

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Nursery & Reception

What a busy week we have had in Nursery and Reception! We have had our transition days and it has been lovely to welcome all of the children moving into Reception in September and allowing the children to begin to get to know each other and start to form the beginnings of friendships. It was also great to hear how much fun the current Reception children had on their transition day to Year One and to see that they are prepared for what will come next.

I am also very proud of all the children's efforts on Sports Day and all of the children also enjoyed having the opportunity to play with the children within Early Years across the three schools.



## Year 1 & 2

The children have enjoyed their transition days. The year 2's have been telling us all about Mr Yip's fun games and his jokes! The Year 1 children have taken their roles of looking after the current reception very seriously, making sure they were fantastic role models and kind friends when we had our transition days.



## KS2

It's been an action filled 2 weeks for our KS2 children. We had a brilliant day out last week at Ampleforth where we learnt lots of outdoor skills such as planting seeds and creating clay models of animals. We are also extremely proud of the children's performance at our Choral Speaking event this week. They have worked so hard to rehearse and prepare for their poems and perform them in front of an audience!

Sports Day was also brilliant - the children were able to try out lots of different Olympic sports and participate in great races.



## Sports Day – FST Olympics and Gymnastics

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had celebrating the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics. The KS2 children from all three schools have had the opportunity to take part gymnastics at Malton Sports centre with two gymnastics coaches: one of which was national champion for 6 years and a sports. The children used the vault box, springboards and learned how to safely achieve different balances.

On sport day all the children came together to take part in different Olympic activities. In the morning the EYFS children took part in their activities at Terrington Primary School. The children enjoyed developing their balancing skills in gymnastics, using their throwing skills in shot put and learning different techniques for jumping.

At the village Hall in the morning the KS1 and KS2 children took part in 6 different Olympic activities, these included Football skills from York City FC Foundation, long jump, discus, javelins (foam) archery and goal ball. A great time was had by all.

What a fantastic afternoon! It was so nice to see so many parents, family and friends showing their support for the children as they continued with their Olympic activities, including boccia, hurdles, equestrian and running races.

Well done to the parents, toddlers and teachers for taking part in the races. A big thank you to all staff for making this day so successful.

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## Messages from the Head of School



We have had an extremely busy and sporty week in school. A huge thank you to Miss Cooke for organising such a successful sports day that was enjoyed by all. It is always a highlight of the year when all the children and families come together across the federation for this event.

Next week we will be recruiting for the various job vacancies across the schools, some children will be chosen to support with the recruitment process, so you may hear about this at home. We look forward to finding some new additions to the FST team and sharing this with you.

Our children have also enjoyed their transition days this week- getting to know their new class friends and in some cases their new teachers. It has come to my attention that not all parents know some of the teachers in school, please see below staff pictures.

		
<b>Mrs Moore</b>	<b>Miss Stringer</b>	<b>Mrs Allon</b>
Executive Headteacher	Head of School	Pastoral Lead

				
<b>Mrs Snowden</b>	<b>Mrs Scaife</b>	<b>Mrs Richmond</b>	<b>Mr Yip</b>	<b>Mr Carlisle</b>
EYFS Foston	KS1 Foston	KS1 Foston	Y3/4 Foston	Y5/6 Foston

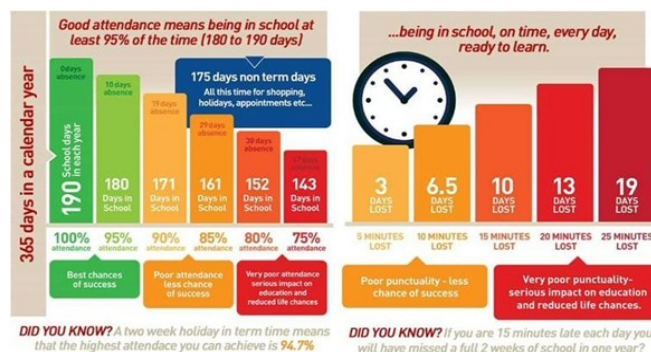
We also have Mrs Caddy who will be teaching in Y5/6 on a Tuesday and EYFS on a Wednesday, so far she has managed to avoid the camera.

## Attendance

As you may be aware there has been a national drive by the government on improving all school's attendance figures, as good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible.

The government expect all schools to inform parents of their child's attendance. As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils, and we regularly inform you of your child's attendance either through attendance letters and/or parents evenings. We have seen a real improvement across all our schools over this last year, but we do realise it is not always possible to attend every day especially when your child is poorly.

We will be sending out attendance letters this week for children that have fallen below 95% attendance for the school year up to Friday 28th June and for all other children you will be able to find their attendance percentage on their school report.



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## **Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this summer**

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this summer. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in that email/text to redeem your voucher and request your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

Please note that an activity showing a waiting list does not always mean that an activity is full. To help ensure as many families as possible get to take part in FEAST, most activity providers will open a waiting list for all booking requests before confirming places. Please request a place and you will receive an email/text notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#). For a step-by-step guide on how to redeem your vouchers and book a place using Holiday Activities, [watch this video](#).

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

Libraries across North Yorkshire are getting creative with this year's Summer Reading Challenge Marvellous Makers which is themed around creativity.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4-11, encouraging them to keep reading and enjoying books throughout the summer. Children can sign up at any North Yorkshire library from 13<sup>th</sup> July and will receive their collector's folder to get them started. There are stickers to collect along the way and children complete the challenge by reading at least 6 books by 7<sup>th</sup> September.

All children who complete Marvellous Makers will be awarded a medal and a certificate. It's FREE to join your local library and FREE to sign up for Marvellous Makers. And look out for loads of fantastic events for children and families happening in our libraries throughout the summer holidays.

## **Adult Learning North Yorkshire - free online courses**

Are you a parent, school staff member or family member interested in understanding and addressing the unique challenges faced by children with autism and special educational needs?

Our Level 2 distance learning programmes provide essential knowledge and practical strategies to create a safe and inclusive environment for all children. Our courses include:

TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Bullying in Children & Young People

TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Distressed Behaviour in Children

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PDF file attached ([Adult Learning North Yorkshire - Free Distance Learning Courses](#))

**Contact Email:** [adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk)

## **Outdoor Learning - Summer Holiday Activities**

North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have been busy planning an exciting and inspiring range of experiences to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature over the school holidays. Get ready for an outdoor experience like no other!

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. There are also Family Activity Days where everyone gets a go! You could even get out on the water with friends and family for a Pay and Play canoeing session. Or if your young person wants to sail the seven seas, a two day accredited RYA Youth Sail course might be just the thing.

There's something for everyone! [Flyer](#) attached. Join the team for an unforgettable summer of fun and adventure in the great outdoors at either Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre in Whitby. Find out more and book now at [www.outdoored.co.uk/summer](http://www.outdoored.co.uk/summer).

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## **Chickenpox**

We have several cases of Chickenpox in school, please use this link for NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>. Symptoms can start with a high temperature, aches/pains, feeling unwell and loss of appetite. If your child has Chickenpox they must stay off school until all spots are scabbed over.

## **Safety Themed Fantastic Friday**

The KS1 and KS2 children from Foston, Terrington and Stillington will be coming together at Stillington school for the day. Please remember to arrive to school in PE kits and bring packed lunches, water bottles, sun hats and suncream. Please give consent on parent pay for your child to try the range of cycles that will be available, including go karts and unicycles! If you would prefer for your child not to try out the cycles, please email the office in advance.



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## Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key points
Drama with Audrie	Monday 8th July	
Grand Final Choral Speaking	Monday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>• Children traveling to Terrington School</li> <li>• Packed lunch required</li> <li>• During the school day</li> </ul>
Y6 Leavers Trip	Thursday 11th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6</li> <li>• Children traveling to PuttStars</li> <li>• Children having lunch at PuttStars, lunch provided</li> </ul>
Fantastic Friday – Road Safety	Friday 12th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>• Children traveling to Stillington School</li> <li>• Packed lunch required</li> </ul>
Woldies Trip	Monday 15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery &amp; Reception</li> <li>• Children traveling to Woldies</li> <li>• Packed lunch required</li> </ul>
Y6 Crucial Crew Trip	Monday 15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6</li> <li>• Children traveling to Scarborough Tech College</li> <li>• Packed lunch required</li> <li>• Return 4.20pm approx</li> </ul>
Leavers' service	Tuesday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thornton Le Clay Village hall, 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Sharing Assembly	Wednesday 17th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thornton Le Clay Village hall, 9.10am</li> </ul>
End of Year Celebration	Wednesday 17th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School field, 5-7pm</li> </ul>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 3rd September (first day back, 3.30pm finish going forward)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School closes at 1pm</li> <li>• No wrap around care available</li> </ul>