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School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Introduction

Where have those 7 weeks gone? It seems to have gone in the blink of an eye. As I sit here writing this, I'm drawn to all the wonderful things that have happened and the opportunities that have presented themselves to our pupils this half term—they are certainly very lucky.

In this newsletter, you'll find the latest set of dates for your diary that focus on what deemed to be everyone's favourite term—the Christmas one. We hope to see you at many of the events that we have planned.

Have a lovely half term.

Christmas Term Dates

As promised last week, we said that we would share some dates with you for the Christmas term. Please see below:

- Tuesday 3rd November—all day—Individual School Photos
- Tuesday 3rd November—3.30pm to 6.30pm—Parent/Carer Meetings
- Wednesday 4th November—3.30pm to 6.30pm—Parent/Carer Meetings
- Wednesday 11th November—All day—Lower Phase Trip to Whistlestop Valley
- Friday 6th November— 4.15pm to 5pm—Glow Disco for Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2
- Friday 6th November— 5.15pm to 6.15pm—Glow Disco for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children
- Friday 27th November—All day—Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 9th December—10.30am and 1.30pm—Lower Phase Nativity Performance
- Monday 14th December—9.15am to 10am—Christmas Service in Holy Trinity
- Tuesday 15th December—9.30am—Class 1 Christmas Performance for Class 1 parents

Please note that class Christmas parties have yet to be confirmed but will be shared with you after the holidays.

Parents' Evening Bookings

As a reminder, Parents'/Carers' meetings are taking place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November 2026 between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. At present, 79% of you have booked a slot with your child's teacher. We'd love for this to be closer to 100% please. If you're having trouble booking, please do let us know.

Clocks go back this Sunday!

Don't forget that it's your annual night of 1 less hour of sleep this weekend!

Admissions Consultation for 2028-29 Entry

We are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for 2028-29. The consultation is running from 12 October to 24 November and includes the admissions policies and planned number of places (PAN) available at each Pathfinder school in York and North Yorkshire for entry in September 2028. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please see the admissions page on the Trust website:

https://pathfinder.academy/about-us/school-admissions/

Attendance & Punctuality Matter

Every day of learning counts. Please remember that consistent attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress, social development, and overall confidence.

Alongside attendance, punctuality is extremely important. Our school day begins promptly, and we want to avoid drop-offs beyond 8:50 AM. Arriving on time ensures your child starts the day calmly alongside their peers and doesn't miss out on vital morning learning tasks. Thank you for your support in getting every child through the gates on time.

Parking Around School: Prioritising Child Safety

Unfortunately, unsafe parking outside the school gates continues to be a persistent issue. The safety of all our children attending school must always remain paramount.

Please be aware that local traffic wardens regularly operate in the area. We strongly appeal to all parents and carers to drive around the corner and park on one of the neighbouring side streets instead. It is only a very short walk to the school gates, and taking this extra step ensures clear sightlines and a safe environment for all our families during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

School attendance

Year to Date: 95.6%

DID YOU KNOW?

A two week holiday taken during term time would mean the highest attendance a child could achieve is 94.7%.

Punctuality

2% of pupils were late this week

DID YOU KNOW?

Arriving just 10 minutes late every day adds up to over 30 hours—nearly two full weeks—of missed learning across a single school year! Even a few minutes late means missing essential morning starters and a calm, confident start to the school day.

REWARDS RECIPIENTS

Values Cup

We are delighted to award this week's **Values Cup** to

Rowan

As voted for by your friends who think you show the school values in all you do with them.

Together Time Awards

Well done to the following pupils for having such a great week!

Class 2 - Lewis and Grace

Class 3 Max and Hugo

Class 4 Raffi and Isabella

Class 5 Jude and Phoebe

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
IN THE CHURCH HALL

Early Years, Years 1 and 2
4.15-5pm
Entry includes a drink and sweets

Parents of Class 1 children, please stay to supervise

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
5.15-6.15pm
Tuckshop available (max £4 each)

£3 each (cash only, on entry)
Bright coloured clothing optional
Quiet space available

Glow

DROP-IN

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

10:30AM– 12 NOON

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