Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter

6/11/2026

Head teacher's note

This year, BBC Children in Need is on Friday 13th November.

At the heart of this year's appeal is Challenge Yourself 2026, BBC Children in Need's flagship fundraising campaign. People of all ages are being encouraged to create a challenge inspired by the number 26 and raise money to help children and young people thrive. Whether it's walking 26 miles, learning 26 new words, baking 26 cakes, giving up a favourite treat for 26 days or trying something completely new, the challenge is yours to make your own. Why not try something at home? In school next Friday, the children will develop their own ideas for challenging themselves using the number 26. This will not be a non-uniform day.

Every year the Salvation Army collects gifts and toys for children and teenagers who receive very little at Christmas – and this year they need our help more than ever. Last year, they distributed toys and gifts to over 500 children from York and the surrounding area – and our school donated over 100 toys towards this appeal.

If you would like to donate any new gifts, for children and teenagers aged 0-17, please take them directly to the school office between now and the end of November.

The Salvation Army will come and collect any donated gifts on December 2nd and give them to local children and teenagers who need them the most.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE NEW AND UNWRAPPED.

We do appreciate that this is an expensive time of year, so please do not feel obligated to bring in a gift. Any support for this charity appeal would be much appreciated.

Please could I remind you all to park considerately when you are dropping off/picking up. If you park on the double yellows then you are putting all of our pedestrians and cyclists at risk.

Happy Diwali to all of our families who celebrate it xxx

Dates

Weds 11th - KS1 Autumn Walk - pm

Thurs 12th - Whole School Science Afternoon

Fri 13th - Y5/6 Bikeability



Friends of Fishergate

Happy November!

We've now fixed the dates for the events this half term, so please put them in your diary:

-Tuesday 10th November, from 3pm - Uniform stall, Lower Hall. Everything is free, so please bring a bag and help yourselves.

-Wednesday 18th November, 6.30pm - Friends' (PTA) planning meeting at The Middle Bar & Bottle Shop. All welcome and we might even buy you a drink...

-Thursday 3rd December, 8:30am - 10am - Donation Day for the Christmas Fair - more details later as to what to bring, but start saving your jam jars now!

-Friday 4th December, 3:30 - 5.30pm - **Christmas Fair!**

-Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Shop - children can bring in money to purchase festive gifts for their family, friends and pets!

Another reminder to sign up to Easyfundraising before you start your online Black Friday and Christmas shopping. Over 8000 retailers including eBay, Argos and M&S will donate to Fishergate Primary School for FREE once you're registered with Easyfundraising. These donations really help us and all you have to do is order the things you'll be buying anyway. If you use the app, that's much easier than registering on the website, because the app will alert you to which websites do Easyfundraising. Our 'cause' is called 'Fishergate Primary School Friends - York'.

Yours friendfully,

The Friends Team



Phase group updates

EYU - This week in Early Years we began learning the art of stick whittling in the forest, carefully peeling the bark from our sticks. In Drawing Club, we explored and performed firework poems and practised writing three-letter words. In maths, we focused on ordering numbers to 5, developing our confidence in recognising and sequencing numbers. It has been another action packed and exciting week of learning!

Year 1/2 - This week, KS1 have been working on Bonfire Night poems, with Year 1 using Talk4Writing to imitate a poem, whilst Year 2 have been writing their own acrostic poems. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about odd and even numbers and Year 2 have been using subtraction to 'find the difference'. Next Wednesday afternoon, we will be visiting Fulford Cemetery to go on an 'Autumn Walk' and explore seasonal changes as part of our Science work. If there are any parents or family members who wish to volunteer to come on the walk, please speak to your child's class teacher. Mrs Renny would like to say a huge thank you to all who joined her in the writing workshop thsi week. She especially loved how you all got stuck into the actions during the talk for writing.

Year 3/4 - Yr 3/4 have been planning their own adventure stories this week and we can't wait to see their writing as they have such exciting ideas. We had a fun science lesson this week learning about the journey our food takes when it enters our body. We had lots of "Yuck!"s from the audience! Also in Computing, we have been learning how to keep ourselves safe online. We hope that your children are looking forward to making their sandwiches on Monday.

Year 5/6 - We have had a lovely settled return to school after the half-term holiday. Inspired by the work of Antony Gormley, the children have created clay sculptures which illustrate different emotions. In English, we have planned our own ending to a Viking myth while in Maths, we are learning formal methods for multiplication and division.



Bodhi Corner

Woof, everyone!Apparently, there is something called “personal space”... and this week’s photo suggests I haven’t quite mastered it! Here I am getting very close to Tina’s sister. I was sure she would appreciate the company!

Tina used this photo in assembly this week to talk about how sometimes kindness means giving people space. We all need a little room or a quiet moment sometimes, and being kind means noticing how others feel, asking before giving a hug and listening when someone wants some space.

I’m still working on this one. Surely there’s always room for a little Bodhi cuddle? 🐾

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OPAL

Well done to our golden welly winner this week - we loved the concentration on Proud’s face as she made her spear - complete with flint at the top - brilliant engineering and creativity!



Nursery Flyer

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

Fishergate Primary School

Come and join our Early Years Unit!

From the term after your child turns three.

15 hours funded childcare

30 hours for eligible families

Our session times

Morning:	8:40am–11:40am
Afternoon:	12:15pm–3:05pm
Full day:	8:40am–3:05pm

Contact the school office for more information and an application form.



Know a family who might be interested? Please spread the word!

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OPAL DONATIONS APPEAL

Calling all plumbers, builders and kitchen fitters!

We need your help!

Help us add more fun and creativity to our lunchtimes.

BUILDING & WATER PLAY

- Drainpipes and guttering
- Plastic pipes and tubes – large and small
- Water containers and buckets
- Pallets and cable reels
- Smooth planks – large and small

MUD KITCHEN

- Baking tins and trays
- Saucepans and lids
- Sieves, slotted spoons and colanders

WINTER DRESSING UP

- Plastic hats and helmets
- Wands, plastic capes and masks

SPARE WELLIES NEEDED!
Sizes 2-6 for our older children.



Can you help? Please contact the school office about donations.

Thank you for supporting our OPAL playtimes!