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Dear Families and Friends,

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Thank you to our PTFA who held a Christmas Jumper Swap shop on Monday. Christmas jumpers can be worn on the following days: Nativity performances (for those not in costume); Christmas dinner/party day (19th December).

Performing to an audience

This week our children have had two wonderful opportunities to perform to an audience, performing at the village hall on Tuesday and at Abbeyfields on Wednesday. There were so many incredible comments made to the staff and children about their singing – let's hope we spread some Christmas cheer!

Just a reminder that the final choir club of the term will take place on Thursday 12th December.

Library Van Visit

On Thursday, the children had another visit to the library van in which they got excited about their new books and deepened their love of reading.

Whole School Pantomime Visit

We had a fantastic day yesterday at Billingham Forum, where we joined our friends from Glaisdale to watch the pantomime 'Cinderella'. As always, the children were fantastic representatives of our school and were a pleasure to take.

Year 5/6 Basketball Event

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a great time at this year's Basketball event at Whitby school. The children participated in skill development tasks and games and behaved impeccably.

Christmas Performance

On Monday 9th December (starting at 1.30pm) and Tuesday 10th December (starting at 6pm) our Christmas performance will take place at the village hall and the children are very excited! The performance will include an Acorn nativity and Oak musical performances. Refreshments and a raffle will be kindly provided by our PTFA during the performances.

On Monday the children will return to school after the performance where they will be able to be collected. On Tuesday please could the children arrive at the village hall at 5.30pm. Also if your child is not wearing a costume, they are more than welcome to wear a Christmas jumper during these performances.

Also to note due to the Christmas performance there will be no Art club for Oaks on Tuesday 10th December.

Chance to Shine Cricket

On Thursday 12th December the children will take part in their final Chance to Shine Cricket session with Owen. Please can you ensure children come to school wearing their PE kit.

Stay and Play

We look forward to our next Stay and Play session on Thursday 12th December for all children who will be starting school in September 2025. The session will run from 1:30-3pm and give children and parents a chance to explore our lovely school. Please come to the school reception to be meet Mrs Wardell on arrival.



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Staff Training Day – Friday 13th December

As a reminder, school will be closed to children on Friday 13th December, due to a staff training/planning day.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 91.3%

Our attendance this year: 95.6%

National average for this year: 94%

Year Group winners: Reception

We are currently ranked 23rd out of 293 schools in North Yorkshire – well done!

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Barnaby- for great enthusiasm and dedication to learning his part in the school Nativity. Well done!

Oaks: Katie – for showing great resilience in her assessments and work this week – you have been a very busy Oak!

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Layla and Heidi

Headteacher timetable

Morning

Afternoon

Mon

Tues

Weds

Thurs

Fri

Absent from School

Please contact Mrs Wardell regarding any issues.

Thank you

Next Week's Events

Monday

Acorns Sewing/Needlecraft Club with Mrs Moore

Oaks Engineering Club with Mr Moore

Christmas Performance at 1.30pm

Tuesday

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie

No Art Club for Oaks due to Christmas performance

Christmas Performance at 6pm

Wednesday

Signing Club

Year 6 Booster Club

Thursday

Stay and Play in Acorns

Chance to Shine Cricket – all children to come to school in their PE kit

Friday

School closed for staff training day



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Future Diary Dates

Please note: some of these events may still need to be confirmed.

December

09/12: Christmas afternoon performance (1.30pm)
10/12: Christmas evening performance (6pm)
12/12: Final Chance to Shine Cricket
12/12: Stay and Play
13/12: Training Day
19/12: Christmas Jumper Day
19/12: Christmas Lunch

19/12: Carols round the Tree (5.30pm)

Future Diary Dates

26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
04/06: School photos
June: Y1 phonics screening

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- Staff Training Day - Friday 13th December 2024
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 6th January 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 21st March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4th April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – Tuesday 22nd April 2025
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.



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