

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Class 1

This week we have been reflecting on why people wear poppies at this time of year and why it is important to many people. We have developed our fine motor and creative talents by making poppies using different resources. During the two minute silence on Tuesday we sat silently and watched the following video which finishes with a positive message of hope: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

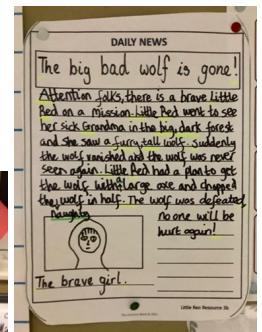
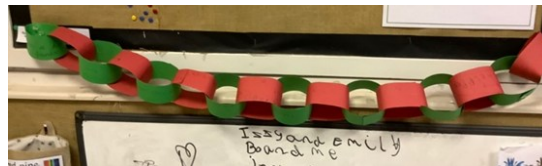
On Wednesday we had great fun learning how to look after our mental health by doing activities like yoga. We also raised a lot of money in the process-thank you!



Class 2

This week we have looked at the charity mind and discussed ways we can help our mental health. The children looked at statements that were positive and negative then discussed which category they felt they went in. We then created a positive affirmation chain for our classroom

We also split into mixed year groups to discuss ideas for our newspaper and then shared wrote about the wolf and Little Red story.



Class 3

This week in English, we have been exploring formal language and subordinating conjunctions while writing letters from the point of view of Queen Victoria, expressing her excitement about the wonderful new bathing machine!

We marked Remembrance Day by writing thoughtful poems about poppies and showing our respect by joining in the two-minute silence. Some of our KS2 children also showed their creativity and respect during break times by making beautiful poppies out of autumn leaves!

On Wednesday, we supported the charity Mind by learning about the importance of looking after our mental health. The children took part in mindfulness activities and practiced using positive self-talk to help build confidence and wellbeing.



Class 4

Class 4 have been watching The Ridge and developing setting descriptions using figurative and descriptive language such as similes, metaphors and personification. They have enriched their writing with powerful language to create atmosphere in their descriptions.



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Reception September 2026

You can now apply for a primary school place for them to start school in Reception in September 2026 and the deadline to apply is **15 January 2026**. For more information please see the letter attached to the bulletin.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having Christmas Dinner at Stillington on Friday 5th December 2025. The children will travel by bus to Stillington and will return before the end of the day .

The menu will be :-

Roast Turkey & Trimmings

Roast Veg Sleigh

Roast or Mashed potatoes

Christmas Medley of Vegetables

Christmas Cookie.

The date you need to have answered by is 19th November 2025.

[Christmas Dinner 5th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

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Emergency Contact Information Required For All Pupils

There have been a few changes recently around the guidance for emergency contact telephone numbers schools hold for children, especially for our early years children. The guidance now states that more than 2 emergency contacts should be held for early years children as part of safeguarding and welfare requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. We feel as a school this is good practice and ask that all parents, please check their Arbor app to make sure there are 3 emergency contact numbers for your child/ children. Please note, as a school we would always start with the first contact in an emergency and work down the list. Thank you for your assistance with this.

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KS2 Residential Queries

As you are aware, we are planning our KS2 residential. We are still awaiting confirmation on prices and information from Bewerley Park with regards to finer details. Once we have further information, we will be in touch as well as hosting an information event for all parents.

In the meantime, please see below answer to question raised:

Attendance

KS2 Y3-6 from Terrington, Stillington, Foston and Langton will be attending the residential.

Staffing

We will have staff from across the federation attending the residential to ensure our ratio's are compliant. We will share with parents' what staff will be attending the residential when we have confirmed pupil numbers and allocated staff places.

Groupings & Bedrooms

All pupils will be asked to select 3 friends to be in a room/group with, based on this, we will try our best to ensure that all pupils are with at least one of their chosen friends.

Payments

The current cost of the trip is £300 per child which is estimated. We will be setting up payment plans to pay instalments throughout the year to cover the costs.

Opportunities

As part of our long term plan, KS2 have the opportunity to attend a residential once every two years therefore if your child is currently in Year 3 or 4, they will have another opportunity to attend a residential.

Activities

As we have not finalised the logistics, we do not yet have a full itinerary to share with parents. Once we have this confirmed, we will share this with parents. Some examples of activities are as followed: zip line, rafting, climbing wall, caving and team building.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not permitted on the residential due to safeguarding. Should we need to contact a parent, school staff will get in touch with parents via telephone or email.

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PAFFS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

New PAFFS team members
always needed - see Ness

Christmas Decoration COMPETITION £1
Buy your class specific wooden shape 1st December, Decorate and return by 15th December with name on the tag. Adult class too! All funds to PAFFS

TUCK SHOPS
Each class is asked to provide in turn, bought or homemade treats PLEASE
FRIDAY NOV. 28th
Y3/4
NATIVITY
Y1/2
Friday 30th January
Early Years
SUM UP card machine available or CASH



VILLAGE EVENTS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025



THIS SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER
Village Hall 4-6pm
Crafts and Story
Cooked meal
For all the family
Free (- donations)
All welcome



Foston Church
CHRISTINGLE
CHRISTMAS EVE
All age worship
4pm
All Welcome



From Nazareth to Bethlehem

Our Community Christmas Lantern-lit Carolling and fun!
Saturday 21st December
Meet 15.45 for 16.00 start at Foston & TLC Village Hall
BRING YOUR OWN LANTERN/Torch
Walk with Mary on her donkey to Bethlehem, reminders of the Christmas story, carol singing and much merriment, with nibbles and crafts at the village hall after.
Gifts of tinned meat/fish, cooking oil and spices etc for Ryedale food bank welcomed
Any £££ donations will be shared between Foston & Thornton le Clay Village Hall and "Action for Children"

Come Join the festivities

HELP NEEDED! Contributions of the inner cardboard tubes from loo rolls for the craft table would be welcome!

Breaking NEWS!

HIGHLAND COW PAINTING (Ticket only)
NO bar, so bring your own. Glasses provided.
Hot drinks available. **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED**

NATIVITY - Cakes at this event replace December Tuck Shop so PLEASE BRING YOUR CARD OR £1s

School Disco - SAVE THE DATE. 'Colour' theme.
28th February 4-6pm at the Village Hall

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Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
Stay and Play	Monday's 1.30pm-3.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children age 2-4 years to come with their parents
Nasal Flu Vaccination	Monday 24th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Years Please visit the website to consent or decline. https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/northyorkshire
KS2 Dodgeball	Wednesday 3rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malton Sports Centre. PE Kits Required
Open Events	Thursday 4th December 4-5.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the school office to book a visit fostonoffice@foston.n-york.sch.uk 01653 618265
Christmas Dinner	Friday 5th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fill Form (Lunch Choice) before 19th November 2025 Children will travel to Stillington and return for end of the day.
KS2 Christingle Service	Tuesday 9th December 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints Church
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 9th December 4.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Hall
Community Lunch (KS2 Singing)	Wednesday 10th December 12.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Hall
Celebration Assembly	Tuesday 16th December 9.10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Hall
Fantastic Friday	Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information to Follow.
Christmas	Last day at School 19th December 2025. First day back Tuesday 06th January 2026	
Spring Half Term	Last day at school Friday 13th February 2026 First day back Monday 23rd February 2026	
Easter	Last day at school Friday 27th March 2026 First day back Tuesday 14th April 2026	



