

STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN



Head of School

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an exciting visitor this week at Stillington! Audrie, our drama teacher, visited us and supported us to learn about being a puppeteer. In EYFS/KS1, pupils explored the use of space through playing listening games and then used that learning to work in pairs to prepare a performance for their class. Each pair created a tale, including their two puppet characters, which they presented clearly to their class. Our children really impressed Audrie and I with their confidence. Well done class 1!



In KS2, pupils continued exploring puppets but did so independently. They explored how to use intonation, animation in their voices and interact with the audience to retell a story for their puppets. All of the pupils demonstrated clarity with their speaking, confidence when performing and an incredible imagination with the retelling of their narrative. We also had lots of laughs in KS2 as the pupils wove humour through their stories. Amazing work KS2!

I look forward to the next week ahead and all the amazing things our pupils will achieve.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Thanks,

India Tordoff



Stillington Community
Primary School



Terrington Church of
England VA Primary School

Information for Y4 Times Table test

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's school.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you. There is no pass mark for the check.

Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC.

For further details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in the department's [personal information charter](#).



Wow Work

Miss Katie Allwood

Wow Work - KS1 = EYFS / YEAR 1 & 2

This week we have really enjoyed our cold weather. The children have been so excited to come into school to see the ice and the snow every morning. We have explored melting and freezing in EYFS and have discovered what happens when we leave ice inside!



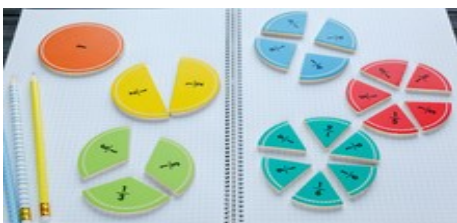
KS1 have also really enjoyed the cold weather. We have been exploring some different materials and how they freeze in this cold weather. We have also loved finishing off our topic on the gunpowder plot and creating some super art.



Mrs Catherine Hunter

Wow Work KS2 / YEAR 3 TO 6

This week, KS2 have had an incredible time diving into fractions and creative writing! In maths, the class tackled fractions with enthusiasm, mastering concepts like equivalent fractions and adding them with ease. Their problem-solving skills shone through the engaging challenges. Meanwhile in English, they brought their imaginations to life by stepping into the shoes of April, the brave protagonist from *The Last Bear*. Writing heartfelt diary entries, they captured her emotions, adventures with the polar bear. The creativity and empathy displayed in their work was remarkable, showing their growing skills as writers and thinkers. Well done, KS2—you've been amazing!



Parent/Carer News

Beauty and the Beast at the Grand Opera House, York Friday 13th December.

We have a very special, whole-school trip booked to see Beauty and the Beast at The Grand Opera House in York on Friday December 13th, thanks to our very generous FOSS team! Children and staff will **leave school at 1pm**, and will travel by coach into York. We will leave as soon as the performance has finished, and we anticipate that we will **arrive back at school by 5:30pm**. We will keep parents updated of our arrival time back at school via our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Hunter (the trip leader).



Please give permission for your child/ren to attend this trip via ParentPay. Please note, there is no voluntary contribution for this trip.

Malton Sports Centre KS2 event

On Wednesday 4th 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 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.

Community Christingle event

St Nicholas Parish Church

*Invites you to
Our joint celebration of
our patron saint St Nicholas
And The Christingle*

*Sunday 8th December
4pm*



ALL WELCOME

STILLINGTON PRIMARY DIARY DATES

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Malton Sports Centre	Wednesday 4th December	PE kit required KS2 children Dodgeball Leave 12.20, return to school at 2.45pm
Christmas Dinner	Friday 6th December	11.45am for all EYFS & KS1 pupils 12.30pm for all KS2 pupils All FST schools, together for lunch at Stillington School.
Christingle & Nativity	Thursday 12th December	All school pupils are invited to attend at Stillington Church from 4pm to 4.30pm
Panto Trip Beauty and the Beast	Friday 13th December	Grand Opera House, York All the school to leave by 1pm. Panto Starts at 2pm. Estimated to be back to school by 5.30pm
Sharing Assembly	Wednesday 18th December	3.10pm To be held for all of our parents, members of the community and pupils.
Fantastic Friday	Friday 20th December	Music with an instrument focus.
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)	