



Luke 2:10-11

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. We hope the children are enjoying their advent packs – please send in photos of their creations so that can feature them in the last newsletter of this calendar year.

This week our whole-school attendance was %. 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 everyone for achieving that target this week.

Wrap around care provision survey

Final plea for responses please! If you have not yet had the chance to reply, we would ask if you can please do so – we really do value your feedback and need more responses in order to make any decisions – this is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VrbOfioAMUeUDPzvZTFMDsvNDcTnaBLIMMvpZCIQJUMVo1RTBPMzRGWThMMkgYQUZJSUhCRkRTS4u>

Safeguarding

As children may be spending time online during the holiday break, or receiving new devices as gifts, it's a great moment to revisit online safety at home.

Please consider:

- Checking privacy settings on games, apps, and devices to ensure children only interact with people they know.
- Talking about safe sharing—reminding children not to post personal information, photos of their school uniform, or their location.
- Setting age-appropriate controls and using parental tools where helpful.
- Keeping communication open so children feel comfortable talking to you if something online makes them worried or unsure.

Friday 12th December



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 & 2 – everyone for being amazing in their performances this week

Class 3 – Trent

Class 4 – Fletcher

Excellent English

Class 2 – Kobie

Class 3 – MiMi

Class 4 – Bea

Marvellous Maths

Class 3 – Amelie J

Class 4 – Carter

Fantastic Foundation

Class 2 – Felicity & Scarlett H

Class 3 – Rocco

Class 4 – Emily

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

Class **3** won the Clutter Cup this week. Well done Year 3 and 4!



Calendar for Next Week

Monday 15th: breakfast & afterschool club, PE kit all day

Tuesday 16th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 1 Let's Learn Together, Class 2 Forest Schools (parents are welcome to join in the fun this week), Christmas Parties

Wednesday 17th: breakfast & afterschool club, Christmas dinner together in the village hall

Thursday 18th: breakfast club, no drama after school club, Carol service at 2pm – everyone welcome

Friday 19th: breakfast & afterschool club. last day of term

Dinner Menu for week commencing 15th Dec

Monday: Pizza followed by Chocolate Brownie

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese followed by Flapjack

Wednesday: CHRISTMAS LUNCH together in the village hall

Thursday: Meatballs in tomato sauce followed by Sponge & Custard

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.

Potatoes! Potatoes! Potatoes!

We have just a few sacks of the tasty potatoes we are selling still available. £5 per 10kg sack. Please pop into the office if you would like to buy some.

Upcoming Christmas dates for school

- 16th Dec – Class 2 parents are welcome to join their children in the mornings forest fun – if you are able to.
- 16th Dec – All class Christmas parties in the afternoon – the children can bring party clothes to change into after lunch.
- 17th Dec - School Christmas dinner – this will be together over in the village hall
- 18th Dec – Carol service at Church – 2pm all welcome to attend, refreshments will be served after the service and then you may take your children home from there (if you are not able to attend the children will be walked back down to school ready for normal end of the day)
- 19th Dec – last day of school (first day back for children is on Tuesday 6th Jan 2026). Monday is a Teacher Training day.

What's happening in school and around us

Elim Ryedale church - wanted to let you know about a Christmas

Panto/nativity they are putting on at Norton College in conjunction with 4Front Theatre Company, on Saturday 13th December. The church is subsidising the cost of the tickets in order to make this an affordable event for people and families.

Please find attached to the email a flyer advertising the event that has a QR code. If you scan the QR it will take you directly to the Eventbrite site in order to book tickets, alternatively you can email:

elimryedalechurch@gmail.com .

Malton Library – As well as their usual monthly schedule there are lots of extra festive story times and crafts along with two special Lego workshops at Malton Library this December.

Malton Sports Centre – There are holiday activities available to book at Malton Sports Centre. If you have government funded FEAST vouchers you can use them here also.

Hawkes Festive Football Camps – football camps are running on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th December – please see the flyer attached to the newsletter email

Settrington Church Christmas dates

21st CAROL SERVICE 3pm SETTRINGTON

24th MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30pm LANGTON

25th CHRISTMAS DAY 09.00/10.30am BOTH WESTOW

New books in school

We want to say a big thank you to Jane Ramsden who has kindly donated some money to the school to enable us to purchase some new books for our children. It is very much appreciated and the children are really enjoying reading their new library additions.



Christmas Wreaths

Our local milkman, David's Dairies, is supplying large wreaths £17.95 and posy wreaths £10.95. If you would like to place an order please call 07896 290141 or email davidsdairies@gmail.com

School Photos

Active Photographic have added a 5% discount code for orders of school photographs. Order at www.activephoto.co.uk and enter code 5XMAS at checkout. Offer expires 17th December which is also the last day for orders to be placed in time for Christmas.

This week.....

Class 1 and Class 2 have been very busy rehearsing for the Christmas performance, then class 1 have finished their latest English text 'Look up' and enjoyed writing about their favourite part. Class 2 have enjoyed their smores down at their forest school session.

Class 3 have produced 'Perfect Petshop' flyers in English and looked at Ordnance Survey maps and their features in Geography.

Class 4 have worked on amazing alliteration in English and long multiplication and division in Maths. They have also finished their DT project, stay tuned for their big reveal!

Christmas Jumper Day - Thank you very much to everyone who donated money yesterday to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers – we raised £74.01, which we will send off to Save the Children UK.

Our Oops-A-Daisy Angels

We hope KS1 parents and families enjoyed the performances this week, we are very proud of all the children, they were fantastic little stars!

A particular thank you to Felicity for stepping in last minute to be a King as well as an angel – well done!



Arbor payments

Please can we remind you to make sure all payments for meals and clubs are up to date for the end of this calendar year – thank you so much to everyone who has done this already.

Mayor Precept Survey 2026/2027

David Skaith, the Mayor for York and North Yorkshire, is asking for the public's views before he sets the amount that goes to North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service from York and North Yorkshire's council tax bill.

Please take a few moments and share your views with him at www.YourPoliceAndFire.com

Thank you to everyone who bought a lucky square and helped raise £104.05. The winner was drawn during this morning's Good Work Worship assembly, well done Alfie!

