

Stillington Primary School

Weekly bulletin Friday 21st November 2025



Good morning everyone,

I would just like to say a huge thank you to the volunteer who helped decorate our Christmas tree at Nunnington hall with the decorations the children made on the first fantastic Friday of this academic year. A huge thank you for the donation of your time to support the school!

FOSS Panto trip

We are very lucky to have such a fantastic FOSS PTA team who tirelessly raise funds for the school. As such, they have funded a trip to the Christmas Pantomime on Thursday 18th December. Pupils are to arrive at school by 9am on this day to get on to the coach to take them to the Grand theatre in York to watch Cinderella. Pupils will arrive back at school for 12:30pm where they will have either a school dinner or a packed lunch as normal. The trip will be made available on Arbor for you to give consent for your child to attend the trip. The trip is free of charge to families thanks to the FOSS team. A huge thank you to them for all their hard work to make amazing trips like this happen!



Celebration Assembly

On Wednesday 10th December, we will be holding our half termly celebration assembly at school for our school and local community. If your child is receiving a certificate, a note will be in their planner the week before.

Have a great 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

Our EYFS children have been exploring the change in seasons and have been especially excited by the snow and ice this week. They've spent time observing how the weather is changing, noticing the textures, shapes and patterns in the wintery outdoors. Inside the classroom, the children investigated what happens when ice melts, making predictions and watching closely as it transformed back into water. They also enjoyed colouring the ice, experimenting with how the colours spread and mix

KS1 have been busy exploring 2D and 3D shapes this week. The children have been identifying and naming a variety of shapes, looking closely at their properties, such as the number of sides, edges and vertices. They enjoyed sorting and comparing different shapes and spotting them in the classroom and around school.

UK Parliament week -

Next week is UK Parliament Week, and the whole school will be taking part in learning linked to democracy and how decisions are made in the UK. To introduce this, the children will join a special assembly created by UK Parliament week where we will explore what Parliament is, who works there, and why having a voice matters. This will help the children begin to understand the role Parliament plays in our daily lives.

Y3,4,5,6 – Miss Jackson

This week in Key Stage 2 we have finished our flashback narrative piece of writing, the children have come up with some creative ideas to write about. In maths this week we have been finishing our addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division work in most year groups. Years 5 and 6 are moving onto fractions, Year 4 are moving onto area and Year 3's are finishing their addition and subtraction work.

We have been learning 'I want to break free' by Queen in Music this half term, and so far, the children are brilliant at this, they can sing the first minute and a half confidently and have been having fun doing so. Years 3 and 4 have been learning about nutrients in the body in science and Years 5 and 6 have been looking at healthy and unhealthy drugs. Key Stage 2 this week have been really engaged in their learning, and they have had fun doing it.

Parent News

Malton Sports Centre KS2 event

On Wednesday 3rd 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 school 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.



Foss Fundraisers

Upcoming FOSS fundraisers please support or attend if possible! FOSS are in need of kind donations of complete unwanted jigsaws, for our up-and-coming Christmas Fayre and donations of raffle prizes for our quiz night. If you are able to help with this it would be greatly appreciated, please pass your donations Marisa or Miss Cole by drop off Friday 28th November. Thank you for your continued support!

Team FOSS! ❤️



The Nativity like never before! in Easingwold

Join Riding Lights Theatre Company as they bring a Christmas comedy filled with silly shepherds, some very (un)wise men and a young family who have no idea what they've let themselves in for. It's packed with puppets, magic, song and story, bringing you the nativity like you've never seen it before. It's so good you'll want Christmas every year.... Christmas Inn Trouble is a fast and friendly festive farce and the perfect way to start your holiday cheer!

Saturday, December 13th at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold, starting at 2.00pm.

The show's duration is about one hour.

Tickets £5 (+ 39p booking fee) for all ages, available only from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ridinglights.

If you have any queries, please contact Richard Mapletoft (01347 811854)

or rmapletoft@outlook.com.

REUSE SANTA
15th - 30th Nov 2025

Please donate your pre-owned but pristine toys to Yorwaste's campaign - Reuse Santa.

From table football to scooters, books to puzzles. No gift is too big or too small!

Make a child smile this Christmas!

Free Eye tests

- Dolls and action figures
- Toy cars, lorries & tractors
- Cleaned baby toys
- Games and puzzles without missing or broken pieces

- Building blocks
- Colouring books that have not been coloured in
- Colouring sets, crayons, etc.
- Children's or teenagers' books

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Free eye tests



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost**.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests [Humber and North Yorkshire ICB](#)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in [Craven, West Yorkshire ICB](#)
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - [College of Optometrists](#)
- Children's eye health - [Association of Optometrists](#)

Dates for the Diary

Open Event	Monday 24 th November - 4:00-5:30pm
Christmas Dinner	Friday 5 th December
Celebration Assembly	Wednesday 10 th December
School Nativity	Thursday 11 th December – 4pm
Christmas Pantomime	Thursday 18 th December
End of term – Last day of school	Friday 19 th December
Start of term – First day back	Tuesday 6 th January