



## Stillington Primary School

### Weekly bulletin Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Good morning everyone,

We are nearing the end of our first half term at Stillington primary school and to celebrate, we have our upcoming sharing assembly on Thursday 23rd at 3pm. We are looking forward to welcoming our community into school to see the fantastic work the children have done over this half term. If your child is receiving a certificate, a note will be in their planner.

#### **Poppy Appeal 2025**

We are proud to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal once again this year. Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase poppies and other remembrance items from the school office, which will be run by our KS2 pupils during first break each day.

If your child would like to take part, they are welcome to bring in a small donation to make their purchase. All contributions go directly to the Royal British Legion to support veterans and their families.

#### **KS2 Residential**

We are very excited to offer our KS2 pupils (Years 3–6) the opportunity to attend a residential trip to Bewerley Park this academic year. To help us gauge interest and begin planning, please complete the form via the link below to express your interest in your child attending this residential by Monday 3rd November - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bwmcWcF6LQ>

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 and Year 1 & 2 – Miss Allwood**

We have had a much quieter week after a busy sporting week last week. All our children really enjoyed the sports enhancement day on Friday and are still chatting about it and the things that they achieved.

This week we have been working hard in our maths and English across the full class. KS1 have been building a diary entry about our book which will be our final piece of writing for this half term. EYFS have been smashing their first half term of phonics and have really enjoyed learning their first sounds.

### **Year 3,4,5 & 6 – Miss Jackson**

This week in Key Stage 2 we have finished our persuasive writing piece of work and are moving on to writing a memoir about Katherine Johnson. In maths students are showing steady progress and Year 6's have started to explore SATs tests.

We had some 'craft ninjas' come in on Thursday and taught us some knitting and crocheting skills, the children really enjoyed this and were very excited to start looking out for them in the local community. We are also starting to finish our topics for this half term; we have already finished Music and PSHE and the children have learnt lots of different things that I am sure they would love to share.

# Parent News

## Applications for Secondary School

If you haven't yet submitted an application for your child's secondary school place for September 2026, please remember to do so by **31 October 2025**.

Applications can be made online at: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

Thank you for your attention to this important deadline.

## Explorers 2025 – 2026

Inviting all primary age children to the after-school club run by the churches in Stillington.

We will be having fun at **St Nicholas Church on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November and continuing January – March 2026**. Sessions will run from 3.30 to 4.30pm; with latest arrival time 3.45 pm

There will be music, craft activities and a story from the Bible. Refreshments will be provided when the children arrive. If you would like to come, please contact: Margaret Price 07528 768848 [pricehm870@gmail.com](mailto:pricehm870@gmail.com)

## Unlocking Courses for Parents

The NYES SEND and Inclusion team have launched a new round of in-person courses designed to support parents and carers of children and young people in North Yorkshire with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD.

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Link to book: <https://nyestraining.co.uk/parents>

## FOSS AGM Tuesday 14th October 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended the FOSS AGM on the Tuesday 14th October at Stillington club. We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our FOSS Trustee Miss Cole who has stepped down from this role after many years of dedication to our FOSS team. Miss Cole will be sadly missed within the committee, but this is not goodbye as she has very kindly offered to still help when needed and for this, we are extremely grateful.

Your FOSS team for 2025/26 is as follows:

**Chair/ Secretary/Trustee - Marisa Bird**

**Vice Chair/Trustee - Mandy Jackson**

**Treasurer - Emma Johnson**


**President - India Tordoff**

**Staff representative - Neil Carlisle**

**Helper - Liz Cole**

A list of all the upcoming events will be in next week's bulletin. We would appreciate any volunteers and donations of raffle prizes, if possible, for these events. If you have time to help at any of the events, would you kindly let Marisa know. Our team work extremely hard, to ensure that our school and its pupils are supported with funds from FOSS, to give them additional equipment and outings from our fundraisers. Your continued support and contributions are very much needed to enable the committee to continue to do this.

Thank you

Team FOSS 

## Fantastic Friday

This Fantastic Friday, our school will be taking part in an exciting competition to decorate a Christmas tree for Nunnington Hall's "Nature's Noël" event!

Throughout the day, the children will be:

Learning about the National Trust and sustainability — and why caring for our planet is so important.

Coming up with a theme for our Christmas tree.

Designing and making sustainable Christmas decorations to bring their ideas to life!

This is where we need your help!

To make our decorations as eco-friendly as possible, we're collecting materials that can be reused or recycled.

Please send in any of the following items you might have at home:

- Old plastic bottles
- Cardboard and paper
- Tin foil
- Pinecones
- Scrap fabric or ribbons
- Any other small recyclable materials

Please note: We cannot use glitter, flowers, or foliage for this project.

Thank you so much for your support in helping us make this a creative, sustainable, and festive Fantastic Friday!

## World Mental Health Day

Last Friday was World Mental Health Day. The children in our schools spent a wonderful day taking part in lots of sporting activities, finishing off with a special assembly. The children learnt there are 5 ways to wellbeing -connect, give, take notice, keep learning and be active. These are things that experts have found are really beneficial for our mental health. We focused on 'connecting', with the children taking a moment to think about why it is important to connect with others.

- Having friends and people you trust is really important for your mental health.
- When you feel connected to others—like family, friends, or even classmates you feel happier, safer, and more confident.
- These good feelings can help your brain work better and even keep your body healthier!

We then looked at 5 ways being connected can help us feel better

- When you're feeling sad, worried, or scared, it's nice to talk to someone who listens and cares.
- This can help you feel better and not so alone.
- Sharing experiences out loud is proven to help calm us down and offer a sense of relief. It can even boost our immune system.
- It's great to be able to share worries but also positive experiences too.
- When life gets tough—like if you're having a bad day or feeling nervous—talking to someone you trust can help calm you down and make things easier to handle. When you have people who support you, it's easier to get through hard times. You feel stronger and braver when you're not alone. These things can be done in lots of different ways - Laughing and talking with others can help your brain release "feel-good" chemicals like dopamine and serotonin. These help boost your mood! It stimulates circulation and aids muscle relaxing which also reduces stress.

As adults' life can be very busy, therefore, it is important to remember to look after ourselves too. There are lots of places that offer help and support. Remember - You're never alone.

### **Local and national crisis support**

**North Yorkshire CAMHS Crisis Team (Selby and Easingwold):** 01904 615348 (Open 10 am to 10 pm)

**NHS 111:** 111 (Select the mental health option for 24/7 support)

**Samaritans:** 116 123 (24/7)

**Shout Crisis Text Line:** Text SHOUT to 85258 (24/7)

**Hopeline247:** 0800 068 4141 (For suicidal thoughts, 24/7)

This year our schools chosen charity will be Mind Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale.

**Mental Elf**  
Festive Fun Run, Grotto & Market

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**DALBY FOREST**

A festive 3 or 5k fun run with a Christmas fair, Santa's grotto, activities and live performances. All in support of local mental health services. Fancy dress strongly encouraged!

**Tickets**

Tickets are required for the fun run  
CHILD: £10  
ADULT: £12  
FAMILY: £38  
TEAM: £80

Eager Elf Discounts through September  
Tickets available at [www.svrmind.org.uk](http://www.svrmind.org.uk)

Mind Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale  
Forestry England

<b>HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027</b>		
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Last Day At School</b>	<b>First Day Back</b>
Summer		8th September 2026
Autumn half-term	22nd October 2026	2nd November 2026
Christmas	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	5th January 2027
Spring half-term	5th February 2027	15th February 2027
Easter	19th March 2027	6th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	4th May 2027
Summer half-term	28th May 2027	7th June 2027
Summer	23rd July 2027	

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
<b>Celebration Assembly</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – 3pm
<b>Fantastic Friday</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Last day 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Pupils return to school</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Parents Evening</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Open Event and Stay and Play</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November - 4:00-5:30pm