



Attendance

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn 2 half term. This week our attendance was 94.9%, which is much improved on the 84.8% of the last week of last half term thank you. Looks like a week of rest has helped us all recover from these bugs and viruses that were going round. We're aiming for 96% or higher and appreciate your support in helping us get there.

Arbor payments

Thank you everyone – we have 100% sign up now for the payment system. There are some outstanding balances on there that still need to be cleared though – please can these be paid by the 10th November. If you have any issues with the system, or are unable to make that payment, please come and let the office know, but we need to have these balances cleared now – thank you for your assistance with this.

Safeguarding

Now that the clocks have gone back, the evenings are getting darker much earlier. Please can you remind your children to stay safe and make sure they can be seen when walking, cycling, or scooting to and from school.
 Wear bright or reflective clothing so drivers can spot you easily.
 Use lights and reflectors on bikes and scooters.
 Stick to well-lit paths and crossings whenever possible.
 Let's all do our part to keep everyone safe and visible during the darker months!

Friday 7th November



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Daisy
 Class 2 – Violet
 Class 3 – Billy
 Class 4 – Thomas Ha

Excellent English

Class 3 – Flo
 Class 3 – Reggie
 Class 4 – Max

Marvellous Maths

Class 1 – Arthur
 Class 2 – Abi
 Class 3 – Roman
 Class 4 – Rachel

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 – Finn
 Class 2 – Bobby
 Class 3 – Elliot
 Class 4 – Grayson

Well done to the **yellow** house who scored the most house points this week.

Class 4 won the Clutter Cup again this week. Well done to our oldest class members.

Calendar for the first week back after half term

Monday 10th: breakfast & afterschool club, PE kit all day, Odd sock day – for awareness of anti-bullying week
Tuesday 11th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 – forest schools and flute lessons (remember flutes class 3), let's learn session for class 1 & 2 at 9am, 1 minute silence for Remembrance Day at 11am
Wednesday 12th: breakfast & afterschool club, Year 5/6 tag rugby at Norton College, Parent's Evening after school
Thursday 13th: breakfast & after school club, Parent's evening after school
Friday 14th: breakfast & afterschool club, Children in Need 'dress as your hero' day.

Dinner Menu for week commencing 10th Nov

Monday: Cheese and tomato pasta followed by swirl cookie
Tuesday: Chicken Korma followed by jam cake & custard
Wednesday: Mince & dumplings followed by jelly & ice-cream
Thursday: Hotdogs followed by a muffin
Friday: Fish & chips followed by chocolate sponge
Please can we also remind you that we are a NUT AWARE school. Alternative options of Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches are available with fillings of ham, cheese, tuna or beans.

What's happening in school and around us

Next week is **Anti-bullying week** and so we ask everyone to come to school on Monday in odd socks please – we will also be doing some activities during the course of the week.
Parent's evening is Wednesday and Thursday – you should have had your appointments emailed to you – any questions please just get in touch.
Poppy appeal items are still on sale in the school office ready for Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November.
Children in Need is this Friday – pupils (and staff) are invited to come dressed as a hero, this could be a superhero, a real-life role model, or someone they admire. Donations to the Children in Need appeal to be handed in to the office or class teachers.
 The Mayor of York has invited our children to take part in a **design a Christmas card competition**, details are attached to the email but the deadline for submissions is Friday 14th – please bring them to the school office in time for us to send them in.

Trim Trail

Rev Cate came to our school on Thursday morning and blessed our new trim trail, which the children all then enjoyed having a good on – great, if a little muddy, fun for a Thursday morning break time! Thank you once again to everyone who has helped make this possible.



Class 4 residential – June 2026

We are just putting together the final arrangements for the Class 4 residential which will take place from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th June 2026 and be in Scotland visiting various venues in and around Edinburgh and Falkirk. The cost of this is going to be around £290 for the three days including food and activities.

Class 4 parents will be getting an email in the coming days with more details and so you can complete a form to register their interest.

Thank you

The Crossley family have donated a sewing machine and various materials to our school this week – which is super exciting and we are very grateful – thank you very much.

This week.....

Class 1 have enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot in history. In art we have been exploring primary colours and we have been learning how to be safe on bonfire nights as well.

Class 2 found an explorers backpack this week, which was very exciting, and they made predictions about who it belonged to. They then had discussions about where they would like to explore. They also started to rehearse their Christmas play, which they are super excited about and cannot wait to show you very soon!

Class 3 have had a very busy week! We have explored how food groups benefit our body. In geography we have identified oceans, continents and biomes in the world. We have had fun beginning the 'Barnabus Project' and using the Perfect pet laboratory to initiate our creative writing.

Class 4 have looking at being 'The Good Thieves' in detail. We have delved into the characters, imagined scenes and acted emotions, immersing ourselves in the text.

FOCAS information

Christmas cards

The closing date for purchasing Christmas cards is 9th November – if you would like to order any of your children's creations, please ensure you have done so online before that date – we would hate for you to miss out.

Advance notice of Disco

On Friday 21st November FOCAS will be hosting a disco at the village hall, a letter will come out next week for you to sign your child(ren) up to attend.