Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter

13/11/2026

Head teacher's note

What a busy week we have had: sandwich-making, autumn-walking, Science-afternooning and safe-bicycling. Thank you to our brilliant teachers who work so hard to make our curriculum engaging and exciting - it is fabulous to be a Fishergate child?

For those of you who would like to make a donation to Children in Need here is the link: https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=22651

Sometimes the small moments in a school week are the ones that make you smile most: a child proudly sharing something they have learned, a friend offering a helping hand, or children making up a game together.

These everyday moments bring our motto, 'Kind hearts. Curious minds. One community.' to life. There is so much to value in children's growing confidence, their questions and the care they show one another.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for being part of our Fishergate community. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Dates

Weds 18th - Y2 parents' maths workshop 9am

Thurs 19th - toilet training parent workshop

Fri 20th - over and above treat



Friends of Fishergate

Dear All,

A big thank you to volunteers Joanne, Gemma and Sylvia who've got our piles and piles of uniform under control. If you need any uniform, winter coats or shoes, let your class teacher know or let us know on friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com and we'll get you sorted.

We'll be holding a Christmas planning meeting on Wednesday 18th November, at 6.30 at The Middle Bar and Bottle Shop. We'll be discussing the Christmas Raffle, Christmas Fair and Christmas Shop and there'll be plenty to do, so even if you can't help on the day, you can still help in your spare time in the build up by, for example, finding local businesses to donate raffle prizes, cooking batches of roast potatoes for the fair or and making temporary shelves for the shop. If Tamsin is feeling generous, she might even buy you a drink at the planning meeting!

If you're doing any online Black Friday shopping or Christmas shopping, please remember to sign up for easyfundraising and register Fishergate School as your cause. In the first two weeks of this month alone, we've raised £13 just by people doing their usual internet shopping and those retailers giving money to our cause. It doesn't affect what you pay - the retailers donate to do the right thing and give back to the community.

Yours friendfully,
Tamsin and Team



Phase group updates

EYU - This week in Early Years we have been reading 'The Leaf Thief' and creating drawings of autumn trees and writing three letter words. In Maths we have been working on number bonds to 5. In the forest we continued to develop our stick whitling skills, dug in the mud, looked for signs of autumn, collected fallen leaves and enjoyed being out in nature.

Year 1/2 - Year 1/2 MR have been producing some Talk4Writing based on 'The Gruffalo' this week, whilst Year 1 SM/LM and Year 2 have been writing their own Autumn poetry. In Maths, Year 2 have been learning additive facts within 20 and Year 1 have been working on systematic number bonds for the numbers 6-10. We also enjoyed a fantastic Science day on Thursday trying to design our own space pods to ensure a safe landing for our alien eggs. Don't forget Mrs Moss will be hosting a Year 2 Maths workshop for parents on Wednesday 18th November at 9am in her room.

Year 3/4 - In Design and Technology on Monday, we were practising the bridge and claw hold when cutting and slicing their fillings for their sandwiches. This is still a skill which they could practise at home with a parent supporting them. In Maths, Yr 4 are now practising our x3 table and seeing how fast they can recall the facts using their own set of flashcards. If parents would like to support at home, they could make a set there too with the answers on the back to test themselves. Yr 3 have been consolidating subtraction with one exchange using hundreds, tens and ones and finding complements to 100 (Hit the Button -online game- is great for quick recall of number bonds).

Y**ear 5/6 -** We are writing our own endings to a Viking myth, Thor's Wedding, and have come up with some entertaining alternatives. In Maths, we are all developing our understanding of formal methods for multiplication and division. We had great fun on Science afternoon exploring forces by designing some protection before dropping eggs out of the window!



Bodhi Corner

One of my favourite things this week was playing hide-and-seek in the forest with my friend Louis! With my nose to the ground and my tail wagging, I was a very good detective. No hiding place could fool me for long!

Have a look at this week's photo. Can you see where Louis was hiding? 🔍🐾

Love, Bodhi x

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OPAL

Saria, Eden and Johan put the chairs in the canoe, ready to fly to Portugal and then were joined on their flight by George, Ralph, Sara and Otis. A fabulous example of imaginative OPAL play.



🚨 E-SCOOTER ENFORCEMENT & SAFETY WARNING 🚨

Illegal. Dangerous. Costly.

We are continuing to receive reports from members of the public regarding young people riding e-scooters recklessly in and around York.

In recent weeks, neighbourhood officers have stopped a number of young people using e-scooters in public places, with some been seized. Reports include riders travelling at speed through busy pedestrian areas, using pavements, and riding in a manner that puts both themselves and others at risk.

What does the law say?

Many people are unaware that privately owned e-scooters cannot be legally used on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, parks or other public places. They may only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.

Riders found using them unlawfully may be liable for enforcement action, including fines, penalty points and the seizure of the e-scooter.
While some areas of England operate government-approved rental e-scooter trials, there are no rental e-scooter schemes operating in the York area. This means that if you see an e-scooter being ridden in public in York, it is being used illegally.

Thinking Ahead to Christmas?

Before purchasing an e-scooter for yourself or as a Christmas present for a child or young person, we would urge you to consider the legal implications.
An e-scooter may seem like an exciting gift, but in reality, it could become an expensive and disappointing mistake. As there are no authorised rental schemes in York, a privately owned e-scooter cannot be legally ridden in public. If it is used unlawfully, police may take enforcement action, and the scooter could be seized.

Why Are We Concerned?

E-scooters can cause serious injury to riders, pedestrians and other road users, particularly when they are:

- Ridden on pavements or in pedestrianised areas.
- Used at excessive speeds.
- Ridden without due care and attention.
- Carrying passengers.
- Used without regard for road traffic laws.

A collision involving an e-scooter can have life-changing consequences for both the rider and innocent members of the public.

Parents and Guardians

Please speak to your children about the law and the risks associated with e-scooter use. What may appear to be harmless fun can quickly result in injury, police involvement, fines, or the loss of an expensive e-scooter.

Let's keep York safe for everyone. 🚔