

STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Message from the Head of School



We have had an extremely busy and sporty week in school, with various sporting events. A huge thank you to Miss Cooke for organising such a successful sports day that was enjoyed by all. It is always a highlight of the year when all the children and families come together across the federation for this event.

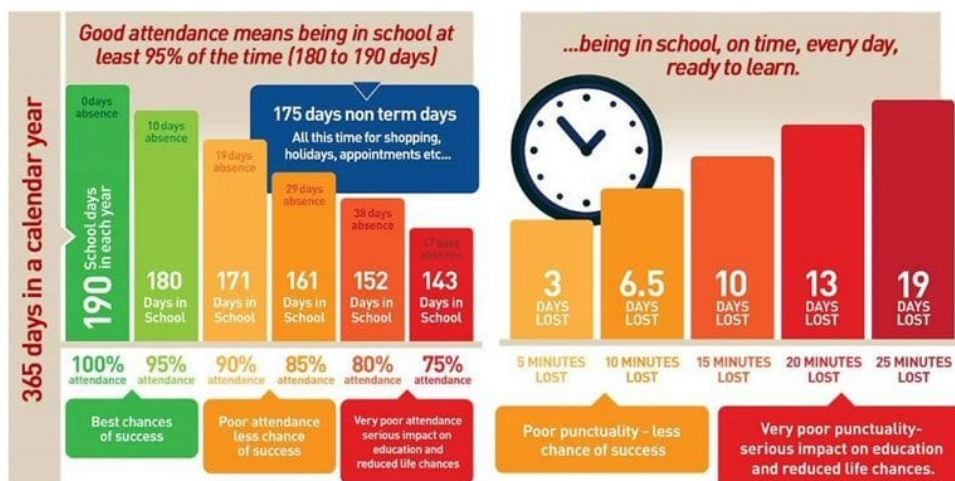
Next week we will be recruiting for the various job vacancies across the schools, some children will be chosen to support with the recruitment process, so you may hear about this at home. We look forward to finding some new additions to the FST team and sharing this with you.

Our children have also enjoyed their transition days this week- getting to know their new class friends and in some cases their new teachers. Miss Tordoff, our new Head of School in September, has also enjoyed visiting Stillington this week and meeting parents. It has come to my attention that not all parents know some of the teachers in school next academic year, please see below staff pictures.

				
Mrs Moore	Miss Tordoff	Mrs Allon	Mrs Hunter	Miss Allwood
Executive Headteacher	Head of School	Pastoral Lead	Senior teacher KS2 Teacher	EYFS/KS1 Teacher

Attendance

As you may be aware there has been a national drive by the government on improving all school's attendance figures, as good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible. The government expect all schools to inform parents of their child's attendance. As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils, and we regularly inform you of your child's attendance either through attendance letters and/or parents evenings. We have seen a real improvement across all our schools over this last year, but we do realise it is not always possible to attend every day especially when your child is poorly. We will be sending out attendance letters this week for children that have fallen below 95% attendance for the school year up to Friday 28th June and for all other children you will be able to find their attendance percentage on their school report.



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

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Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this summer

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this summer. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in that email/text to redeem your voucher and request your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

Please note that an activity showing a waiting list does not always mean that an activity is full. To help ensure as many families as possible get to take part in FEAST, most activity providers will open a waiting list for all booking requests before confirming places. Please request a place and you will receive an email/text notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#). For a step-by-step guide on how to redeem your vouchers and book a place using Holiday Activities, [watch this video](#).

Summer Reading Challenge

Libraries across North Yorkshire are getting creative with this year's Summer Reading Challenge Marvellous Makers which is themed around creativity. The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4-11, encouraging them to keep reading and enjoying books throughout the summer. Children can sign up at any North Yorkshire library from 13th July and will receive their collector's folder to get them started. There are stickers to collect along the way and children complete the challenge by reading at least 6 books by 7th September. All children who complete Marvellous Makers will be awarded a medal and a certificate. It's FREE to join your local library and FREE to sign up for Marvellous Makers. And look out for loads of fantastic events for children and families happening in our libraries throughout the summer holidays.

Adult Learning North Yorkshire- Free online courses

Are you a parent, school staff member or family member interested in understanding and addressing the unique challenges faced by children with autism and special educational needs? Our Level 2 distance learning programmes provide essential knowledge and practical strategies to create a safe and inclusive environment for all children. Our courses include:

TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Bullying in Children & Young People

TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Distressed Behaviour in Children.

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PDF file attached ([Adult Learning North Yorkshire - Free Distance Learning Courses](#))

Contact Email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk

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Outdoor Learning- Summer Holiday Activities

North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have been busy planning an exciting and inspiring range of experiences to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature over the school holidays. Get ready for an outdoor experience like no other!

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. There are also Family Activity Days where everyone gets a go! You could even get out on the water with friends and family for a Pay and Play canoeing session. Or if your young person wants to sail the seven seas, a two day accredited RYA Youth Sail course might be just the thing. There's something for everyone! [Flyer](#) attached.

Join the team for an unforgettable summer of fun and adventure in the great outdoors at either Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre in Whitby. Find out more and book now at www.outdoored.co.uk/summer

Summer events.

We have been asked to share a few posters to promote events happening over the summer holidays which are attached to the email.

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Sports Day – FST Olympics and gymnastics.

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had celebrating the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics. The KS2 children from all three schools have had the opportunity to take part gymnastics at Malton Sports centre with two gymnastics coaches: one of which was national champion for 6 years and a sports. The children used the vault box, springboards and learned how to safely achieve different balances.



On sport day all the children came together to take part in different Olympic activities. In the morning the **EYFS** children took part in their activities at Terrington Primary School. The children enjoyed developing their balancing skills in gymnastics, using their throwing skills in shot put and learning different techniques for jumping.

At the village Hall in the morning the KS1 and KS2 children took part in 6 different Olympic activities, these included Football skills from **York City FC Foundation**, long jump, discus, javelins (foam) archery and goal ball. A great time was had by all.



Safety Themed Fantastic Friday

The KS1 and KS2 children from Foston, Terrington and Stillington will be coming together at Stillington school for the day. Please remember to arrive to school in PE kits and bring packed lunches, water bottles, sun hats and suncream. Please give consent on parent pay for your child to try the range of cycles that will be available, including go karts and unicycles! If you would prefer for your child not to try out the cycles, please email the office in advance.

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Diary Dates

<p>KS2 Swimming—Every Wednesday at 10.45am</p> <p><u>THIS IS THE LAST SWIMMING SESSION FOR 2024</u></p> <p>Bus arrives at 10am to collect the children.</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th July —Thirsk Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Back to School for Lunchtime.</p>
<p>Grand Final Choral Speaking</p> <p>Consent required on ParentPay to attend the event</p> <p>Provide child’s own Packed lunch.</p>	<p>Monday 8th July at Terrington Village Hall.</p> <p>Please can you confirm attendance at the office.</p> <p>Consent is required on ParentPay</p>
<p>Year 6 leavers trip</p> <p>Bus departs at 9am, return early afternoon.</p> <p>Lunch eaten at Puttstars</p>	<p>Thursday 11th July</p> <p>Puttstars York</p>
<p>Fantastic Friday—EYFS & Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2</p> <p>Provide child’s own Packed lunch or order one by email to the School office by Friday 27th June</p>	<p>Friday 12th July</p> <p>Stillington School</p> <p>Everyone’s cycling</p>
<p>Woldies Nature Farm—Nursery and Reception.</p> <p>To be at school by 8:45am. Bus departs at 9am.</p> <p>Provide child’s own Packed lunch or order one by email to the School office by Monday 1st July</p>	<p>Monday 15th July</p> <p>Arrive in school uniform</p> <p>Water bottles, hats and suncreams</p> <p>Consent is required on ParentPay</p>
<p>Leavers’ Service—Year 6</p>	<p>Thursday 18th July 2.30pm to 3pm</p> <p>Stillington Church</p>
<p>Leavers BBQ—All parents/siblings and staff welcome</p>	<p>Friday 19th July at 5pm onwards</p> <p>Stillington Sports & Social Club</p>
<p>Summer</p>	<p>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd September (first day back)</p>