



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term ~ Issue 15 ~ Friday 20th December 2024

Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents/carers,
We come to the end of the autumn term which has been busier than usual. The children in Class 1 at the Nativity on Tuesday were absolutely amazing and were able to perform successfully in front of two packed audiences. The best part of the Nativity for me is watching the confidence grow for all the children taking part as they are able to shine on a stage. I was so proud of each of the children for their part in our performance and I know that parents and families were equally as proud.

Our Christingle in school on Wednesday was the usual wonderful Christmas event for us. The weather on Wednesday meant that we changed venue but the special feel of the event was recreated in school. It was so lovely to see parents joining us in school after the last-minute change of plans. Thank you to Rev Dave, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Hirst for organising this event for us all to enjoy.

I would like to thank all our parents and families across school for their continued positive support this term. It has been wonderful sharing our successful Ofsted report with you and receiving all your positive comments around this.

I would like to thank the Governors and members of the PTFA for their continued support of the school throughout this term.

A special thank you must go to all of the amazing members of our staff team in school for their hard work this term and dedication to the education and well-being of all the children in school. **They really are an amazing group of people to work with.**

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Miss Caygill

Upcoming Dates



Friday 20th December

- Last Day of term – finish at 2pm

Tuesday 7th January

- Start of Spring Term

Monday 13th January

- UWNL Writing Competition winners presentation

Thursday 16th January

- CENSUS Day

Please can all children in Class 1 have a school lunch that day as we are only funded on the number of children who have a meal on this day.

Wednesday 22nd January

- Cluster football at Wensleydale School for all Class 2

Clubs after Christmas

Monday-Mindfulness colouring 12.30-1.00

Tuesday – Board Games 12:30 1pm/ Yoga – 3.15 – 4.30pm

Thursday – Zumba – 3:15 – 4.15pm/ Library Club (for pupils & their families)– 3:15- 3.40pm

Friday – Ball Games 12:30-1pm/

Attendance

Class 1-96.2%

Class 2-96.3%

Class 3-96.3%

Whole School-96.33%

Our termly overall attendance is: 95%

KS2 Carol Singing

On Tuesday this week, Key Stage 2 sang a range of well-known carols and songs, as well as some beautiful ones written by Mrs Clark, outside the Market Hall and in the restaurant at the Wensleydale Creamery. The audiences commented positively on the children's beautiful, confident singing and were incredibly generous in their donations. **£128.71** was collected.



School Office Updates

Clubs after Christmas

Yoga club starts Tuesday 14th January.
Zumba starts Thursday 9th January
Multiskills starts on Friday 10th January
Library club starts 9th January

All children currently signed up for these clubs will automatically be rolled forward unless you tell us otherwise. If your child would like to join any club please email /ring Dawn.

KS2 RESIDENTIAL TRIP – BUCKDEN HOUSE 16th – 18th June 2025 – PLEASE RETURN FORMS & PAY DEPOSIT BEFORE 17TH JANUARY

We have secured a booking with Buckden House Outdoor Education Centre for our residential in 2025. The trip consists of a 2-night stay that is catered. The activities included are ghyll scrambling, caving, problem solving, low ropes and a deer park walk. All equipment needed (boots, waterproofs etc) is provided by the centre. If you would like your child/children to take part, please send a **£50 deposit** (per child) via Parentpay and complete and return the attached permissions form **before Friday 17th January** to secure their place. **We cannot guarantee a place for your child unless you have paid the deposit.**

Home-time Arrangements for Spring 2025

Please click on the link below (Ctrl+click), to fill in the home time arrangements for your child/ren a.s.a.p. so we can safeguard your children from the start of term next term. Thank you to those parents who have already completed this. It is very easy and quick to complete, and all responses are automatically sent to the school. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Z2WRNH5NMJ>

PE after Christmas

In January on a Thursday afternoon Streetdance will be **for Class 3 and Class 1**, so both classes will need to come to school in their PE kits. After February half-term Class 2 will be doing Streetdance instead of Class 3.

All children will continue with Multiskills with Mr. B on a Friday and will need to wear PE kits to school.

School Meals

Please ensure you do not have any arrears on Parentpay.

Dinner monies should be paid in advance on a Monday for the week/term ahead, (lunches are free for children in Reception Y1 and Y2 and £3.10 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. If your child has milk, and they are aged 5 and over, (Milk is free up to the child's 5th birthday) the money must be paid via COOLMILK on the **Tuesday before**. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Free School Meals Eligibility

Free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the criteria. Please visit to check if you are eligible.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Thank You

We would like to thank the PTFA for generously donating sweets to Father Christmas for the children on Friday. A heartfelt thank you to Rev Dave, Mrs Clark and St Margaret's Educational Trust for the generous donation of Good News Bibles to the school to support the children in their RE learning.



Wishing you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year and thank you for all your
support.

Photo Gallery

Class 1 Nativity

