



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 16th October 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

I would like to say a huge 'Well done!' to all our Year 5 & 6 children for their fantastic attitude, enthusiasm, behaviour and support of one another during our residential visit to Peat Rigg last week. It really was a super visit and it was great to see our pupils enjoying the activities so much. Both Miss Secker and myself are very proud of them all. I know our parents have been asking to see any photos from the week and we are hoping to organise an evening to present these, alongside readings from the children. More details to follow.



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Castle Howard to Feature in Channel 4 Documentary Series Tonight

You may recall that the children of Slingsby CP School were invited to design artwork to be used in the environmental conversation area of Castle Howard at Bog Hall last year, and we wanted to let you know that the conservation area will feature in Channel 4's documentary series Great Estates from Above.

The Castle Howard episode is due to broadcast on More4 today (Thursday 16th October) at 9pm. Part of the programme follows Castle Howard's nature and conservation initiatives shadowing the Estate's Natural Environment team and Conservation Volunteers as they embark on habitat conservation works, including creating banks of scrub to protect baby trees and welcoming a herd of rare-breed goats to their new woodland home. The cameras zoom in on Castle Howard's landmark nature restoration and rewilding project, The Bog Hall Habitat Bank in collaboration with Environment Bank.



School News

- We apologise for the ongoing issues with the telephones this week. It relates to a problem with an update to the firewall with our broadband provider. We have technicians working on resolving this as soon as possible. Please email the office if you wish to contact us. Many thanks.
- Class 4 returned to the swimming pool on Monday and continue to work hard. They demonstrated a great attitude to improving their skill and stamina in the pool.
- It was a pleasure to welcome our Chair of Governors, Mrs Hayes, into school on Tuesday to discuss our SEND and safeguarding practices.
- Our teaching staff attended training on our new English Scheme, Literacy Tree, on Tuesday evening.
- Years 3 & 4 were invited to join an inter-school's football tournament at MCSC on Wednesday. The children were divided into three teams: boys (Slingsby Dragons), girls (Slingsby Lions) and mixed (Slingsby Tigers). The Dragon's games were all very close and they were VERY unlucky with a number of penalties awarded against them; however, they showed great resilience – never giving up - and they managed to win their last game of the event. The Lions won 1 and drew 2 of their 5 games. The Tigers did even better, winning two and drawing 1 of their 5 matches. It was a great afternoon and the children represented Slingsby CP School magnificently.
- Mrs Massey attended the Local Authority Schools Finance and Administration conference on Wednesday afternoon.
- The FOSS AGM is taking place in school at 6.30pm this evening, all parents and carers are welcome to attend and show support of FOSS even if you do not wish to join the committee. Without our amazing FOSS team, many of our trips, social events and creative lessons would not be possible.
- The Library Bus will be here on Friday. If you have any library books to return, please send them in for us to deliver and Class 1 will be visiting the bus for new books.
- A reminder that it is the whole school flu vaccinations on Friday. You should have completed consent forms previously for your child/ren.
- We are hosting an Open Morning on Tuesday 21st October for prospective children and families for September 2026. If you or anyone you know wishes to book a tour for the Open Morning, please email the school office.
- As explained in last week's newsletter, please note that Breakfast Club and After School clubs will be increasing in price by 50p after half term. Chill Club will remain the same.
- Please remember that the final date to return the children's Christmas card designs to school for ordering in time for Christmas is next Monday – **20th October**. Thank you.



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New Playground Areas - Welly, Saucepan and Cable Drums Appeal!

Over the Summer, we spent time and funding to improve our outdoor environment to encourage more imaginative play at break times, including wooden building blocks; a sandpit; a gravel pit and an outdoor kitchen. One corner has also become a digging area and the children have almost reached Australia already! As the weather becomes wetter, wellies will be needed in the digging area to help save our carpets from the mud. Children may bring their own wellies to leave in school (clearly labelled with their name) for the winter, but we would also be grateful for donations of any pre-loved wellies that you no longer need at home in any children's sizes so that we can have a stock of spares. In addition, we would welcome old saucepans, bowls, large spoons etc. and if anyone has any plastic cable drums, they would also be fantastic! Please make sure children bring a coat with a hood/hats to school every day as outdoor play will continue in all but the worst of weathers. Thank you very much.



School Photographs – Change of Company

This year we are trialling a different company to take individual pupil portraits and group photographs in school. *The School Photography Company* have come highly recommended by other schools in the local area. Individual pupil portraits will be done in November and orders will be back in time for Christmas if you're thinking of giving as a gift. The class group photographs and Year 6 photos will be taken in the summer term, after the Year 6 SATs. Each child will be given a card with a QR code for you to place your order online and you will be able to create your own basket, opposed to choosing a package that doesn't really meet your needs.



FOSS UPDATE

FOSS AGM - Tonight Thursday 16th October

The FOSS AGM is this evening in School at 6.30pm, please come to the main entrance. We warmly encourage anyone interested in helping FOSS raise funds for our school to come along.

Christmas Card Deadline - Monday 20th October- Please return forms to school by Monday!

FOSS Halloween Party - Thursday 23rd October

If your child(ren) would like to attend the FOSS run party, please ensure you have purchased their tickets before this Friday's deadline through ParentPay and complete the attendance form as soon as possible. There will be no ticket sales on the door. The attendance form can be completed by scanning the QR code on the attached poster or by clicking on the link below:

[FOSS Halloween Party Booking Form](#)

Costumes

Halloween/party clothes can be brought to school in a clearly labelled big carrier bag on the morning of the party. Please write your child's name in BIG letters on the bag! Please make sure costumes are age appropriate for the whole school.

School staff will help the children attending get changed into their costumes and then accompany them to the Village Hall at 3.30pm. The children will take their named carrier bag with their uniform and shoes etc to the Village Hall to bring home after the party. They will be leaving book bags at school.

Tuck Shop

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Extra refreshments and spooky themed toys will be for sale at the party. Your child/ren may bring a small purse (ideally named) with loose change (maximum £3 per child) for the tuck shop in their named party outfit bag too. This is their responsibility.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

For those that have paid to enter the competition via ParentPay, pumpkins can be left on the wall outside the village hall on the morning of the party, please include the child's name and class with each pumpkin.

Baked Donations

We would be very grateful for baked donations for the tuck shop, they can be brought to school on the morning of the party.

Pick-Up After Party

Children will be ready to collect at 5pm from the Village Hall. If your child is in Class 1 or 2, please collect from the front door. If your child is in Class 3 or 4, please collect from the disabled access door (down the left-hand side of the village hall). Younger siblings will leave through the older sibling's exit door. To ensure the children's safety, the FOSS team will be signing the children out on a register so please be patient when waiting to take them home.



FEAST Vouchers for Christmas

FEAST vouchers will be issued from your Holiday Activities on Monday 17th November for those pupils who are eligible.



Reception Place Applications Open

Applications for a place at primary school in September 2026 in North Yorkshire can be made from next week. Please go to [School admissions | North Yorkshire Council](#) and the deadline is 15th January 2026. Secondary school applications should be made by 31st October 2025



Child Welfare and Safeguarding - who to speak to

Details of our safeguarding contacts can be found on our website at [Safeguarding & Child Protection - Slingsby Community Primary School](#). If you have concerns about a child's welfare, please contact one of our school safeguarding members:

- ❖ Mr. L. Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead): headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk
- ❖ Mrs. C. Jordan (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- ❖ Mrs. R. Welch (Safeguarding Governor)
- ❖

Further advice can also be obtained from:

- ❖ The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on: 01609 533080
- ❖ The Local Authority Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) on: 0300 131 2131
- ❖ North Yorkshire Police on: 101



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