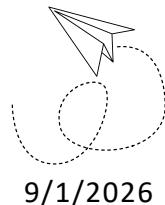




# Newsletter



## Head teacher's note

Happy New Year to you all, I hope that you all had a happy and restful break. As always, it has been fabulous to welcome you all back to school this week.

Our playground transformation starts in earnest from this half term and we have been looking for plastic stacking crates but haven't had much luck. Do any of you have access to stock through your jobs? We would also like lengths of drain pipe and plastic guttering. If you have anything then just bring it to the school office and we will take it from there!

Just a heads up that every phase will be having a trip in the summer term. Thanks to cake stall money and the generosity of Friends of Fishergate these trips are heavily subsidised. However we will still be asking for approximately £15. We just want to give you as much notice as possible so that you can budget

## Friends of Fishergate

### Planning meeting next Tuesday

As always, our busy team is feeling energised by fun events planning and an exciting literacy rewards project. We need you! We are looking for fresh ideas to further shape school events and goals, and your ideas matter a great deal to us.

Won't you join us at our next planning meeting? You only need to bring yourself and any ideas you might have.

We'll be meeting out of the regular school and work hours this time and you can find us at the Novotel hotel bar at 6:30pm on Tuesday 13th January (Fishergate, York YO10 4FD). If you can't make it but would like to stay in the loop, please email us at [friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com).

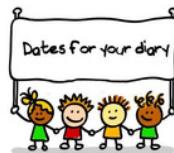
### What's next?

Bake sales and pre-loved uniform stalls plans are underway, details are coming soon.

## Dates

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - OPAL development 1 meeting

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> - Over and Above Treat



## Phase group updates

**Early Years** have had a great first week back in Early Years, we have been reading 'Whatever Next' and making space rockets in an effort to travel to the moon. In Maths, we have been creating repeated patterns using shapes and colours. We had a very lovely frosty and frozen time in the forest noticing all the signs of winter.

**Year 1/2** have enjoyed a fantastic first week back and have begun their 'Arctic' topic for this term. Year 1 have been looking at the book 'Poles Apart' and learning about the Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak, whilst Year 2 have been researching Arctic animals and writing reports about Polar Bears. Year 1/2 will be having their 'Big Book Swap' on Monday 26th January, where children will be able to choose donated books to take home so please feel free to donate any old unwanted books to your child's class teacher. Please note Year 1 Forest School will begin next week on Tuesday 13th January.

**Year 3/4** The Yr 3/4 team would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! Just before we ended for Christmas, we were very fortunate to have a STEM Ambassador, Pete Webb- geologist, who travelled from Derbyshire to spend the day with our children, sharing his expertise about rocks and bringing many of his rock and fossil samples for them to study. He was impressed with the children's prior knowledge and their behaviour throughout the session was exemplary.

**Year 5/6** We have loved finding out what our children have been up to in the holidays and the children have come back rested, settled and ready to start our new topic of Maya Civilisation. In English, we are writing our own newspaper articles based on the wizarding world while in Maths Year 6 are learning to recognise equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages and Year 5 are identifying factors and multiples

## Bodhi Corner

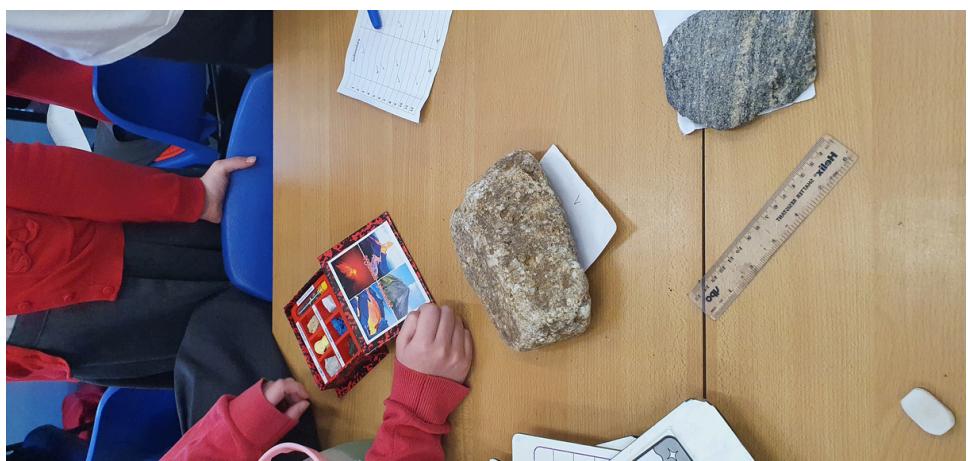
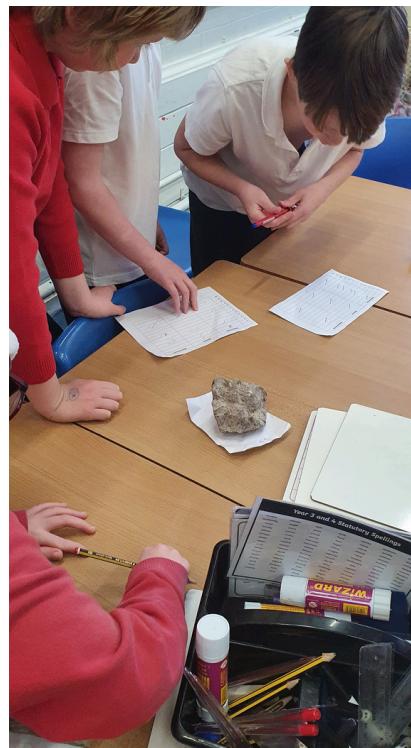
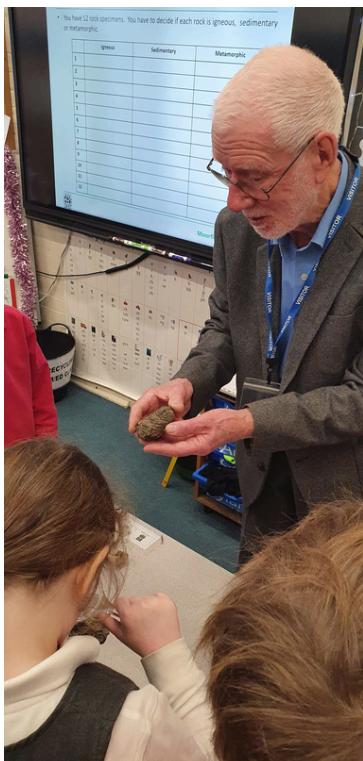
Woof hello everyone! I had a pawsome Christmas break with lots of naps, snacks (quality control is very important) and festive walks. Even so, I couldn't wag my tail fast enough to come back to school and see my school family — I missed all the fuss!

Over the holidays, I went on a big adventure down to Reading for a huge family occasion with 24 grown-ups and children. That meant 24 chances for tummy rubs, ear scratches and accidentally dropped food (a dog can dream). There were so many smells that my nose is still recovering! I loved being right in the middle of the excitement, but I'm now back at school, ready for learning, listening... and the occasional sneaky nap under a desk. 

p.s. Tina didn't dress me up - it is All!!!



# Being in Y3/4 Rocks!



# Competition Time

## HANDS UP PROJECT POETRY COMPETITION 2025



Would you like to write a poem to be published in a new Hands Up book and exhibition?

### Rules of the competition:

#### The brief:

The painting on the right was done in 2022 by a 14 year old Gazan school girl called Tala Rasas. We'd like you to write a poem inspired by the painting.

Each poem should be no more than 50 words long and must be hand written and hand illustrated.

#### Who can take part?

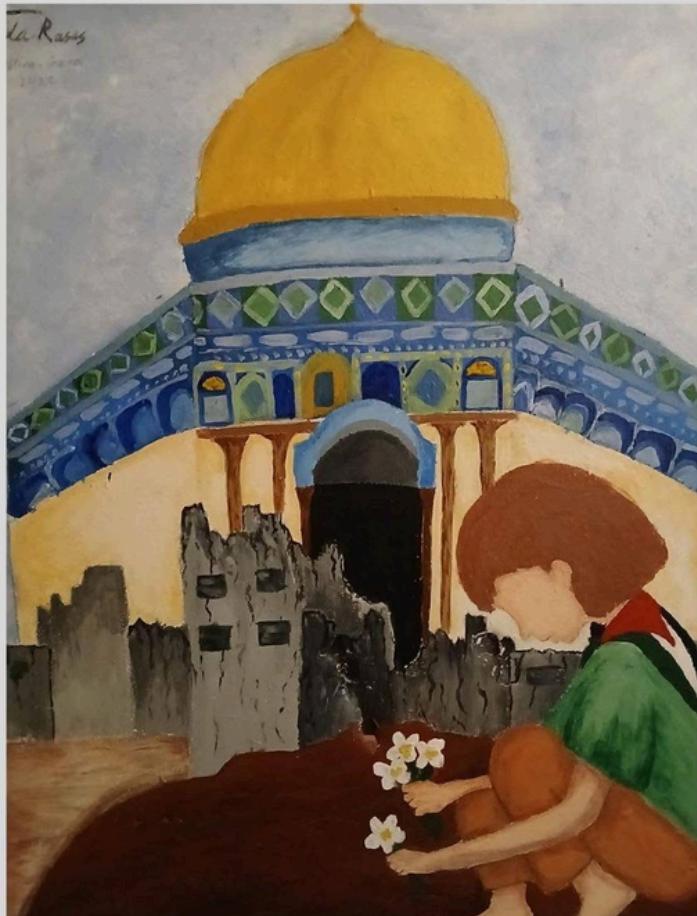
Students under 18 years of age from Palestine, or who go to school in Bosnia or UK.

#### Competition deadline:

All poems must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

The top 20 poems from each country will be published in a book and exhibited around the world.

Please see this blog post for more details...



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