

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery & Reception

We have had a lovely, busy week in Early Years! The children have enjoyed their learning about why we celebrate Diwali and reading the story of 'Rama and Sita' creating our own Diya lamps for them to follow home using clay. The children also have been learning about the Nativity Story creating our own crowns for the three kings. We love learning in our outside classroom and we were delighted to see a beautiful rainbow after a light rain shower. Having such awe and wonder moments are so special to share with the children!



Year 1 & 2

We have been learning about shape the last few weeks in Class 2 and this week we have consolidated our learning. We got outdoors and found everyday shapes in our environment and drew 2D/3D shapes using chalk. We discussed properties of the different shapes.

We have also been preparing to write poetry, we have been learning about verbs and adverbs and having lots of fun using movement to support this.

Our nativity practise is coming along fantastically! Thank you for all your support at home helping the children to learn their lines.



Year 3 & 4

Class 3 welcomed Audrie back to school for our drama sessions. We learnt dance routines and improvised the story and characters of a variety of puppets!

Year 5 & 6

This week we have enjoyed writing a recount letter from the perspective of a winning Olympian. The children were able to identify and draw on the feelings and emotions such an achievement would bring. In Science, we explored how materials are made and even used milk and vinegar to make casein plastic! A very smelly but interesting lesson which the children could articulate well in scientific terms.



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Nativity – EYFS/ KS1

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be performing their Christmas nativity play on **Monday 9th December at 2:30pm** and **Tuesday 10th December at 4pm** at Thornton-le-Clay village hall. For each performance two adults per family can attend and siblings are welcome to attend the 4pm performance due to limitation of space inside the village hall. We look forward to welcoming you, to get you in the Christmas spirit, and showing how hard the children have been working.

Malton Library Visit—EYFS—Reminder

The children in Nursery and Reception will be visiting Malton Library on **Wednesday 11th December** to learn more about the library and all that it offers.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 to cover the cost of the trip which will be added onto ParentPay, please also confirm your permission for your child to attend via ParentPay.

As part of the visit, we would like as many children as possible to have the opportunity to borrow a library book. To borrow a book, children need to have a North Yorkshire library card. If your child doesn't already have a library card please complete this online form [Register a child with the library - Before you start - NYC](#) by **Monday 9th December**. Any children registered for a card will receive it on the day of their visit to the library. If your child already has a library card, it would be appreciated if they can bring this on the day of the visit. Please speak to your child's class teacher in you have any questions.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we have a duty of care to follow up any unexplained absences. If your child/children do not attend school on a day we expect them in, we kindly ask that you **inform us before 9am**. If we do not hear from you then we must follow the following steps in order to ascertain, you and your child/children are safe.

Following our school's attendance policy we will start by trying to contact you on the first day. If we are unable to contact you then we will work through your emergency contact numbers that you have provided us with, leaving answerphone messages to give you and your contacts an opportunity to return our calls. If we still cannot reach you or any of your emergency contacts, we are required to follow the governments statutory guidance, two members of staff will undertake a safety and wellbeing visit to your home and if there is still no contact, we will have to inform the police and social care.

Free Holiday Clubs

For those pupils who are in receipt of **free school meals** (based on economic benefit criteria) you should have received from FEAST (North Yorkshire Together) vouchers that can be used for FREE holiday clubs and activities that can be accessed through the Christmas holidays - please see the link for the website which should be displaying clubs in our area. Please note places are limited and book up quickly, <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>.

Please note this does not relate to the free school meals received in reception and KS1.

Free Lego Magazine for Children (5-9 years old)

Great for children aged between 5-9 years old, this printed magazine is sent to your home 4 times a year. Completely free of charge. Click on the link below to sign up and receive the next issue sent out in March 2025, <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/magazine?locale=en-gb>.



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Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
Malton Sports	4th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 PE kit needed (children will change in school) No packed lunch needed
Christmas dinner	6th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery - year 6 Children to travel to Stillington Primary School by bus
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	9th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery, Reception, year 1 & 2 2.30 - 3.30pm Village Hall
KS2 Christingle	10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 2.30 - 3.30pm Foston Church
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery, Reception, year 1 & 2 4 - 4.30pm Village Hall
EYFS Library Visit	11th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery & Reception Children to travel to Malton Library by bus Children to bring library card if they have one
Celebration Assembly	Tuesday 17th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thorton-Le-Clay Village Hall at 9.15am
Fantastic Friday	20th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Christmas	Last day at school - 20th December 2024 First day back - 7th January 2025	
Special Lunch—Best of British	16th January 2025	Chicken Pie Cheese & bean pasty (V) Mashed potato Medley of vegetables Syrup sponge & custard
Special Lunch—Valentines	14th February 2025	Pizza sub Chips Peas & sweetcorn Love heart biscuit
Spring half-term	Last day at school - 14th February 2025 First day back - 24th February 2025	
Special Lunch—World Book Day	6th March 2025	Magic meatballs Hufflepuff (V) Slytherin topped spuds Ollivander's wands Ravenclaw slaw Goodwin's chocolate extravaganza
Special Lunch—Easter	31st March 2025	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire pudding & gravy Veggie sausage (V) Potatoes Carrots & broccoli Easter chocolate nest
Easter	Last day at school - 4th April 2025 First day back - 23rd April 2025	
May Day bank holiday	Last day at school - 2nd May 2025 First day back - 6th May 2025	
Special Lunch—Street Food	15th May 2025	Chicken nuggets Veggie nuggets (V) Skinny fries BBQ beans Doughnut muffin
Summer half - term	Last day at school - 23rd May 2025 First day back - 2nd June 2025	
Summer	Last day at school - 18th July 2025	