

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Nursery & Reception

We've been very busy this week continuing to explore our focus book "Jack and the Beanstalk" in Literacy, developing our numeracy skills in numbers to 10 for reception and measuring length for nursery. In PSHE we've been learning how to Look after our teeth as part of our topic on caring for our body. As part of our work on how and why people celebrate Easter, we explored the symbols and taste tested hot cross buns whilst looking at the symbol of the cross!



## Year 1 & 2

Last Friday we had a fantastic time at Dalby forest on our class trip. We made art collages out of natural materials, went on bug hunts and did some orienteering. We had some time to play with the children from other schools in the federation. A fun day had by all!



## Year 3 & 4

CHAMPIONS! Foston performed brilliantly in our Malton Basketball Event, winning the tournament with fantastic teamwork and showcasing great basketball skills.

## Scholastic Book Fair

See attached poster for the Scholastic book fair that will take place in school **week commencing 24/03/2025**.

To encourage children to read and drum up some interest in the book fair please enter our reading competition by sending us pictures of your child/ren reading in a peculiar or cool place!

There is up to £25 worth of prizes to be claimed from the fair for this competition!

## Menu change

As the children will be having chicken dinner for Easter lunch on **Monday 31st March**, on **Wednesday 2nd April** the lunch will be beef burgers.



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## ParentPay

Some parents have outstanding balances on ParentPay for afterschool club and school dinners. Afterschool club charges is due to parents not booking their children in or late pickup. Please can you to login and clear all outstanding balances. If you need your child to attend club you must book them in. If your child is due to go on a trip you also need to give permission and pay via ParentPay.

## Sports Enhancement

We are very lucky to be welcoming back York City Football Club Foundation as well as lots of other fun enhancements.

Children to come to school in their PE kits, please bring a coat, water bottle and your packed lunch. If you have ordered a packed lunch these will be given to your child/children at lunchtime.

Early years children can order school lunches as normal.

## After School Club

Due to whole staff statutory training there will be **no after school club on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**. Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause but it is, unfortunately, unavoidable. Please could you ensure alternative arrangements are made for your child on this day.

## Managing Screen Time

Do you worry about how much screen time your child is having or what effect too much screen time is having on them? Please find attached a useful guide from the National College with top tips to help manage your child's screen time.

## Financial Assistance

You may be eligible to apply for free school meals if you receive one of the following income-related benefits. Even though your child may already receive them now if they are in Years Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is worth applying as children who are recorded as eligible for free school meals will continue with free school meals for 6 years (referred to as Ever 6FSM).

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit combined with both a household income below £16,190 per annum and not in receipt of any working Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit
- Universal Credit and annual household earning of less than £7,400

You can apply for free school meals here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>.

Although this is not a personal allowance for each child, children claiming and receiving free school meals have in some instances the opportunity for the money to also be used for:

- Extra-curricular clubs
- Support with costings of trips
- Extra support for teaching assistants in class and through interventions.

As well as the money being used for the developments of the curriculum and reading resources.

So please, if you feel that you fit this criteria, complete the form in the link above.

If you are finding things difficult and find that you just miss out on the above, please ask to speak with Mrs Vicki Allon (our pastoral lead) via the school office.

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### **The Galtres Centre**

Please find attached the posters for the holiday activities and films showing at The Galtres Centre. The Galtres Centre is a charity run organisation that has a 200 seat theatre, sports hall, gym and all weather pitches in the heart of Easingwold.

**FREE Parking!**

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## Diary Dates

| Event                                 | Date  | Key Points   |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Year 5 Malton Theatre Event           | 25th March 2025   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 only</li> <li>• During school hours</li> <li>• Packed lunch required</li> </ul>  |
| Sports Enhancement Day                | 28th March 2025   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole school to travel to Terrington, during school hours</li> <li>• Year 1-6 will need a packed lunch, EYFS can be provided with a hot dinner</li> </ul> |
| Special Lunch - Easter                | 31st March 2025   | Roast Chicken, Yorkshire pudding & gravy<br>Veggie sausage (V)<br>Potatoes<br>Carrots & broccoli<br>Easter chocolate nest  |
| Celebration Assembly                  | 1st April 2025  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Hall at 9.10am– all welcome</li> </ul>  |
| Easter Service - KS1 & KS2            | 3rd April 2025  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 1-6</li> <li>• Foston Church</li> <li>• 9.30-10.30am</li> </ul>   |
| Easter Service - EYFS                 | 3rd April 2025  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery &amp; Reception</li> <li>• Thornton Le Clay Methodist Chapel</li> <li>• 2.30-3.30pm</li> </ul>  |
| Fantastic Friday                      | 4th April 2025  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More information to follow</li> </ul>   |
| <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE</b> | <b>23rd April 2025</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please arrange alternative arrangements</b></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Easter</b>                         | <b>Last day at school - 4th April 2025</b><br><b>First day back - 23rd April 2025</b> |  |
| <b>May Day bank holiday</b>           | <b>Last day at school - 2nd May 2025</b><br><b>First day back - 6th May 2025</b>      |  |
| Special Lunch - Street Food           | 15th May 2025   | Chicken nuggets<br>Veggie nuggets (V)<br>Skinny fries<br>BBQ beans<br>Doughnut muffin  |
| <b>Summer half-term</b>               | <b>Last day at school - 23rd May 2025</b><br><b>First day back - 2nd June 2025</b>    |  |
| <b>Summer</b>                         | <b>Last day at school - 18th July 2025</b>  |  |