



Stillington Primary School

Weekly bulletin **Friday 11th September 2026**



Good morning everyone,

We loved welcoming back our pupils this week for a fun filled term ahead. Our pupils have loved delving back into their learning of their new topics. A curriculum newsletter was sent out to parents this week with all the updates for this half term. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

PE

Please can pupils bring their PE kits each Monday and leave them in school all week as we learn PE throughout the week. Can we please also ask that jewellery is removed for the days when children are doing PE. This is to ensure the safety of all when taking part in physical activity.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Thanks,
Miss Tordoff
Head of School



**Stillington Community
Primary School**



**Terrington Church of
England VA Primary School**

Wow Class work

EYFS & Y1 & 2 – Mr Starr

Class 1 has made a great return to school; it's been a pleasure getting to know each child. Both EYFS and KS1 have been taking part in welcoming activities – getting used to their classroom, routines and their new teacher! In EYFS we are focusing on tower building and have been having a go at building different kinds of towers, using different materials, inside the classroom and outside. The children have shown great teamwork and creativity!

In KS1 we have started with number games to refresh our place value skills. We have introduced our book for the English unit, Beegu, and will be working on building sentences to do with this story. We have made a start with our phonics, doing some recap work and then some reading. The children have also been expressing their creativity by having a go at drawing a self-portrait, after looking in a mirror, which has helped work those fine motor skills. In PE we have been building gross motor skills. We have practiced balancing and jumping (with one and two feet) and played some games that focus on building these skills.

Class 1 Notices

Reception children, please could you bring in some photos – them with their family, them as a newborn and one of them as a toddler. We will be identifying members of our families and showing knowledge of how we change from babies.

Please could each item of clothing be named, making it easier to return clothes that get left behind.

Y3 & 4 – Miss Faulkner

In Class 2, it has been so lovely to welcome to children into their new classroom, and they have had such a great return. It has been so lovely starting to get to know each child. Within English, we have been looking at our new focus, being our short film: 'Ride of Passage'. We have specifically been focusing within this with what a recount is and what it includes, to approach our storyboard writing in the next week. This has allowed us to really focus in on time adverbials and the order of chronology. Within maths, both year groups have been focusing on the topic of 'place value'. We have had a great start with this, of the year 3s focusing on their understanding of numbers up to 100, whilst year 4 have been building on this to understand numbers up to 1000.

Within our foundation subjects, we have focused this week in computing on their computing skills, exploring the different types of short cuts we can use and developing our ability to type with a typing race which was enjoyed by all! Within music this week, we have been focusing on the different key words being pulse, tempo and melody and exploring how they are different and what they sound like.



Y5 & 6 – Miss Jackson

It has been really lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week. In Years 5 and 6, we have made a lot of changes to our classroom and our routines to help with our learning. In English this week we have been looking at a short film piece called 'Ride of Passage' which is what all our English work will be based off of this half term. We have also been looking at storyboards and how these can be understood for different purposes. In Maths, we have begun our Place Value topic, which the children have been enjoying. We have been trying to make maths more fun, and engaging for the children, through partner work, practical activities, and games. We have started making progress in maths already which is absolutely brilliant.

In RE this week, we have been looking at what makes a 'God'. In Years 5 and 6 we made our own diamond of the 9 traits we think every God should have. Some of the God's that the children were thinking of when writing this were football players, or family members as well as pop stars and other celebrities. In Art we began looking at our new artist for this half term 'Michelle Maher' and her abstract art designs. We looked at the shapes and colours she was using, and we even had a go at drawing one of her designs ourselves.

We will perform our Harvest Festival at Stillington Church on Wednesday 30th September. I know the children are really looking forward to showing you some of the songs we have been working on, and some of the activities we have been completing as part of the Harvest Festival.

Parent News

Sports Enhancement Day

On Friday 2nd October, children from years 3 - 6 will be taking part in our Sports Enhancement Day at Terrington Village Hall. Stillington, Foston and Langton children will be travelling on buses to Terrington with adults from their school. This event is held during school time and the children will be returned to their school before the end of the school day.

Children in years 3 - 6 are asked to bring a packed lunch or order one from school. Please can orders be placed for a school packed lunch **by Monday 14th September**, this is so our school cook can order items in. Choices of sandwiches will be either **ham, cheese or tuna mayo**.

Please can the children who are in years 3 - 6 come to school in their PE kits and bring a water bottle and a suitable jacket/coat for the weather that day. PE kits will be sent home on the Thursday.

Sadly, due to changes in government sports premium funding, schools will now no longer receive the significant contribution towards the PE curriculum. As a result, this will mean to continue our Sports Enhancement Days and other sporting competitions away from school, we will be asking parents for voluntary contributions to support with transport costs. We apologise for this, but unfortunately this is out of our hands. It is important that we receive sufficient contributions in order to continue with our enhanced sports offer.

Children in nursery, Reception, years 1 and 2 will be staying at their own schools for a normal school day.

Contact Details

To ensure we can always reach you in an emergency and that you don't miss important school updates, please take a moment to review the contact information we currently hold for you. You can check your details via the Arbor parent portal or by contacting the school office. If any information has changed, including phone numbers, home addresses, email addresses and emergency contacts, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records. Thank you for your support in keeping our systems up to date.

2026 HLF Competitions

Poetry Competition

Adjudicated by Luke Wright
Closing date: Monday 7th September 2026

All poems will be on display at HAC during the festival. Winners will be announced and prizes presented at North's Centre Open Mic.

Prizes:
1st prize: £30 National Book Token & a copy of Luke Wright's Book - Later Life
2nd prize: £10 National Book Token

Short Story Competition

Closing date: Monday 7th September 2026

All stories will be on display at HAC during the festival. Winners will be announced and prizes presented at North's Centre Open Mic.

Prizes: Winners for each category will receive a £10 National Book Token and a trust from Papermill.

Design Your Own Bookmark Competition

Age Categories: 5-7yrs & 8-11yrs
Closing date: Monday 7th September 2026

Are you a budding artist? Would you like to see your artwork turned into a bookmark? Then book us for this Summer. Helmsley Arts Centre and Helmsley Literary Festival are running a competition to design a bookmark!

Prizes: The winning bookmark will be printed to share with your friends, family and the whole community! Winners will also receive an A4 print by local artist, artist Nicola Harrison of North's Centre!

Visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk for info on how to enter!

Booking Info

Book Tickets:
Visit: www.helmsleyarts.co.uk or call 01439 771700
Call: Box Office 01439 771700
Pop in: Box Office - Week 1 (10am-5pm) & Sat 10am-5pm in term time

Ticket offers!
Full Weekend Pass (Fri-Sun) £90
Saturday Pass £40
Sunday Pass £35
*includes workshops & quiz

How to find Helmsley Arts Centre...
Helmsley Arts Centre, Old Meeting House Court, YO42 5DW
what3words: calculating.mammoth.hankful
Accessibility info: helmsleyarts.co.uk or 01439 771 700
Parking: Market Square, YO42 5BL / Cleveland Way Car Park, YO42 5AZ

Join us in our beautiful market town for...

Helmsley Literary Festival

at Helmsley Arts Centre
Friday 18 - Sunday 20 September 2026
Bringing readers and writers together in the North York Moors

www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

Helmsley Literary Festival

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7:30pm **ANIMAL FARM** Performed by Sam Blythe | Adapted & Directed by Guy Masterson

Saturday 19 September
10am-12noon **TOM NEEDHAM** How to Tell Stories: Writing for Stage and Screen
11am-12noon **NICOLA BAKER** Saving Snowflakes: A Whistledown Farm Adventure
1-2pm **RACHEL WATKYN & CLAIRE HORNBY** The Baroness: A true story of sisterhood, survival and a secret that rewrites their past
3-4pm **GILES MILTON** Empire at the Edge of the World: Endurance and Madness in the High Arctic
5-6pm **FRANCES WILSON** Electric Spark The Enigma of Maribel Spark
7-8pm **LUKE WRIGHT** Later Life Letter
8.30-10pm **POETS' CORNER** Open Mic with guests from The Poetry Pharmacy

Sunday 20 September
10am-11.30am **ILARIA PASSERI** Storytelling and Character Workshop for Families
12.30-1.50pm **ILARIA PASSERI** Creative Writing Workshop for Adults
12.30-1.30pm **RUKKY BRUME** It Comes in Waves
2.30-3.30pm **LUCY EASTHOPE** Come What May
4.30-5.30pm **MICHELLE HILLS** The Wrong Order of Things
6.30-7.30pm **ROB COWEN** The North Road
8-10pm **LITERARY QUIZ!** A Literary quiz in HAC's Studio Bar

For the full festival programme, timings and tickets visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

Dates for the Diary	
Individual school photos	Friday 18 th September
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 30 th September at 9:30am
Sports Enhancement Day	Friday 2 nd October
End of term – Last day of school	Thursday 22 nd October
Start of term – First day back	Monday 2 nd November

What should I do if I am worried about a child?

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger from significant harm, dial 999 to report it to the Police.

How do I make a referral?

Referrals can be made via the universal referral form or following an Early Help Assessment. Both can be located on North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/forms-and-tools/>

Urgent referrals can be made via telephone to the Customer Resolution Centre on 0300 131 2 131

or alternatively call the NSPCC Helpline: 0800 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk