



School Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER: January 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to share some highlights from the last two weeks in school. It has been a pleasure to see the positive atmosphere across our classrooms and shared spaces, with many children demonstrating enjoyment, enthusiasm and a strong commitment to their learning.



Enjoyment: Year 5 Rugby Coach ; Young Voices ; Year 4 swimming ; new playground area which After School Club have facilitated and we are extremely grateful for ; Active Day as part of our sports offer; Playleaders training; Stay and Learns; Dodgeball competition; Lion Learners in school and a whole host of wonderful activities

I am proud of how hard our children are working to follow our Behaviour Policy. Our children are showing a better understanding of our school values: **Safe, Ready and Respect**. These values underpin everything we do and help to create a calm, happy and purposeful learning environment for all.

To support positive behaviour, we use a range of **individual and class rewards** to recognise children who consistently meet our expectations and make positive choices. These rewards celebrate effort, teamwork, and respect for others and it has been wonderful to see how motivated the children are by this recognition.

As outlined in our Behaviour Policy, there are also **clear and consistent consequences** in place when expectations are not met with individual consequences also being given. These are used fairly and appropriately, with the aim of supporting children to reflect, learn and make better choices in the future.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing our school values at home. By working together, we can ensure that all children feel safe, supported, and ready to succeed.

Each newsletter I will share a phase update with news what is happening across our wonderful school.

Early Years have an exciting half term ahead of them as they discover about the world beyond York!

In nursery the children are learning all about animals from the jungle habitat. They will be enjoying a range of rhymes and poems as well as creating the animals and environment they come from. To help them along with this we had a visit from Lion Learners...which has been a great experience and talking point!

The children in reception are loving exploring the change in weather and season through lots of outdoor play and forest schools. They have also been beyond York on a journey to Africa and space...I wonder where they will end up going next?!?!

Warm wishes,

Ellie Dawson

Headteacher