

STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN



Dear Parents/Guardians,

What another wonderful week we have had at Stillington. All of our pupils loved engaging with Audrie for our drama session on Tuesday. EYFS and KS1 explored stories through puppets, manipulated their voices to perform to the class and learnt how to listen carefully to instructions when improvising. KS2 thrived creating their own stories to perform in small groups to the class. Our pupils enjoyed developing their teamwork, public speaking and listening skills as part of their learning.



This week we have focused on treasure in assembly time and the pupils loved hearing about the different types of treasure we have including those that mean the most to us. They reflected on their belongings, loved ones and things they would like to achieve in the future.

Updated Requirements For Participation in Physical Education

Due to the updated requirements from North Yorkshire County Council, we have had to make amendments to our PE kit expectations to ensure the safety of our children. Can we please ask that children either do not wear jewellery, watches and ear-rings for school or that they are able to take them off / out. School will not be responsible for the loss of any of these items removed during PE.

The North Yorkshire requirements state that the wearing of personal effects, such as jewellery and watches, is prohibited as "persons who are wearing jewellery and watches can potentially expose themselves and others to the risk of injury while taking part in Physical Education.

There have been serious incidents and legal cases involving jewellery in PE and physical activity and this procedure protects against that happening. It is not just about making the wearer of the ear-ring safe, it is about keeping everyone safe thus making a parental disclaimer ineffective and legally unenforceable.

The following advice applies to ALL body jewellery and watches, except for bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed. These bracelets will be covered with a sweatband and secured by tape. All schools should follow the advice of the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) as follows:

- The basic rule is that all jewellery should be **removed** as this then removes that particular hazard.
- The National guidance has always been that **no jewellery should be worn in PE** and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain.

Pupils should remove their **own** jewellery. If the child is unable to do this themselves, they should not wear any.

School has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care. It is dictated by national guidance, and we must comply. Parental disclaimers are ineffective and legally unenforceable."

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all students can participate safely in PE. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to all the wonderful things that our pupils will achieve next week!

Kind regards,

Miss Tordoff—Head of School

FOSS AGM Meeting

AGM meeting on Thursday 26th September at 7pm at Stillington Sports & Social Club. All are welcome.

Easingwold Cricket Club—Family Fun Day on Sunday 15th September—12 to 4pm

Please see the Easingwold Cricket Club's end of season community event. A Family Fun Day on Sunday 15th September. We also have a bouncy castle for the Under 5's and Mix-ie the Mascot from York Mix Radio. Please bring cash.

Admin

Next week your child will bring home an envelope with several forms in, please can these be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Parent/Carers News



Secondary School Admission Process for September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

This information is for children who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2025 to let you know that the application process commences on 12 September 2024 and the deadline to apply is 31 October 2024. **You must only complete one application and this must be to the Local Authority to which you pay your council tax (i.e. Home Local Authority).**

If you live in North Yorkshire, an application indicating your preferred school for your child is required. **You can list up to five schools, applying to only one school does not increase your chances of securing a place there.** You can apply for any school or academy in North Yorkshire or any other Local Authority area.

Before completing the online application form, please ensure you have read all the information on the school admissions and transport pages. www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions This guide contains crucial information that will assist you in the application process.

There have been some changes in eligibility to home to school transport, so if this is an important factor when choosing a school please go to: www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/finding-school . Here you can use the online tool to find your nearest school to your home address.

You can also apply online via the North Yorkshire website.

Important points to note when making an application:

The school round (2025 September - Transfer to Secondary School) is specific to your child's date of birth. If it is not showing after you've added your child's details, please verify that you've entered their date of birth correctly.

If your child is out of their chronological year group, you are not able to apply online, please contact us to request a paper copy of the form.

We recommend including a preference for your nearest school. Failure to do so may result in your child being allocated a school some distance from your home, for which you would be responsible for transport arrangements and costs.

Once you have submitted your application you will receive an acknowledgment email. You can go back into view your application at any time but once the Council has downloaded your application, you will not be able to change your preferences.

If you need to make a change after you have submitted your application, you will need to complete a 'changes to submitted school application form' which is available online or request a paper copy.

The deadline for applications to be received is **31 October 24**. An application received after this date will be considered as a 'Late Application'. This means it will be processed after on time applications, which could affect the allocation of your child's school place. Should you submit a late application, and you have a valid reason for this, please provide them for consideration. Reasons for a late application must be submitted in writing via email.

Please note: the last date for making changes to applications, e.g. change of address is 30 November 2024. Any changes received after this date will not be actioned until after National Offer Day. On National Offer Day, 3 March 2025, you will receive confirmation of your child's secondary school place.

If you applied online, an email notification will be sent, during office hours on the same day, with a secure link to access your child's school place offer. You will also be able to log back into your account to view the offered school place, please remember to save your login details.

If you submitted a paper application, allocation letters will be sent out by second-class post and could take 3-5 days to arrive. Please note that we cannot provide school place information over the phone.

Where we are unable to allocate a place at any of your preferred schools, in line with current legislation, you are entitled to an admission appeal. Appeal forms will be available on our website or by contacting the Admissions Team. Should you need more information about individual schools, you can obtain a prospectus directly from the school.

Some denominational and Academy schools require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to assess your application according to the school's admission policy. Failure to submit a SIF may result in your application being considered after all others where a SIF has been provided. A SIF is not an application for a school place, and you will still need to apply via the Local Authority.

Regardless of the type of school you are applying for (Academy, Community, Aided, Trust, or Foundation), an application must be made. If you wish to apply for a school in another Local Authority area, list it on your application, and we will coordinate with that Authority.

Please retain all correspondence, including emails and acknowledgments, as you may need them if you wish to appeal the decision on the school that is allocated.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Anderson

Business Support Manager

North Yorkshire Council, Admissions, Transport and Welfare Team, Document Management Centre, County Hall, Racecourse Lane, Northallerton, DL7 8AE.

Email: schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 01609 533679



Parent/Carers News

Sports Enhancement day—Tuesday 8th October at Stillington Sports Hall

On Tuesday 8th of October, Children from years 1 – 6 will be taking part in our Sports Enhancement Day at Stillington Sports Hall. Terrington, Foston and Langton children will be travelling on buses to Stillington with adults from their school. This event is held during the school day, the children will be returned to their school before the end of the school day.

Children will get dressed into their PE kits at school. Children in years 1 – 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 23rd of September**, this is so our school cook can order items in. Choices of sandwiches include: Ham, Cheese and Tuna Mayo.

Reception and nursery children will also take part in some different sport activities at their school, If your child comes to school on a Tuesday and does not have their PE kit in school, please can they bring it on that day to get changed into. Hot school lunches will be available for reception and nursery children if they require one.

ParentPay

Please can we remind parents to login to their account on a weekly basis and clear all owed amounts, this avoids debts building up. Before the holidays parents were made aware of our plans to use ParentPay to book and pre-pay for wrap around care and extra-curricular clubs, to confirm, this will begin after October half-term.

Collection Passwords

Last year we introduced 'collection passwords' for parents to give to the adult who was collecting their child, please can you use the following link if you would like to provide a collection password (please complete even if you have previously provided one so that our system can be updated— <https://forms.office.com/e/pE9dxE5gjm>

Outwood Academy open day—Tuesday 24th September - 5pm to 8pm

Below is all the relevant information needed for Year 6 pupils for an Open Evening at Outwood Academy Easingwold on Tuesday 24th September from 5pm to 8pm.



Outwood Academy Easingwold
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Head of School: Emma Taylor

4th September 2024

Dear Year 6 Students, Parents and Carers,

I would like to warmly invite you to attend our Year 6 Open Evening at Outwood Academy Easingwold on **Tuesday 24th September 2024**.

Our Open Evening will start at 5pm and will end at 8pm. We respectfully ask that the latest arrival time is 7.30pm. We anticipate that arrivals will therefore be staggered throughout the evening which will mean that we can avoid large groups of visitors at any one time. In order to safely manage our Open Evening, we would ask that each Year 6 student is accompanied by at least one parent or carer. This Open Evening is for students currently in Year 6, but families with children in Year 5 are more than welcome to visit the school by appointment.

There are car parking spaces at the front of school and in the immediate vicinity. Please note that parking is limited so where possible could we ask that you make alternative arrangements. Please enter school at the main reception where you will be given a map of the school and students will be available to show you round if you would like.

Our Open Evening will give you a flavour of life at Easingwold, and also will allow children to familiarise themselves with the school building. In addition, students will be able to find out about the wealth of subjects taught here, as well as extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities. Along the route you will be able to visit classrooms from each department, speak with our expert teaching staff and also talk to our students about life at Easingwold.

We will also have a number of our students assisting around school who will also be able to answer any questions that you may have. We would encourage you to talk to as many of our wonderful students as possible; they are our greatest asset and speak warmly about the care and expert teaching they receive.

There will be two formal presentations by Mrs Taylor, the Principal, in the main hall at 6pm and 6.45pm and you are very welcome to attend one of these. Our team of senior leaders and dedicated support staff will also be on hand to answer any questions that you may have, as will our SENDCO who can assist with queries about students with additional needs.

If you are unable to attend the Open Evening on Tuesday 24th September, but would like to look around our school, you can contact my PA, Karen Spivey on 01347 821451 or by emailing k.spivey@easingwold.outwood.com, who will be happy to arrange a tour of our facilities.

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Registered office address: Pottovens Lane, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2PF.
VAT number: 158 2720 04. Outwood Grange Academies Trust is an exempt charity.
A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

Please also use these same contact details if you are currently in Year 5, and would like to arrange a private tour of the school. Could we politely ask that any Parents / Carers of Year 5 pupils who wish to book a tour, do so after October 31st which is when the school application window closes for Year 6 students.

We very much look forward to meeting you at the Open Evening on Tuesday 24th from 5pm onwards, and to welcoming our new Year 7 students in September 2025.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Taylor
Principal



Class 1—EYFS (Nursery/Reception) & Key Stage One (Y1-2)

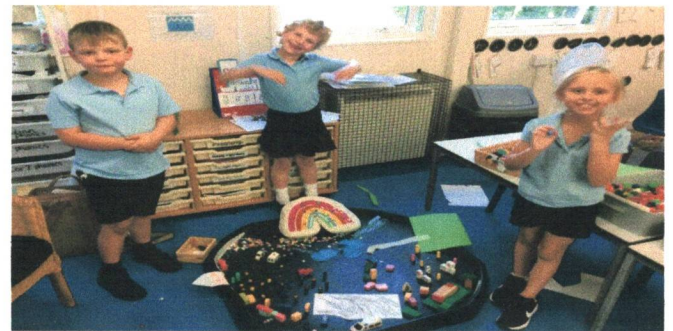
Miss Katie Allwood

Wow Work - KS1 = EYFS / YEAR 1 & 2

This week in class one we have really enjoyed learning about our topic all about me which is the case for both EYFS and KS1.

The EYFS children have been looking at their families and who they have in their own family community. We are moving on soon to look at our grandparents so if anyone has any pictures of their different family members for our reception class then we would love to have a look at these together in class!

In Key stage 1 we have really enjoyed looking at our different subjects. We have been looking at the great fire of London and have really enjoyed learning about London in the past. We also have had a lovely, messy art lesson. We are looking at using different materials to create collages so we explored what pictures we could make with all the materials from around our classroom



Harvest festival

I would love to invite Stillington's parents and carers to our Harvest festival! It is on Wednesday 2nd October at 9.15 at Stillington Church and everybody is welcome to attend. In addition, if you have any donations that you would like to bring in, we are running a collection for our local foodbank. If you are able to bring anything in then I have added a list of things that are currently needed!

- **Small Jars of Coffee (urgently needed)**
- **Teabags (urgently needed)**
- **Jars of Jam (not homemade) (urgently needed)**
- **Cleaning Sprays (urgently needed)**
- **Washing Up Liquid (urgently needed)**
- **Sugar (urgently needed)**
- **Cooking Oil (urgently needed)**
- **Tinned Meat (anything but corned beef)**
- **UHT Milk**
- **Tinned Tomatoes**
- **Packets of Instant Noodles/ Instant Pasta/ Mug Shots Cartons of Long Life Juice and Bottles of Squash**
- **Sponge Puddings**
- **Tinned Rice Pudding and Tinned Custard**
- **Powdered Milk**
- **Tinned Fruit**



Class 2—Key Stage Two Y3-6

Mrs Catherine Hunter **Wow Work KS2 / YEAR 3 TO 6**

It's been wonderful getting back into a good routine in Class 2. We have well and truly started our History topic on the Shang Dynasty, and we are all really enjoying our English text "Kensuke's Kingdom". We are also enjoying the many and varied investigations we have started in Science - the photo this week shows our older children using circuits to explore the connectivity of different materials.



Open Events

Please see below our open events are Stillington Community School.

Open events at Stillington CP School

Friday 20th 1:30-3pm & Monday 23rd September 4-6pm

Fostering a nurturing, inclusive and stimulating learning environment, Stillington School develops each pupil through a personalised, creative and engaging curriculum as well as boasting excellent adult to pupil ratios across Early Years, KS1 and KS2 at our Ofsted rated 'Good' school.

With an exceptional outdoor space, peaceful learning environments and tailored curriculum enhancements, Stillington School has everything to offer. We are a 'small, welcoming school with a strong sense of community' and 'Adults have positive relationships with pupils and a good understanding of their needs' - Ofsted 2024

Main Street, Stillington, York, YO61 1LA
4 miles from Easingwold & 4.8 miles from Sheriff Hutton
Contact us on: stillingtonoffice@foston.n-york.sch.uk or 01347 819347 to confirm your attendance.
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DIARY DATES

School Photographs	Monday 16th September
Open Event Stillington School	Friday 20th September (1.30pm-3.00pm) Monday 23rd September (4pm-6pm)
FOSS AGM—Stillington Sports & Social Club	Thursday 26th September at 7pm Everyone welcome
Flu Immunisation	Monday 30th September (1pm)
Harvest Festival—(TBC)	Wednesday 2nd October—(All children) from 9.15am
KS1 Art Visitor	Friday 11th October (1.30pm) - KS1
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 25th October (Last Day) Monday 4th November (First Day Back)
Christmas Dinner	Friday 6th December (All children)
Christmas	Friday 20th December (Last Day) Monday 6th January 2025 (First Day Back)
Spring half –term	Friday 14th February 2025 (Last Day) Monday 24th February (First Day Back)
Easter	Friday 4th April 2025 (Last Day) Wednesday 23rd April 2025 (First Day)
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 2nd May 2025 (Last Day) Tuesday 6th May 2025 (First Day)
Summer Half—Term	Friday 23rd May 2025 (Last Day) Monday 2nd June 2025 (First Day Back)
Summer	Friday 18th July 2025 (Last Day)

