



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and Romans 13 is a reading you would usually hear in church this coming Sunday. The children will come home today with advent envelopes – which contain activities to do with your children over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas - we hope you enjoy doing these together as a family.

This week our whole-school attendance was 93%. Our goal is to reach 96% and above, which is considered good attendance and helps ensure children make the most of their learning.

Wrap around care provision

Mrs Shephard sent out a survey via email this week to ask for your opinions on our current, and potential future, wrap around care provision. 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=VrbOfioAMUeUDPzvZTFMDsvcNDcTnaBLIIMMvpZCIQJUMVo1RTBPMzRGWThMMKgyOUZJSUhCRkRTRs4u>



Please spread the word that we are having our first open morning for new families next Friday – we would love to see as many people as possible come to see what our lovely school has to offer them.

Friday 28th November



Love and Serve

Good Work Awards

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Margot.J
Class 2 – Lily-May
Class 3 – Carys
Class 4 – Alfie.A

Excellent English

Class 1 – Olive
Class 2 – Felicity
Class 3 – Tilly
Class 4 – Amelie.JD

Marvellous Maths

Class 2 – Ethan
Class 3 – Poppy
Class 4 – Lily

Fantastic Foundation

Class 1 – Bailey-Mae
Class 2 – Sam
Class 3 – Ellie
Class 4 – Phoebe

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

Class **3** won the Clutter Cup again this week. Well done to Class 3.

Calendar for the first week back after half term

Monday 1st: breakfast & afterschool club, PE kit all day

Tuesday 2nd: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 2 – forest schools, Class 3 – flute lessons (remember flutes class 3

Wednesday 3rd: breakfast & afterschool club, Riding lights performance to whole school in the afternoon

Thursday 4th: breakfast & after school club

Friday 5th: breakfast & afterschool club, open morning (9-10am) for potential new Reception or nursery children to start Sept 2026, Mr Lee from Malton School in with class 4 to show the film they made.

Dinner Menu for week commencing 24th Nov

Monday: Cheese & Tomato Pasta, Cookie

Tuesday: Chicken Korma, Sponge & Custard

Wednesday: Minced Beef & Dumplings, Jelly & Ice-cream

Thursday: Hot Dogs, Toffee-apple Muffin

Friday: Fish & Chips, Chocolate Cake

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.

Arbor payments

As we are at the end of the month and hopefully pay day, please can we remind you to make sure all payments for meals and clubs are up to date. Young Voices payments need to be cleared too please.

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 & 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)

Safeguarding

The August Internet Matters Pulse shows that 3 in 4 children aged 9-17 experience harm online, from exposure to violent content to unwanted contact from strangers. Please see the below resources that are useful sources of information about keeping your children safe online:

NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Parentkind:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/online-safety-toolkit>

UK Safer Internet Centre:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for their age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Find out more here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>



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.

Settrington Church Christmas dates

DECEMBER 2025 21 CAROL SERVICE 3pm SETTRINGTON

24 MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30pm LANGTON

25 CHRISTMAS DAY 09.00/10.30am BOTH WESTOW

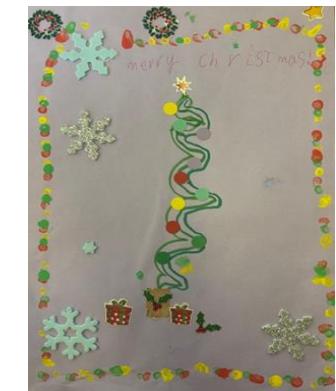
Spare uniform – we could still do with some more returns and donations please

Please can we put a plea out for any leggings, joggers, trousers, pants and socks suitable for younger children that you may be able to donate to school – our stocks have been depleted! Please bring them to the office if you have any. Thank you

FOCAS News

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas cards and other items to raise funds for FOCAS – we have received these in school and they can be collected from the school office ASAP. This is Izzy's example of the amazing designs the children made – thank you for letting us use your design to show everyone! A big thank you to Sarah Simpson for arranging this and helping all the children create their designs in school.



Disco - Also thank you to all that supported and helped with the disco, as ever the children were brilliant and we received lovely comments about their excellent behaviour from Lynne and Terry who run the disco.

Potatoes - We will be selling potatoes at school from next week – the children will come home with an order form which you can complete and then we can get these bags ready – they will also be available every morning and evening – just come to school office - £5 a bag

Raffle Tickets - Finally, there will also be Christmas raffle tickets coming home in school bags soon, so please keep an eye out for them.

Thank you again to everyone – your contributions are very much appreciated.

Thank you!

The school would like to say thank you to FOCAS for funding our new Dutch oven. We had lots of fun cooking apple crumble in the forest with class 3! Thank you also to all who have donated firewood and kindling, it is always appreciated and it helps keep costs of our forest school sessions down.



Thank you again to FOCAS for the new reading books which have been purchased through FOCAS funds. It is through your support that this can happen, so thank you everyone!

This week.....

Class 1 have been looking at their new text 'Look up'. They have looked at space exploration and looked up through a telescope.

Class 2 have enjoyed their first Forest School lesson and went out into the community to invite people to their play.

Class 3 have made clay sculptures in art/DT and looked at skeletons in science.

Class 4 have tested their parachutes in science while also helping Mr. Lee from Malton School make a video about life at Settrington School.