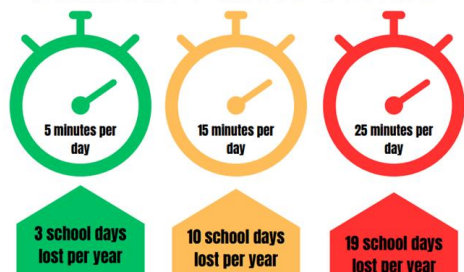


Repent,
for the kingdom of heaven has come near.
Matthew 3:2



EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS



This week our whole-school attendance was 96.25%. Our goal is to reach 96% and above, which is considered good attendance and helps ensure children make the most of their learning, so well done for achieving that target. Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am – thank you for your support ensuring your child is here on time.

Safeguarding

Worried about the cost of living? If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency support with everyday living costs, benefits, energy bills, food, free adult learning courses and managing your debt all in one place at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about schemes to help families including free school meals, help with childcare and healthy start as well as free school holiday activities for eligible families.

If you're less confident with technology and have friends or family who might be able to help you understand what support is available, please ask them to look at the web page with you. You can also go into any North Yorkshire library or North Yorkshire Council office.

If you're not sure who to turn to, you can call North Yorkshire Council's customer service centre on 0300 131 2 131 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday 9:30am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm asking for 'cost of living help' when prompted.

Friday 16th January



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Olive
Class 2 – Leila
Class 3 – Billy
Class 4 – Bea

Excellent English

Class 1 – Tyler
Class 2 – Scarlett H
Class 3 – Ellie
Class 4 – Thomas H

Marvellous Maths

Class 2 – Bryn
Class 3 – Alfie W
Class 4 – Myles

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 – Olivia
Class 2 – Lily-May
Class 3 – Reggie
Class 4 – Sofia

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

Class 4 won the Clutter Cup this week. Well done to our oldest pupils for keeping their classroom and spaces really tidy this week.

Calendar for Next Week

Monday 19th: breakfast & afterschool club, PE kit all day
Tuesday 20th: breakfast & afterschool club, both Class 1 & 2 parents are invited to Let's Learn Together – 9am, Class 3 flute lessons
Wednesday 21st: breakfast & afterschool club, Pop-up library, violin lessons
Thursday 22nd: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 2 forest school lessons
Friday 23rd: breakfast & afterschool club, cello lessons

Dinner Menu for week commencing 8th Dec

Monday: Pizza followed by brownie
Tuesday: Pasta bolognese followed by cheese and cookie
Wednesday: Roast chicken dinner, Yorkshire Pudding and veg followed by sponge & custard
Thursday: Meatballs & rice followed by jelly & ice-cream
Friday: Fish fingers & chips followed by a muffin
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.

Help available from Unity in the Community

Unity in Community are a charity based in Hull who aim to support the most vulnerable people in society. They were successful in a funding application for supporting people struggling to top up their pre-payment meters across the country. As the cost of living continues to rise, we are aware that many people will be struggling to make ends meet. Unity in Community are able to support households with fuel vouchers; these vouchers are sent via text message. They would like to offer this support to our parents, carers and guardians.

Help Available - Gas & Electric: Unity in Community will be providing vouchers to help towards paying for gas and electricity. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a prepayment meter and have not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community within the past 12 months. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call 01482 420836, Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm – if busy, please keep trying.

What's happening in school and around us

- StayWise have produced a poster about the dangers of frozen water – this is attached to the newsletter email – please share this with your family – especially older children
- My Expedition Rocks are running February half term holiday clubs for 7-year-olds and above – a flyer is attached to the newsletter email for anyone interested in attending
- How Do I Get A Free National Trust Pass? Pick up a copy of either the Daily Mirror, Daily Star, Daily Express newspapers (or any of their Sunday editions) from Saturday 10th January until Sunday 18th January 2026. Grab the voucher from inside and take it to a National Trust property of your choice.
- North Yorkshire Council are excited to invite families to join them for Family February Fun—a series of FREE, creative, and engaging family learning sessions taking place throughout the school holidays – see poster attached to the newsletter email
These sessions offer fantastic opportunities for parents, carers, and children to learn together through a range of hands-on craft activities. Families will discover fun and practical ways to support children's learning both at home and in school. Each school holiday there is a different theme, February half term looks at a range of craft activities celebrating Valentine's day, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year. Their Easter courses are themed around a STEM activity building towers to support eggs along with other fantastic activities. There are sessions taking place in Norton Hive Library on the Tuesday of half term and on Friday at Malton library.

Jigsaws and board games

If anyone is having a sort out over the weekend, and have any complete jigsaws and board games that are no longer needed at home, Mrs B would be very grateful of any donations for her after school club on a Monday evening – please just pop them to the school office.

Ruby Robin Award

This week class 1 and 2 have been working towards achieving their Ruby Robin Award. This is led by the Songbird Survival charity and helps children learn how to protect the amazing species we are lucky enough to have in this country – well done to them all!



This week.....

Class 1 have enjoyed reading our book 'The magic paintbrush' and had a celebration feast like Shen did in the book. They also made moon cookies.

Class 2 have been learning about palm oil and identifying it in everyday products. They have also been learning about deforestation and what that means for the animals that live there and the planet. They have also made some healthy wraps to enjoy together.

Class 3 have really enjoyed taking part in the dodgeball tournament (see below) and have also completed lots of creative writing this week. In DT, they have been learning about hydraulics and how they work using syringes.

Class 4 have taken part in a percussion workshop lead by Miss Kent from Malton School and were lucky enough to get to try a wide range of percussion instruments.



Class 3 Dodgeball



Class 3 had a great time on Wednesday at Malton Sports Centre taking part in their Dodgeball tournament. Everyone played their part and a real team spirit was shown, which resulted in them winning the trophy. Well done class 3, you were a credit to the school and your attitude and sportsmanship made the teachers proud to accompany you.