



# KEEPING IN TOUCH



## Message from Mr M...

Firstly a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended last week's Christmas Fair. It was a lovely event with so much buzz and Christmas Cheer. I am delighted to announce that the event raised a massive **£1648** which will go towards the additional funds raised by FOLC. We are focussing our fund raising on new play time equipment for the children to give them the best experiences during their breaks.

I spoke to the children on Monday about advent and our human advent calendar has gone down a treat with the children. I also showed them our 'Christmas Post' and our School Council will deliver any Christmas Cards if the children wish to join in with this. Pupils can post any Christmas Cards to their friends in the dedicated boxes.

## Christmas Jumper Day...

Wednesday 18th December  
2024

Children can come to school for the entire day wearing a Christmas Jumper!



## BFPS Christmas Messages

The children who were lucky enough to record some festive messages will feature on a special Army messages show on Christmas Day at 7pm. Tune in on 106.9 FM in Catterick Garrison, DAB+ across the UK, on smart speaker, on the free BFBS app or at BFBS.com

The programme will also be available for catch up once it has been broadcast.



## Children in Need



A big thank you to all that contributed this year, we raised a massive £621.88

## Remembrance Day

This years Remembrance Service raised £712.22, absolutely amazing, thank you



# Christmas Advent Tree

The children from Key Stage 1 have been very excited to come and open their class advent box, enjoying the lovely treats inside.

I am sure your child will love to tell you all about it

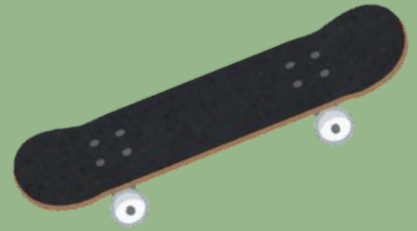


# No Toys!

We have seen a worrying increase in the number of children coming to school with various toys and teddies. Unfortunately, these are getting in the way of learning for some children as pupils are becoming easily distracted by them.

There is really no need for children to bring toys or their favourite teddy bear into school and we are reaching out to you as parents to support us with this. There are a small number of occasions where we may permit an item being brought in but this will be in conjunction with a discussion with a senior member of staff.

Please make sure you check with your child before coming to school that they do not have toys or other items in their bags. If they do, please remove them to prevent your child bringing them in.



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## After School Clubs

We are busy planning a range of extra curricular clubs for the Spring Term and will be communicating these next week in order for people to sign up prior to the Christmas Break.

A link to the booking form will be shared and pupils can make any requests to attend the activities.

All clubs will be running for 8 weeks and pupils and parents will be notified after the holidays.





## Supporting ALL to Thrive



# Help us understand the educational experiences of children with additional needs – survey

### What is the research?

Researchers from Oxford Brookes University are conducting research exploring the educational experiences of children from Armed Forces backgrounds who have additional learning or support needs and/or disability.

This part of the study is looking into the educational experiences of any school-age children with additional needs. We'd love to hear from you, whether or not you have any connection to the Armed Forces.

### What would it involve?

Completing an online survey which will take between 10 and 25 minutes to complete. The survey will be open from October to 31 December 2024.

### Why participate?

You would help us to understand what is and is not working for children and their families, and the support needed for all children to thrive.

### Who can participate?

Parents or carers of a child aged 4-18 with additional needs in UK education or MOD schools overseas, whether diagnosed or not (including children who are currently out of school for any reason).

### How do I find out more?

Email [clairelee@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:clairelee@brookes.ac.uk)  
Tel: 01865 603398  
Or scan QR code above.

[www.sattproject.org.uk](http://www.sattproject.org.uk)

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# **SIMPLY NATIVITY**

## **FS2**

**Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am**  
**Wednesday 11th December at 2pm**  
**and Thursday 12th December at**  
**9.30am**

**Children in the Nest will be performing at the Wednesday show only.**

Drinks and a mince pie/yule log will be available at each performance and Parents are kindly asked to make a donation towards our nativity event and refreshments.

Any funds received will support the purchase of additional learning resources for the children.

**Click [here](#) to reserve your seat!**



YEAR 6 PRESENT

# Children's TABLETOP SALE



**THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER**  
**3.15PM - 4PM**

*Don't miss out on lots of bargains including teddy bears, jigsaws, toys, books and musical instruments!*

*We have a wide range of second hand goods available for affordable prices - starting at only 20p!*

*All money raised will fund our Year 6 playtime project.*

**HELD IN YEAR 6 BLOCK**



## FS1 & 2 Year Olds



- \* FS1 and Caterpillars children will be performing songs around the
- \* Christmas tree for all the Mums and Dads. They have been working really hard to learn the words to all the songs.

You should have received a Seesaw message about your child's costume for the performance. If you have not seen this or need some help, please ask a member of staff.

Performance timings are  
 Wednesday 11th Dec at 10am  
 Friday 13th Dec at 2pm



### **Reception Class School places for September 2025**

A quick reminder to apply for school places online on the North Yorkshire Council website at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions) The applications close on 15th January 2025. If you have any queries, please email [schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk)



## FS2 Bear, Cheetahs & Hippos

Next week in FS2 we will be performing our nativity to the school as well as to families! The children have been working really hard on practising their lines and songs.



We will also be learning the Christmas story and making links with our Nativity.

FS2 will be making some Christmas tree decorations to hang on their trees at home! We will also be learning about the importance of sleep.



You can have a chat with your child(ren) about this. Here is a video: [On Friday](#).

## News from the Nest

The children from the Nest will be continuing to learn about Christmas and making Christmas decorations.

The Nest children will be performing in the FS2 Nativity on:

Wednesday 11th Dec at 2pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in with the Christmas fun.





## Year 1/2 Ewes, Chameleons, Rainbow & Bluebirds

Next week we will be writing seasonal pieces of texts. We will be using all of the skills we have learned to write for a given purpose.

In maths we will all be applying our addition and subtraction knowledge to solve mathematical problems. We will be encouraging the children to reason with their answers and the methods they have used.

We will be continuing to use a range of sewing, joining and measuring skills to create a product that the children will bring home at the end of the term.



### Special Shout Out

1 / 2 E - Zachary

1 / 2 B - Aayush, Corin

1 / 2 C - Sienna, Aierton

1 / 2 R - Hetty, Keenan





## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



Year 4 have shown enthusiasm, passion and empathy in writing a detailed argument describing reasons why David and Tucky should or should not help the German pilots that they have located in Friend or Foe. In maths, pupils are demonstrating lots of confidence with addition and subtraction. Look out for some additional tasks that we will send home via seesaw to support learning in school. Some of year 4 had the pleasure of visiting Rosedale Care home and performing some classic Christmas songs and songs from 1940.



## Well done!



### Congratulations...

**Butterfly of the Week:** Ethan for amazing road safety knowledge!

**Tiger of the Week:** Ollie for working really hard on his handwriting.

### Don't forget:

We are currently reviewing Year 4 spellings that we have revised over the past term, so weekly spellings will not be posted this week or next week.



## Year 3 Hedgehogs & Impressive Llamas

Year 3 have enjoyed watching Christmas TV adverts in English, focusing on the John Lewis 'Bear and the Hare' advert. We have answered questions about the story line and used descriptive language. In Maths we have started to work on word problems using addition and subtraction.



In DT we have made pneumatic toys using lidded boxes that open when a balloon is inflated inside. Some of these have been shared with younger children in school which was lovely.

### Well done to...

Riley and Willow for working so hard on your descriptive writing.

All of Year 3 for their fantastic performance in our 'Respect Rap' performed in assembly.

### Don't forget...

PE kit is to be worn to school on a Monday with school uniform in a bag.

PE kit to be brought in a bag on Wednesday.

Coats are needed in the colder weather.

Equally Important



Equally Different



## Year 5 Adventurers & Wolves



This week in Year 5 we have started to look at a well known Austrian artist, Friedrich Hundertwasser and in the coming weeks we will be painting our own piece of art in his style.

Division is our new topic in Maths, and we have been learning about different methods such as partitioning, chunking and short division.

Next week on Tuesday, we will be having a visit from PC Godfrey, from North Yorkshire Police, who will be giving a presentation to Year 5.

Please remember, today is our last session of swimming. Next week we return to outdoor PE lessons on Fridays

In PE, we have been continuing to build upon our fitness and even tried the Beep Test! Which was harder than it looked.



## Year 6 Stars, Hawks & Heroes



This week we have been making christmas crafts and cookies.

The children done amazing jobs and were even able to hang some decorations on the office tree.

### Shout outs

All of the children who have shown determination in their abilities and didn't shy away from a new task



### Reminders

12th December 3:15pm – Year 6 table-top sale - more information to follow.

18th December – Christmas lunch – wear a Christmas Jumper

20th December – last day of school



# Marrick Priory



Look out on our Facebook page for more pictures

