



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 23rd October 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

We were all delighted to welcome Malton Fire Services into school on Tuesday to talk to us about how to stay safe during dark nights, fire safety ahead of Bonfire night; and to explain a little about the Langdale Moor fire this summer. The children were also invited to see the Fire Engine, use the water hose and 'jaws of life' machinery to crush a pumpkin!



During my whole-school assembly, we spent time talking about being safe whilst 'trick or treating' and during the now darker evenings.

There is much excitement in school today for the Halloween Party that FOSS are kindly organising for the children after school. For those who are attending, the staff will walk children down to the Village Hall at 3.30pm where they will be handed over to the FOSS volunteers. Please read the 'FOSS Update' below regarding collection arrangements.

Last week's house point totals were: Dragon: 288, Griffin: 281, Pegasus: 277 and Phoenix. Well done to Phoenix house for your victory this week.

On behalf of all the staff of Slingsby CP School, I would like to say thank you to all our families for your support this half-term, and look forward to seeing all our re-energised pupils again following the break.

Mr. Smith



School News

- Our Local Authority Advisor joined us for a day in school on Monday to undertake our annual Local Authority Safeguarding review. Mrs Hattersley spent time in classrooms, on the playground; and talking to children, staff and governors.
- Class Curie enjoyed their penultimate swimming lesson on Monday. Don't forget there is one more after half term!
- Class Gold start their swimming lessons after half term on 10th November 2025. A letter will be sent out this week. Please complete your child's online ability form before Monday 3rd November.
- Our Parents' Evenings are taking place after half term. Class Hamza & Bolt are on the 11th and 12th of November and Class Gold & Curie are on 18th and 19th November. A letter with details of how to book your teacher meeting will be coming out this week. Please provide your first, second

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and third choice and we will email you to confirm your allocated time in the first week back after half term.

- As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we would be grateful for donations of pre-loved wellies and saucepans for our outdoor play areas.
- A reminder that the secondary school application deadline is 31st October 2025. If you are not intending applying for a North Yorkshire Secondary School, please let the schools admissions team know where your child will be attending.
- School re-opens to pupils on Monday 3rd November 2025.



Menu Change after Half Term

After half term, the school menu is changing slightly. There will be no second hot alternative (vegetarian). We have trialled having four lunch choices this half term and there has been virtually no uptake on the second hot alternative option. To save costs on buying ingredients for lunch choices that are only selected once or twice a term, NYES Catering have recommended that this be removed from the menu altogether. The main hot option plus the jacket potato and sandwich choice will remain the same.



Musical Instruments Needing a Good Home

We have a number of keyboards and guitars in school needing a new home, free of charge. If you or anyone you know would like to have a look at what is available, then please get in touch with the school office. Some need a bit of TLC and our peripatetic music teacher, Mr Conlan, has said he is very happy to advise regarding spare parts and leads etc and can also re-string guitars if the strings are provided.



FOSS Update

Halloween Party - TONIGHT!

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.

Children will be ready to collect at 5pm from the Village Hall. If your child is in Class 1 or 2 (Hamza or Bolt), please collect from the front door. If your child is in Class 3 or 4 (Gold or Curie), 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.

Dates for the diary:

Come and meet FOSS - Friday 14th November 2025

We are holding an informal catch up at 3.30pm in Hamza's classroom after pickup on the first Friday after half-term. This is the perfect opportunity to chat to members of FOSS about what we do, learn about all of the fun events we plan for all the children and families of Slingsby school, and how the money we raise is used in school so bring along your children and meet the team! It is Children in Need ay so we will be holding a bake sale as well.

FOSS Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Tombola Donation - Friday 28th November



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Malton Library Events - 'Get Online Week' & 'Halloween Half Term Fun'

Please find attached information regarding some events at Malton Library that may be of interest.

Firstly, we have 'Get On Line Week' Running the week 20th-26th October.

This event includes visits from - **Yorkshire Building Society Monday 20th & Wed 22nd 3-5pm**

The Money Minds Program is comprehensive financial education initiative designed to help young people aged 11-19yrs understand money, finances and careers. The program includes interactive content, activities and projects that promote discussion and learning among young children. It aims to build a strong foundation for financial wellbeing and is aligned with the National Curriculum in England. The program also supports adults in financial education through partnerships and community involvement. Drop in at the library to learn more about finances or go to [YBS Money Minds](#)

Also, for Half Term including Halloween we have a week-long set of drop-in sessions including crafts, story time and the usual library fun. Please see the half term activities poster attached.

Included in our half term Halloween fun is a Free Family Craft Session by The Adult Learning Team.

Booking is essential for this session and is free of charge. See further details below.

"Calling parents, carers, and grandparents – come along and have fun with Adult Learning – who are offering family fun with crafts learning activities in our library on Friday 31st 10-12pm for you to enjoy with your children.

All resources will be provided – all they ask is that you enrol online: [Family Learning Events](#) if you have any issues with enrolment then please call Adult Learning on: 01609 536 066 or drop them an email: AdultLearningService@northyorks.gov.uk

All children must be accompanied by an adult as this is an Adult Learning funded course.

The Adult Learning team look forward to welcoming you to one of these events in your local Library and they will be on hand to let you know what courses are coming up in your area and offer information and advice



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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