



Foston C of E Primary School 11 September School News



Welcome Back – A Message from the Head of School

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, and I am delighted to share that the children have settled so well into their new school routines. There has been a lovely sense of energy and enthusiasm around school, with children quickly finding their feet, reconnecting with friends and embracing the opportunities that the new term brings.

Please find attached our **Curriculum Newsletter**, which provides an overview of the exciting learning taking place across the school this half term. It includes important information about timetables and enhancements around school, as well as details of some of the visitors and experiences we have planned for the children. For parents who have booked music lessons through **North Yorkshire Music Service**, lessons will hopefully be starting next week. We hope these sessions will provide an enjoyable opportunity for children to develop their musical interests and talents. Unfortunately, we were unable to proceed with iRock School of Music due to the low uptake but will review this in the future again.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we begin the new school year. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting term ahead.

Contact Details

To ensure we can always reach you in an emergency and that you don't miss important school updates, please take a moment to review the contact information we currently hold for you. You can check your details via the Arbor parent portal or by contacting the school office. If any information has changed, including phone numbers, home addresses, email addresses and emergency contacts, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records. Thank you for your support in keeping our systems up to date.

Individual Photos

All children should have brought home a consent form. Please can this be returned as soon as possible as photos are due to take place on Friday 18 September.

Sports Enhancement Day

On Friday 2nd October, children from years 3 - 6 will be taking part in our Sports Enhancement Day at Terrington Village Hall.

Stillington, Foston and Langton children will be travelling on buses to Terrington with adults from their school. This event is held during school time, and the children will be returned to their school before the end of the school day.

Children in years 3 - 6 are asked to bring a packed lunch or order one from school. **Please can orders be placed for a school packed lunch by Monday 14th September**, this is so our school cook can order items in. Choices of sandwiches include: ham, cheese or tuna mayo. Please can the children who are in years 3 - 6 come to school in their PE kits and bring a water bottle and a suitable jacket/coat for the weather that day. PE kits will be sent home on the Thursday.

Children in Reception, nursery and years 1 and 2 will be staying at their own schools for a normal school day. Sadly, due to changes in government sports premium funding, schools will now no longer receive the significant contribution towards the PE curriculum. As result, this will mean to continue our Sports Enhancement Days and other sporting competitions away from school, we will be asking parents for voluntary contributions to support with transport costs. We apologise for this, but unfortunately this is out of our hands. It is important that we receive sufficient contributions in order to continue with our enhanced sports offer.

Clubs

Please see the table below for this terms clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wrap around care	KS1 Musical Theatre	KS2 Musical Theatre	KS2 Choir	Wrap around care



Foston Church of England VC
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Langton Primary School



Stillington Community
Primary School



Terrington Church of England
VA Primary School

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Class 1

Welcome back! What a fabulous first week back! The children have already been very busy and have settled in beautifully.

In EYFS, this half term we are learning about 'Marvellous Me', where the children will have opportunities to share all about themselves and learn more about their friends. We will also be reading the much-loved story 'The Gruffalo'. In KS1, this half term we are learning about 'what it is like to live in our capital city'. In English, we are reading 'Beegu' and will be writing character descriptions. We have already been learning lots! We have explored the French flag, investigated different materials in preparation for creating our own city collages, and, most importantly, we have made lots of new friends! It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and adventures still to come!



Class 2

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to welcome your children back to school and to hear about all the fun they had over the summer. We have launched into our new year with lots of positivity and kindness to each other which has been lovely to see. During our French lesson this week we had lots of fun applying our knowledge of French greetings with puppets and each other! Maybe your children can introduce themselves in French at home.



CLASS 3

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. We are learning about sculptures in Art and we explored how different textures can be used in clay such as indentation, pinch and layers.



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Event	Date	Key Points
Individual school photos	Friday 18 September	
KS2 Sports Enhancement Day	Friday 2 October	Packed lunch required
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 7 October	9.15am KS2 2.30pm EYFS/KS1
Celebration Assembly	Wednesday 21 October	9.15am
End of term – Last day of school	Thursday 22 October	School is closed Friday 23 October
Start of term – First day of school	Monday 2 November	
Parents evening	Tuesday 10 November	3.40-6.30pm appointments
Parents evening	Thursday 12 November	3.30-5.30pm appointments

2026 HLF Competitions

Poetry Competition
Adjudicated by Luke Wright
Closing date: Monday 7th September 2026
All poems will be on display at HLF during the festival. Winners will be announced and prizes presented at Poets Corner Open Mic.
Prizes:
1st prize: £20 National Book Tokens & a copy of Luke Wright's Book - Later Life
Letter & Story of Family, Adoption and Love.
2nd prize: £10 National Book Token

Short Story Competition
Closing date: Monday 7th September 2026
Prizes: Winners for each category will receive a £10 National Book Token and a treat from Paperwing!

Design Your Own Bookmark Competition
Age Categories: 5-7yrs & 8-11yrs
Closing date: Monday 7th September 2026
Are you a budding artist? Would you like to see your artwork turned into a bookmark? Then look no further! This Summer, Helmsley Arts Centre and Helmsley Literary Festival are running a competition to design a bookmark!
Prizes: The winning bookmark will be printed to share with your friends, family and the whole community! Winners will also receive an A4 print by incredible artist Nicola Hinchliffe of Hatch Casualty!

Visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk for info on how to enter!

Booking Info

Book Tickets:
Visit: www.helmsleyarts.co.uk (+£1.50 booking fee per ticket)
Call: Box Office 01439 771700
Pop in: Box Office - Helmsley's Handprint & Sea Tins! Shop in town time

Ticket offers!
7-18 Weekend Pass (Fri-Sun) £90
Saturday Pass £40
Sunday Pass £35
Includes workshops & quiz

How to find Helmsley Arts Centre...
Helmsley Arts Centre,
Old Meeting House Court,
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what2words: calculating.mammoths.thankful
Accessibility info:
@sociality App or www.helmsleyarts.co.uk 01439 771 700
Parking:
Market Square, YO62 5BL / Cleveland Way Car Park, YO62 5AZ



Join us in our beautiful market town for...

Helmsley Literary Festival

at Helmsley Arts Centre
Friday 18 - Sunday 20 September 2026
Bringing readers and writers together in the North York Moors



www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

15% OFF your bill
Come and join us for a pre-dinner drink or after show drink with a booking. Present your ticket and receive 15% off your bill on the pre-dinner and/or post show drink.
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YO62 5BL | 01439 771 135
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Helmsley Literary Festival
Organised by Helmsley Arts Centre

What should I do if I am worried about a child?

How to report your safety concerns

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger from significant harm, dial 999 to report it to the Police.

How do I make a referral?

Referrals can be made via the universal referral form or following an Early Help Assessment. Both can be located on North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/forms-and-tools/>

Urgent referrals can be made via telephone to the Customer Resolution Centre on 0300 131 2 131.
or alternatively call the NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk

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