

Joshua 1:9

Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid, neither be dismayed: for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."



Every student. Every day.

This week our whole-school attendance was 94.34%. Our goal is to reach 96% and above, which is considered good attendance and helps ensure children make the most of their learning.

We made it to the local paper

We are in the Gazette & Herald this week with an article about our new trim trail. Please see below the link to view this online:

https://www.gazetteherald.co.uk/news/25629871.opening-new-adventure-trim-trail-settrington-school/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1763557464

We are also advertising that we still have places available for Reception in September 2026, so please do spread the word. Also please tell everyone about our possible nursery places opening up in September too, in case you know anyone who may be interested.

Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for children In Need – we raised £94.35 which was banked yesterday.



Friday 21st November



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Olivia
Class 2 – Savannah
Class 3 – Arthur Br
Class 4 – Basil

Excellent English

Class 1 – Arthur Be
Class 2 – Bryn
Class 3 – Trent
Class 4 – Elijah

Marvellous Maths

Class 2 – Leila
Class 3 – Jeandre
Class 4 – Joshua

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 – Etta
Class 2 – Sofia
Class 3 – Theo
Class 4 – Teddy J

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

Class 2 won the Clutter Cup again this week. Well done to Class 2.

Calendar for the first week back after half term

Monday 24th: breakfast & afterschool club, PE kit all day
Tuesday 25th: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 2 – forest schools, Class 3 - flute lessons (remember flutes class 3), let's learn session for class 1 at 9am
Wednesday 26th: breakfast & afterschool club, pop up library
Thursday 27th: breakfast & after school club
Friday 28th: breakfast & afterschool club

Dinner Menu for week commencing 24th Nov

Monday: Cheese Pizza followed by Brownie
Tuesday: Pasta bolognese followed by a muffin
Wednesday: Roast Chicken dinner followed by sponge & custard
Thursday: Meatballs followed by a Chocolate Swirl
Friday: Fish fingers & chips followed by an Oat cookie & cheese
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.

Advance notice - Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 17th December

Roast turkey (or veggie parcel), sausage, roast potatoes, stuffing, carrots, peas and gravy followed by Christmas crispy.

Safeguarding

With frost, ice, and snow, please take extra care when travelling to and from school. Paths, roads, and car parks can be slippery, so allow extra time for your journey and encourage children to walk carefully and stay close to their trusted adult. If your child walks independently, please remind them to use well-lit routes and avoid shortcuts.

If we need to close the school or adjust our opening times due to snow or dangerous conditions, we will contact families as quickly as possible. Updates will be shared through email and text message initially. Please ensure the office has your most up-to-date contact details, especially mobile numbers, so you do not miss important messages.

Please make sure children come to school with warm coats, gloves, hats, and suitable footwear. If you need support with winter clothing, please speak to us.

If you ever have concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact Mrs Shephard or Mrs Hind.

Snow

The children had great fun playing in the snow on Thursday morning.....



Spare uniform

Please can we put a plea out for any leggings, joggers, trousers, pants and socks that you may be able to donate to school – our stocks have been depleted and we really could do with some more. If anyone has any at home, please could you bring them to the office. Thank you very much.

Upcoming Christmas dates for school

- 3rd Dec – whole school Riding Lights 'Christmas Inn' performance
- 5th Dec – open morning for September 2026 Reception and nursery
- 10th Dec – pop up library – collection only
- 10th Dec – Class 1 & 2 performance to rest of school and local community
- 11th Dec – Class 1 & 2 performance to parents at 2.30pm and 6pm
- 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper day
- 16th Dec – Class Christmas parties in the afternoon
- 17th Dec - School Christmas dinner
- 18th Dec – carol service at church – 2pm all welcome
- 19th Dec – last day of school (back for children on Tues 6th Jan 2026)

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.

Norton Hive Library – are holding a Christmas Fayre on Sunday 30th November and have their monthly craft sessions on the last Saturday of the month, flyers are attached.

Advance notice - Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 17th December

As stated overleaf the Christmas dinner will consist of Roast turkey (or veggie parcel), sausage, roast potatoes, stuffing, carrots, peas and gravy followed by Christmas crispy.

This year we are all going to eat together over in the Village hall so that the children can enjoy their meal with everyone in the school.

On this day there will only be a sandwich alternative that must be pre-booked, there will not be a jacket potato alternative, as there is no room in the ovens.

We need to know by 26th November who will be having a Christmas dinner so we can order the right quantities of ingredients. We will therefore be going round classes early next week to check with the children – **please can you help us by either making sure your child knows what they are having that day, or letting the school office know what your child would like, so that we are prepared, thanks.**

This week.....

Class 1 have had great fun playing in the snow, while learning about freezing and melting. They have also begun their guided reading sessions, this week focusing on the structure of a book.

Class 2 have been learning how to use knives, graters and peelers in DT. In geography they have been undertaking field work looking at human and physical features.

Class 3 have stuffed their handmade pillows, done rounding in maths and in guided reading they have been learning about poetry – like the Jackdaw poem.

Class 4 have been making parachutes to investigate forces in maths. In English lessons they have been exploring different vocabulary, such as synonyms.

Forest School – Class 2

The children in class 3 have had a great time in the forest. It is now Class 2's turn to enjoy their forest school lessons. Please ensure their consent slips are returned. To help all the children enjoy this further, please could we ask for any donations of fire wood and kindling. However small, this would be so helpful, please bring to the school office.