at 50p each and we accept cash only, thank you!

Donations Day

8.30am in the lower hall on Wednesday 3rd Dec - we will be accepting your donations.

Christmas Fair

3.30pm - 5.15pm in upper and lower halls on Friday 5th Dec - Games, tombolas, raffle prizes, delicious food, drinks & treats and some new additions we think you're going to love!

Also coming soon... our Christmas Shop!

A selection of gifts will be available for the children to choose from, all wrapped and labelled ready to go under the Christmas tree! On Thu 11th Dec and Fri 12th Dec, your children will have the opportunity to shop during the school day. Items will be sold at £2.50 each.

Our busy elves are stocking the shop with gifts children can buy for parents, siblings, grandparents, friends and even beloved pets! And thank you to our merry team of parents who have been wrapping the gifts, you are all brilliant!



Phase group updates

Early Years This week, the children have officially begun rehearsals for the Christmas show, singing their little hearts out, and they are doing a fantastic job of learning the songs and actions that help tell the Christmas story—they are all superstars in the making.

In maths, we've had a wonderful time becoming 'shape detectives', exploring all kinds of 2D shapes, from slippery circles to snappy squares, as we built and sorted them during our activities.

Year 1/2 Key Stage 1 have been busy with their preparations for the Christmas Show, with a big week of rehearsals ahead. In Writing, Year 1 have enjoyed their 'Michael Rosen Week', undertaking lots of different activities like 'Going on a food hunt'. Year 2 have begun a new cycle of Talk4Writing with the book 'Stick Man' and are currently finishing their 'Imitate' phase. Thank you to all the parents who came to our 'Book and a Biscuit' event, it was fantastic to see so many parents there and the children had a wonderful time.

Year 3/4 We have so many budding geologists in Yr 3/4 who are very keen to share their knowledge on fossils. Thank you for the samples which have been brought into school. If they want to have a go at making their own fossil, watch the video below which the teacher used to model (Plaster of Paris is needed). Or just enjoy making making impression fossils at home using playdough and toy animals. Have fun with the fossil quiz for this week's homework.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NimNfy-rX1k>

Year 5/6 The children managed recent assessments in Reading and Maths well and we are really proud of their progress. In English, we are learning to write like real journalists - come to our open lesson next week to see your children in action. Year 5 are learning long multiplication while Year 6 are dividing fractions in Maths, while in Science the children are devising their own experiments to measure how quickly sugar dissolves..



Other news

We currently have spaces at our breakfast club. It starts at 8:20am and the children go straight to their classrooms when school begins. Lou, our amazing cook, provides something different every day - although cereal is always an option. Apple juice or orange juice is also available. The menu at the moment is:

Monday - crumpet with butter

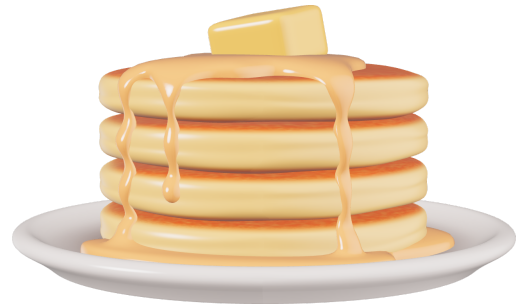
Tuesday - porridge with apple slices

Wednesday - toast with butter and jam

Thursday - scotch pancake with honey and banana

Friday - beans on wholemeal toast

As this club is fully funded by York Hungry Minds, there is absolutely no charge. If you are interested then please let Helen or Emma in the office know and they will take it from there. For ordering purposes we do need prior notice of which days your child we be attending.



Bodhi Corner

Hello everyone!

It's Bodhi here with my weekly update. This week I went to my very first Year 5/6 assembly.

I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but one of my lovely Year 5 friends sat beside me the whole time to help me feel calm and confident. I tried my best to listen carefully and sit nicely—although I might have wagged my tail a bit too loudly!

Tina said she thinks the children were paying more attention to me than to her, but I promise I wasn't trying to steal the show. I just can't help being adorable.

I'm looking forward to more adventures around school next week.

Until then—big wags and happy paws! 🐾



This week's sticky question was "Is it ever ok to break the rules?"

Some ideas for discussion:

Safety first - What if someone is hurt and you need to run in the corridor to get help?

Rules that are unfair - Are there rules that treat some people unfairly?

Mistakes happen - Sometimes people break rules by accident. If it was a mistake, should there be consequences?

Breaking a rule can cause problems
- Could breaking a rule lead to confusion or chaos?

Learning self-control - Rules help us learn responsibility.



DONATIONS DAY

We will happily accept any of the following types of donations:



Filled jam jars:

Clean glass 'jam' jars of any size filled with whatever goodies fit! Think mini stationery, crafting, small toys, puzzles, collector cards (Pokemon, Lego, etc.), stickers, sweets, loose change (£1+), hair accessories, badges, temporary tattoos, fun jewellery, etc.

Teddy Tombola:

Recycle and declutter in one go! Soft toys, teddies, plushies and characters that are in clean, very good and loveable condition.



Chocolate & Sweets Tombola:

Chocolate gifts, treats, boxes, bars and multi-packs. Sweets (Haribo, etc.) in bags, tubes, selection boxes. Biscuits of any size, shape & flavour. Nut-free, please.

Bottle Tombola:

Wine, beer, cider, sparkling wine, spirits, posh cordials, mixers, liqueurs, sherry, port, tonics, pop, sparkling water, soft drinks. Must be unopened. Any child who wins a bottle of alcohol must have their adult collect it.

General Tombola:

New giftable items. Stationery, toiletries, home & garden items, gadgets, games, toys, puzzles, clothing, accessories, etc.



Raffle Prizes:

Larger value items, vouchers and hamper food items welcome. Non-perishable food and drink, please.

Cake Stall:

Mince pies for the cake stall are being accepted on Donations Day, but we kindly ask that you bring other cakes and bakes to the Christmas Fair or to the office the morning of the event.



Thank you from Friends of Fishergate!



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Christmas Fair

Join us for a festive afternoon at our annual Christmas Fair, where holiday fun and good cheer await everyone!

**3.30pm - 5.15pm on Friday 5th December
in the school's upper and lower halls**

Come along for...

Tombolas, games of skill & chance, raffle, festive crafts, delicious food, mince pies, cake stall, hot chocolate, & much more!



Questions or interested in lending a helping hand at the fair? Get in touch at friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com





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Raffle Prizes



The Body Shop

Goodie bag

York Pilates People

Pilates session voucher

York Sport

Family swim voucher

Dutch Barn Vodka

Distillery tour for two

Stump Cross Caverns

Family visit voucher

CitySightseeing York

Bus tour family ticket

Co-op

Hamper items and treats

Red Goat Climbing Company

£50.00 voucher

Bettys Café Tea Rooms

Gift bag

Flying Tiger

Fun gifts

Trig Brewery

Beer hamper

Bruks Cafe

£10.00 voucher

The Entertainer

£15.00 voucher

York Gin

£35.00 voucher

