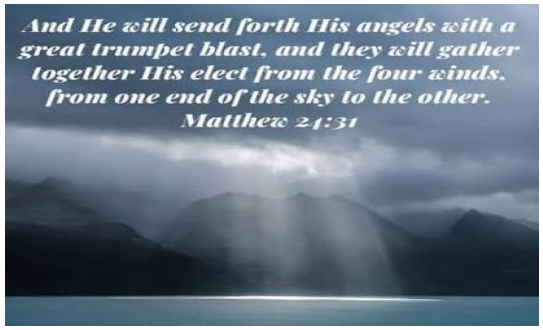


Fri – 20th November

Love and Serve

Calendar for next week

Monday 23rd Nov: breakfast & afterschool club
Tuesday 24th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club, Class 3 - forest school
Wednesday 25th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club, flute, violin, piano & cello lessons, Class 1 & 2 Christmas craft afternoon
Thursday 26th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club, Nursery new starters parent's evenings
Friday 27th Nov: breakfast & afterschool club

Announcing…– please spread the word to any interested families



Good Work Awards

Star of the Week
Class 1 – Isabelle
Class 2 – Teddy
Class 3 – Seth
Class 4 – Ellie

Excellent English
Class 1 – Mabel
Class 2 –Nevaeh
Class 3 – Leila
Class 4 – Levi

Marvellous Maths
Class 2 – Olivia
Class 3 – Theo
Class 4 – Reggie

Fantastic Foundation
Class 1 – Winnie
Class 2 – Sofia T
Class 3 – Tilly
Class 4 – Sofia B

Well done to the **Red** house with the most points collected this week.

Dinner menu for next week

Monday: Chicken nuggets, veg & potato squares followed by chocolate squares
Tuesday: Meatballs & pasta followed by Lemon drizzle
Wednesday: Sausage, Yorkshire Puddings, mash & veg followed by chocolate crispy
Thursday: Chicken korma & rice followed by sticky toffee pudding
Friday: Fish fingers (or salmon) & chips followed by Victoria sponge
Please can Class 1 parents let the office or class teacher know if your child would like an alternative option. **Please remember that we are a NUT AWARE school**.

Attendance this week has slipped to 91.72% for the week, which is below our 96% target. We appreciate that there are times when absence is unavoidable, but regular attendance is so important in helping children make the most of their learning and maintain consistency in their school routine. Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve our attendance.

Arbor payments

Please can we ask that payments are up to date on Arbor for any wrap around care or meals – there are some balances growing for meals and sessions already taken, that we would really like to be back up to date. If you have any issues with making these payments, please do get in touch and we will work with you to resolve this.

Class 1 and 2

Please can parents of children in Class 1 and 2 check that you have found the slip in your child's bag about their costume requirements for the Christmas play. Please can all costumes be brought into school in a clearly named bag by Monday 30th Nov.

Junk modelling

We would welcome any spare boxes, cardboard, cereal boxes, egg boxes, clean yogurt cartons etc. please.

Volunteers required – 1pm-4pm on 16th Dec

During the Christmas tree festival Settrington Church are offering refreshments and are putting together a rota of people to serve teas and coffees etc. They have asked if we can provide anyone to help from 1pm-4pm on the day of the school carol service. If anyone can help with this please get in touch.
Also, we have been kindly donated a 12-foot Christmas tree from James Lindenberg, organised by the Kilby family thank you – if anyone would like to help decorate it, please also get in touch. Thanks

FOCAS

Please use focas-settrington@outlook.com for contact.

Potato Sales

Potatoes are now available to purchase from school or any member of the FOCAS committee for £5 a bag – please return the slip to school and we will have a bag ready for collection for you.

Facebook page

Please follow the 'FOCAS news and events' Facebook page where more information will be updated of what is happening – here is the link: *https://www.facebook.com/groups/2058552 23286960/*



Members of the FOCAS team busy potato sack filling!

Planning ahead – we have designated Wednesday 14th July as a Teacher Training Day to enable families to go to The Great Yorkshire Show and would ask that you stick to that day if at all possible please. We are hoping to do the same for next academic year as well.



A reminder of dates for your diary as we head into the Christmas period

25th Nov – Christmas craft afternoon for Class 1 and 2 parents – 2pm
26th Nov – Parents' evening for Nursery parents
30th Nov – Christingle afternoon in school (children only) activities in houses
2nd Dec – Riding Lights pantomime in the Village Hall and pop-up library
7th -11th Dec – School making decorations ready to decorate our tree in church for the festival which starts on the 12th Dec
8th Dec – KS1 Christmas play – whole school and community – 1.30pm
9th Dec – KS1 production for parents – 2pm
15th Dec – Christmas dinner
16th Dec – Carol Service at church - 2pm
17th Dec – Christmas Parties for all classes in school
18th Dec – Last day of term
4th Jan – Teacher training day
5th Jan – All children return to school

This week……

Class 1 have been looking at the weather and together they made their own chart for the classroom. They have also been learning all about space, linked to their English text, Look Up!

Class 2 started to make a documentary all about wolves and have been exploring shape in art.

Class 3 have ben busy making and testing their prototype cars in DT. They have been learning about classifying animals and dissecting an owl pellet in their forest school lesson.

Class 4 finished their class book 'Fly me home'. They then used this as inspiration to begin writing acrostic poetry. In maths their topic is fractions and they have been learning how to multiply and divide them.

Local news and events

Free event: **Whitby Lit Fest Children's Writing Competition Awards Ceremony** - On Saturday 21 November at 10.30am Whitby Lit Fest announces the winners of its Children's Writing Competition at Whitby Pavilion - with special guest Corinne Bailey Rae, the Grammy-winning singer-songwriter. Young writers will read their own work from the main stage. The event is free and open to all, but tickets must be booked in advance: whitbylitfest.org.uk
Also, that day: actor Hugh Bonneville (Paddington, Downton Abbey) talks about his children's novel (Rory Sparkes and the Spy who Loved Tea) at 1pm, tickets from £5, ages 7+.

There is an exciting Christmas Tree Festival at Settrington Church from 12th–19th December 2026. There are lots of lovely events taking place that you would be very welcome to attend. The children will also be creating and decorating a tree for school, so do pop along and have a look at their handiwork!

Current School vacancy

We have a current vacancy to recruit a GTA who would work to support a child with SEN needs in our school. This contract would start in January and be 16.25 hours a week, either 8.45am-12 noon or 12 noon till 3.15pm. If you know anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the vacancy on the NYC website: https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/3890/0/477055/20225/general-teaching-assistant-with-sen-responsibilities