

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

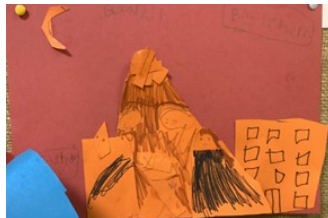
Class 1

As part of our Celebrations theme we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. This has offered us opportunities to develop our fine motor skills as we re-create mehndi patterns and design our own rangoli patterns. We were celebrating the snowy weather on Wednesday morning, sadly by the time we ventured outside the snow had almost completely disappeared! This didn't stop us reading snowy stories and learning about why the snow didn't stay-for now!



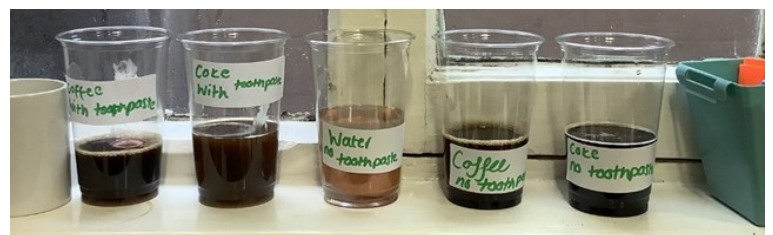
Class 2

Another busy week in Class 2. We all thought about ways we can tackle bullying if we see it happen or if it happens to us. The theme was "Power for Good" and children have been encouraged to talk to trusted adults to keep everyone in our school safe and happy. In maths we have been developing our understanding of subtraction. As we experience festive weather this week we have enjoyed thinking about why Christmas matters to Christians focussing on the Nativity story.



Class 3

This week in Class 3, we have been learning about tooth decay and how to look after our teeth. We carried out an investigation to find out which drink, coffee, fizzy drinks, or water, would affect an egg the most. We then explored how the results changed when the eggs were protected with toothpaste compared to when they were not.



Class 4

In History, we have been learning about medieval monarchs. We learnt about William the Conqueror and Harold Godwinson and their roles in one of the most famous battles in English history, the Battle of Hastings.



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Malton Sports Centre KS2

On Wednesday 3rd of December, the children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) will be taking part in a dodgeball event at Malton Sports Centre. The children are asked to come into school in their uniform and will get changed at school into their school PE kits, trainers to be worn. Children will also need to be wearing their school jumpers. They will have lunch at school as normal.

A member of staff will accompany the children on a bus, which will take them to Malton in the afternoon. The children should arrive back in time for the end of the school day.

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Eye Tests



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Has your child had their eyes tested yet?

This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

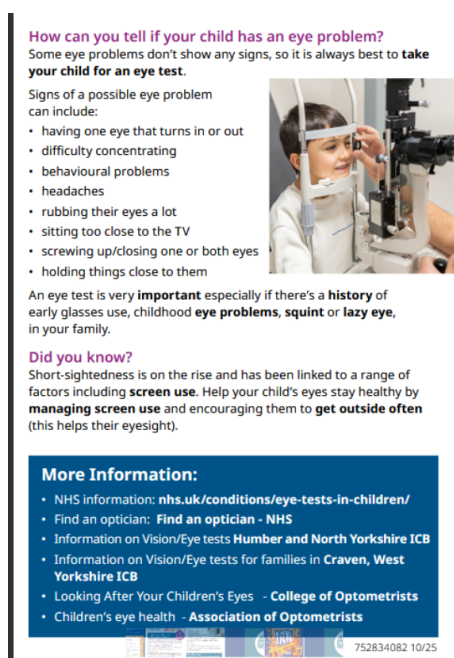
When should you get your child a free eye test?
Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?
Please book your child an eye test at an optician, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices **Find an optician - NHS**.

What will it cost?
Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost**.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.



How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them

An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?
Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: **Find an optician - NHS**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**

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The Nativity like never before! in Easingwold

There is a lot of bother at The Bethlehem Inn and Spa. The taps are leaking, the rats are squeaking and the rooms are fit to burst. There are so many guests it's impossible to park your camel and, if things weren't bad enough, a rascally Roman soldier has come to make sure everything is above board...

Join Riding Lights Theatre Company as they bring a Christmas comedy filled with silly shepherds, some very (un)wise men and a young family who have no idea what they've let themselves in for. It's packed with puppets, magic, song and story, bringing you the nativity like you've never seen it before. It's so good you'll want Christmas every year....

Christmas Inn Trouble is a fast and friendly festive farce and the perfect way to start your holiday cheer!

Saturday, December 13th at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold, starting at 2.00pm. The show's duration is about one hour.

Tickets £5 (+ 39p booking fee) for all ages, available only from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ridinglights .

If you have any queries please contact Richard Mapletoft (01347 811854) or rmapletoft@outlook.com).



Yorwaste Reuse Saanta

REUSE SANTA
15th - 30th Nov 2025

Please donate your pre-owned but pristine toys to Yorwaste's campaign - Reuse Santa.

From table football to scooters, books to puzzles. No gift is too big or too small!

Make a child smile this Christmas!

What we accept

- ★ Dolls and action figures
- ★ Toy cars, lorries & tractors
- ★ Cleaned baby toys
- ★ Games and puzzles without missing or broken pieces
- ★ Building blocks
- ★ Colouring books that have not been coloured in
- ★ Colouring sets, crayons, etc.
- ★ Children's or teenagers' books

Please remember to donate toys that are **CLEAN, and COMPLETE.**

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Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
UK Parliament Week	Monday 24th November-Friday 28th November	•
Stay and Play	Monday's 1.30pm-3.00pm	• 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	• All Saints Church
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 9th December 4.00pm	• Village Hall
Community Lunch (KS2 Singing)	Wednesday 10th December 12.30pm	• Village Hall
Celebration Assembly	Tuesday 16th December 9.10am	• Village Hall
Fantastic Friday	Friday 19th December	• Information to Follow.
Reception Deadline for Sept 2026	Thursday 15th January	
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	



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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.

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