



Head of School Update

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school, with lots of exciting learning and opportunities for our children.

The children have enjoyed joining a **live assembly**, where they learned more about **allergies and Benedict's Law**. It was lovely to see the children listening carefully and developing their understanding of how we can keep ourselves and others safe.

Miss Stringer
Head of School

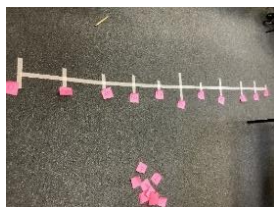
Wow Class work

EYFS/ KS1

This week, we have conducted our first science experiment! We have been investigating which materials are the most absorbent and enjoyed making predictions and testing our ideas. In maths, we have been exploring number lines, and the Year 2 children got creative when estimating where different numbers should go. In EYFS, we have been exploring a range of different media in art. The children have enjoyed using their creativity to draw and create pictures of their houses.

Next week, we will be creating our final collage of a London landmark. If you have any old newspapers or magazines at home, we would be very grateful if you could bring them in for the children to use in their collages. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

We are really looking forward to our Harvest Festival next week and have been working hard to practise our songs. We can't wait to share them with you!



Y3 & 4

This week, the children have enjoyed getting creative with clay, making their own pots using a coiling technique. They rolled, shaped and layered the clay, developing their fine motor skills and creativity. The children have also experimented with melting different objects, making predictions and observing what happened. It has been great to see their curiosity as they explored and shared their discoveries.



Y5 & 6

This term, Class 3 have been developing skills of using clay to create sculptures. They created their own design and made some beautiful clay coil pots.

Year 6 Practice SATs

During the week commencing 12th October, our Year 6 children will complete some practice SATs papers. These will give us a helpful baseline and allow us to identify areas to work on throughout the year.

There is no need for children to worry! These are simply a chance for us to see what they already know and help us plan our teaching. We will encourage the children to try their best and approach the assessments positively.



The Selfish Giant
at Gate Helmsley Village Hall
Thursday 1 October 2026 : 6.30-7.30pm

Through storytelling, interactive games, live music, and puppetry, Riding Lights Theatre Company brings you *The Selfish Giant* - an inspirational tale of love and generosity, perfect for those 3+ and their families.

"It was wonderful. Perfectly pitched for this age group - the children were so engaged."

"Riding Lights are so good. That was the best show we've ever had."

"I want to see it 42 more times!"

"Five stars. No, TEN HUNDRED stars!"

Ticket prices: Adults £10 / Children £5 on the door

Box Office <https://ridinglights.littleboxoffice.com/>

Easy to purchase tickets online, but if paying on the door please email to confirm you are coming because we need numbers in advance.

(email anna1986@live.co.uk)

Proceeds for St Mary's Church, Gate Helmsley

Parent News

Commemorative teatowel

Our wonderful PAFFS are busy collating the children's drawings for a school teatowel. The Design will include a small self portrait of each child with their first name underneath. If you do not wish for your child to be identified on the teatowel by name, please speak to Mrs Featherstone by the end of next week.

Please see the attached newsletter from PAFFS which details all the other great events that are taking place over the next term. The AGM is on Tuesday 20 October and everyone is welcome

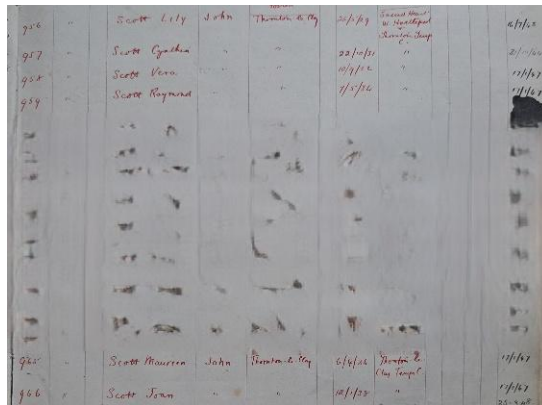
Harvest Festival

As we approach our annual Harvest Festival, we are asking for your support to help local families and individuals in need through our community food collection.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to learn about gratitude, generosity, and the importance of supporting our local community. We are collecting non-perishable food items to donate directly to our local food bank and community support charities. Please pass any donations to class teachers.

Evacuee visit

On Monday we had the pleasure of welcoming back some students who attended the school in 1943. Maureen and Joan were evacuated to Thornton-le-Clay from Hartlepool during the war, along with their four siblings, and have very fond memories of coming to school here. They visited with their sister Kathleen and Maureen's son Roy and his wife, and they all delighted in sharing their stories of what home and school life was like back when they attended Foston, remembering the teacher's names along with other children who attended at the same time. The family expanded more whilst here, with a total of ten siblings living in Middle Cottage and we managed to surprise them by finding their names listed in the original admission register!



School wish list: If you have any of the following items we would welcome you bringing them in to enhance the children's learning!

- Clean cardboard boxes and bottles for junk modelling
- Crochet hooks

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

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: 0800 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk

Dates for the Diary

Village hall open day	Saturday 3 October	10am-2pm
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 7 October	9.15am KS2- All Saints Church (children to arrive promptly at 8.45am) 2.30pm EYFS/KS1- Methodist Chapel
Celebration assembly	Wednesday 21 October	9.15am- Village Hall
Last Day of Autumn Term 1	Thursday 22 October	School is CLOSED Friday 23 October
First Day of Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 November	
Parents' evening	Tuesday 10 November	3.40-6.30pm appointments
Parents' evening	Thursday 12 November	3.30-5.30pm appointments

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<https://www.fstfederation.org.uk/>



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