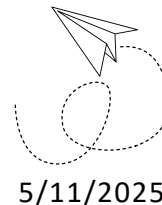




Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter



Head teacher's note

As you can imagine, school is incredibly busy at the moment - although high levels of illness have stopped the KS1 rehearsals in their tracks! We are looking forward to seeing you at the many events that are coming up. In the last couple of weeks the Y5/6s have enjoyed their Harry Potter Feast and then the movie night. Photos are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Next term Art Club will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons. The club is run by local illustrator and art tutor Lucy Monkman. In the club pupils explore different subject matter and different ways of working, for example, drawing, painting, collage and three-dimensional work. Each term they also look at the work of a particular artist. The club is open to pupils of Years 4, 5 and 6 and it finishes at 4.30pm. All the materials are provided. For further details including the start date and payment information please contact Lucy: lucy.monkman@btinternet.com.

Friends of Fishergate

Christmas Fair today!

We kindly ask that you remember to enter the fair through the school's front entrance at 3.30pm today. Greeters will be giving all Fishergate pupils a very special card for three fair freebies: a snack, a drink and a go on our new badge maker machine! Cash only, so bring along your change, and have some festive fun while raising money for the school!

Next week: Christmas Shop

On Thursday the 11th and Friday the 12th, students will have the opportunity to do a little holiday shopping of their own. The shop is held during the school day, students need only bring 1) spending money, 2) a list of the people they are buying gifts for and 3) a carrier bag to safely bring gifts home in. We accept cash only and gifts are all priced at £2.50 each.

Bake sale review

Both the quantity and the lovely homemade quality of the Early Years' cakes were very impressive at this week's bake sale. Thank you to our lovely helpers, to all who came by, and to the talented bakers. We raised a fantastic £64.30, well done everyone!

Dates

Mon 8th - EYU dress rehearsal 9:30am
Mon 8th - Flu vaccinations

Tues 9th - EYU performance

Weds 10th - Christmas lunch

Thurs 11th - Carols by Candlelight 5:30pm

Fri 12th - Schools of Sanctuary award assembly



Phase group updates

Early Years this week we have mainly been sparkling and shining and singing our hearts out getting ready for our Christmas show. We are so excited for our families to come and hear our poems and songs next week. We also had a very special visitor in the forest this week, Mrs Ensor who retired in July came back to help us find signs of winter and collect big piles of leaves.

Year 1/2 Illness has swept through KS1 this week with nearly half of our children being off for most of the week. Despite this, the children have done fantastically well trying to rehearse for the Christmas shows, which unfortunately have had to be postponed until the 16th and 17th of December. We hope everyone feels better soon and look forward to seeing everyone on the new show dates.

Year 3/4 The Yr 3 /4 team would like to thank you for sending in your child with any spare books at home, for our book swap which was very successful. This week the children have begun to plan their elf story, thinking about using different sentence openers (fronted adverbials) and adjectives to make expanded noun phrases. We can't wait to see how their stories come alive with the magic of words.

Year 5/6 Year 5/6 loved having their parents in for one of our writing lessons, where the children were writing their own newspaper articles about a disaster at Hogwarts. In Maths, we have moved onto division while in Potions (Science), we are learning how to recover salt from a solution.



Other news

On Saturday mornings York Music centre held at Millthorpe School hosts 'I Can Play!', a music session designed specifically for deaf children and young people. The project is run in partnership with the National Centre for Early Music (NCEM) and provides tailored musical activities that help make music accessible, enjoyable and confidence building for those who might otherwise struggle to access it.

The team at NCEM are taking part in The Big Give Christmas Campaign this week to raise £6000 to support another year of 'I Can Play!' sessions, along with some new inspiration workshops. If you are able to support by making a donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can find the campaign page here:
<https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a05WS000006WQgVYAW>

Bodhi Corner

Woof woof, friends — Bodhi here!
Guess what I got up to this week? I trotted into the Salvation Army assembly and wowza, my tail nearly wagged off! There were mountains of toys that Fishergate families had donated. Honestly, it looked like Santa's sleigh had exploded (in a good way). You humans are SO generous — those toys will make lots of children super happy.

Huge woofs of thanks to Darcie and Indie for sitting with me. They were top-quality humans: excellent at stroking, very good at keeping me company, and 10/10 for helping me stay calm even when I wanted to sniff everything.



STICKY QUESTIONS

This week's sticky question was
should Rudolph always lead the sleigh because of his nose, or
should everyone get a turn?

If Rudolph Should Always Lead

- Is it okay for someone to have a special job if they have a unique talent?
- Does tradition matter—should they keep doing it because it has always worked?

If Everyone Should Get a Turn

- Is it fair if only one reindeer leads every year?
- What if other reindeer want to learn to lead too—should they get a chance?
- Could sharing the lead role help the whole team feel included?

Neutral/Thinking

- What does it mean to be a good leader? Should it depend on skill or fairness?
- Could the reindeer create a plan where Rudolph leads sometimes and others lead too?
- How would Rudolph feel if he lost his spot—or if he never got a break?



POTTERING AROUND





DECEMBER 2025 INFORMATION SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN COLLABORATION WITH YORK PARENT CARER FORUM- NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG

Wednesday 3rd December 1pm- 2pm – Supporting your Neurodivergent Child through the Festive Period.

An information session led by the Autism Specialist Teaching Team around how to best to support your child through the festive period when life and routines may look very different over the festive period.

Friday 12th December 2025 1pm- 2pm – an Information Session about Post 16 Education and Employment Pathways

The City of York Council Skills Team will offer an information session on support and pathways that may be available for young people Post 16 in York. The session will include information about the Specialist Learning and Employment Advisor Team (SLEAT) and the support they might be able to offer, as well as information about Post-16 employment pathways such as Supported Internships.

Monday 15th December 1pm-2pm Understanding local support for children and young people with Sensory Processing Differences:

An informal session describing local provision for sensory possessing differences and the Lets Make Sense Together resources. Led by Jayne Young, Ruth Ayres and Emilie Meynell from Children's Therapy Services, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals,

All held at SEND CENTRAL, Children's Centre on the site of Clifton Green Primary School,
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