

# STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN



## Head of School

Good morning everyone,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week!

We would like to say a huge thankyou to our FOSS team who ran a stall at Stillington Christmas fair last week, for donating their time, all their help and continued support of Stillington School! We would also like to say thank you to everyone who supported, through donating items for the stall and attending the event!



## Upcoming events:

- Annual theatre trip on Friday 13th, courtesy of our FOSS team. Please ensure you have given consent on parent pay for your child/ren to attend.

-Nativity performance on Thursday 12th December at 4pm. Please note that this will be at **SCHOOL**, not the church. Apologies for any confusion this has caused.

-Our sharing assembly will be held for parents and the community on Wednesday 18th December at 3:10pm. If your child is receiving a certificate, a note will be in your child's planner.

Just a reminder that the deadline for reception places for September 2025 is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. Please find more information and how to apply with the following link:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Kind regards,

Miss India Tordoff

Head of School



Stillington Community  
Primary School



Terrington Church of  
England VA Primary School

## Reporting Your Child's Absence

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we have a duty of care to follow up any unexplained absences. If your child/children do not attend school on a day we expect them in, we kindly ask that you **inform us before 9am**. If we do not hear from you then we must follow the following steps in order to ascertain, you and your child/children are safe.

Following our school's attendance policy we will start by trying to contact you on the first day. If we are unable to contact you then we will work through your emergency contact numbers that you have provided us with, leaving answerphone messages to give you and your contacts an opportunity to return our calls. If we still cannot reach you or any of your emergency contacts, we are required to follow the governments statutory guidance, so two members of staff will undertake a safety and well-being visit to your home and if there is still no contact, we will have to inform the police and social care.



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## Speaking to your child about chatting/messaging online

Included in this bulletin is some advice for parents/carers about speaking to your child about chatting/messaging online. Although this is often thought about more with older children, applications that younger children have access to such as Roblox or fortnight (on games consoles) allow children to chat individually or in groups. If your child is playing on these games, it is important to speak with them regularly about not only keeping themselves safe but also about what they may be writing or saying about others that can be hurtful.

## Managing The Christmas Sensory Overload.

It's that time of year which for some of us is exciting: meeting and catching up with friends and family, putting up glittery decorations and sparkly lights, giving and receiving shiny gifts, parties, dressing up, singing songs, and watching TV specials. Yet for many children, young people and adults, this time of year can be filled with emotional and sensory overwhelm. An increase in noise, multiple voices, crowds, social expectations, changes in routine, flashing lights, different textures brought into the house, loud and busy music and surprise gifts. Attached is a handy guide and advice from Beacon House to ensure a more joyful, or tolerable time for all the family as well as some contact information below for support with emotional and mental health.

## [Emotional and Mental Health](#)

### For Adults

Mind: Mind offers tips and advice on coping with the holiday season, including managing stress, dealing with loneliness, and maintaining mental well-being.

### [Christmas and Mental Health](#)

Samaritans: Provides 24/7 support for anyone struggling to cope. They offer a safe space to talk about whatever is troubling you.

Call 116 123 or visit -[Contact Us | Samaritans](#)

NHS: The NHS offers advice on managing mental health during the holidays, including tips on dealing with stress and where to find support.

NHS Mental Health Support - [Mental health - NHS](#)

### For Children

The Go To: **The Go To website** is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire and provides a wealth of information and practical advice for children, young people, their carers and professionals.

[The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health](#)

YoungMinds: Offers advice on supporting children and young people with their mental health, including how to handle anxiety around Christmas.

[Helping Your Child with Anxiety at Christmas](#)

The Children's Society: Provides tips for managing children's mental health during the festive season, including maintaining routines and understanding their needs.

[Supporting Children's Mental Health at Christmas](#)

Childline: Offers free, confidential support for children and young people. They provide a safe space to talk about any worries or concerns.

Resource: Call 0800 1111 or visit Childline - [Childline | Childline](#)

Kooth: Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous **online wellbeing service** for children and young people. The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals and are a bacp accredited service. [Home - Kooth](#)

Shout!: Shout is the UK's first and only 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis. Get free, confidential mental health support anytime, anywhere. Text 'Shout' to 85258.

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## Wow Work

**Miss Katie Allwood**

**Wow Work - KS1 = EYFS / YEAR 1 & 2**

A very busy week this week in the run up to Christmas. We have been finishing off our lovely topics and cannot wait for our DT day coming up.

We have also been feeling very Christmassy with our nativity and can't wait to share all of our hard work with everyone.



**Mrs Catherine Hunter**

**Wow Work KS2 / YEAR 3 TO 6**

We've had a lovely week in KS2, particularly now we have started gearing up for Christmas.

Our children also thoroughly enjoyed their trip on Wednesday afternoon to Malton, where they played dodgeball against a number of other schools. The children all played really well and showed great sportsmanship skills. We were so proud! We're finishing the week off with our Federation-wide Christmas dinner, which is something we always love to do.



Thank you so much to the parents who kindly donated Christmas decorations for our tree - we can't wait to share the photos with you.



### **New lunchtime club**

On Friday lunchtimes, KS2 children will be able to practice the songs for the Young Voices concert in February. All children in KS2 can attend - the better they know the songs, the more fun they will have on the night!



## Parent/Carer

### **FOSS Raffle.**

FOSS requires donations please for the school play raffle! There are 2 lists for hampers below! Could you please comment on what you can donate and bring to the school office or Marisa by Wednesday 11th December please or Thursday 12th (am only) at the very latest. More than one would be very much appreciated.

### **Adults hamper**

Bottle of fizz/alcohol  
Pack of dates  
Box of teabags/flavoured  
Bag of traditional nuts  
Christmas cake - **Marisa**  
Box of chocolates (heroes/roses) etc..  
Jam/chutney/marmalade  
Christmas candle  
Mince pies  
Hot chocolate  
Marshmallows  
Christmas crackers  
Posh crisps  
Christmas biscuits

### **Childrens hamper**

Selection box  
Cupcakes - **Marisa**  
Kids crisps  
Christmas biscuits  
Gingerbread/trees decorating kit  
Colouring book and pens  
DIY Christmas decorations/crafts  
Colour in table cloth  
Chocolate tree/coins  
Chocolate Santa/snowman/reindeer  
Hot chocolate powder.  
Candy canes  
Kids Christmas crackers

Many thanks in advance for your help!

Kind regards

Team FOSS



**Beauty and the Beast Pantomime—Friday 13th December 2024.**

**Just a reminder if you haven't done so already, would you please log into your ParentPay account and tick the consent box for your child/ren so they are able to attend the pantomime.**

# STILLINGTON PRIMARY DIARY DATES

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Christingle & Nativity	Thursday 12th December	4pm to 4.30pm Nativity and Christingle at school.
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, community and pupils.
Fantastic Friday	Friday 20th December	<b>Music with an instrument focus.</b>
Christmas	Friday 20th December (Last Day) Monday 6th January 2025 (First Day Back)	
Special Lunch—Best of British	16th January 2025	Chicken Pie Cheese & bean pasty (V) Mashed potato Medley of vegetables Syrup sponge & custard
Special Lunch—Valentines	14th February 2025	Pizza Hub Chips Peas & sweetcorn Love heart biscuit
Spring half –term	Friday 14th February 2025 (Last Day) Monday 24th February (First Day Back)	
Special Lunch—World Book Day	6th March 2025	Magic meatballs Hufflepuff (V) Slytherin topped spuds Ollivander's wands Ravenclaw Slaw Goodwin's chocolate extravaganza
Special Lunch—Easter	31st March 2025	Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding & gravy Veggie sausage (V) Potatoes Carrots & broccoli Easter chocolate nest
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)	
Special Lunch—Street food	15th May 2025	Chicken nuggets Veggie nuggets (V) Skinny fries BBQ beans Doughnut muffin
Summer Half—Term	Friday 23rd May 2025 (Last Day) Monday 2nd June 2025 (First Day Back)	
Summer	Friday 18th July 2025 (Last Day)	