



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 20th November 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

Brrrr! Winter has certainly arrived this week with the plummeting temperatures and snow. The children have had a great time in the snow at break times today. Please remember that if it is snowing, the children may come to school in wellies or walking boots and should wear suitable named coats, hats, gloves for playing out in the snow. They should also bring their school shoes in a labelled carrier bag so that footwear can be changed when in the classroom to avoid cold toes and soaking the carpets. If children do not have suitable clothing, unfortunately they will not be able to play in the snow.



Class Gold and Curie Parents' Evening took place this week and we will shortly be distributing our Autumn term parent/carers feedback questionnaire. This will be sent as an email to all our families with a link to follow. Your feedback is important to us therefore we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer the questionnaire. The closing date for responses is Friday 12nd December.

The children in Class Gold & Curie started their first run-through of their nativity "Bethlehem the Musical" this week, and Class Hamza & Bolt will be starting "The Innspectors" shortly. We have a lot of costumes in school but any additional requests will be sent home next week so please look out for these in your child's book-bag.

Last week's house point totals were: Dragon -388, Griffin – 363, Pegasus – 288 & Phoenix - 315. Well done to Dragon house!

Have a lovely weekend! Mr. Smith



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School News

- Class Gold have their second swimming lesson tomorrow afternoon so please remember swimming kits tomorrow.
- Class Curie attended a Dodgeball event at Malton Community Sports Centre on Wednesday afternoon and were crowned 'Dodgeball Champions!' They were split into 2 teams: Slingsby Storm & Slingsby Serpents – winning all but one of their games. Well done Class Curie!



- Please can class Curie return their school sports tops from Wednesday as soon as possible. Thank you.
- Thank you for supporting Children in Need last Friday. Combining donations made via Parent Pay and the FOSS Bake Sale, we managed to raise **£188.50**. The donations page is still live and kicking if anybody would still like to make a donation - [Children In Need 2025](#)
- The School Photography Company are coming into school next Wednesday to take individual pupil and sibling (in school) photographs. The children are welcome to bring a hairbrush to school! **If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be taken, please confirm this in writing to the school office at admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk before Tuesday 25th November.** Ordering will be via an individual QR code which will come home with the children on Wednesday.
- On Friday 5th December, we are looking forward to our annual whole school trip to the Scarborough Spa to see this year's pantomime - Beauty and the Beast (details in our letter sent earlier today). Please complete the online form [Whole School Pantomime Trip - 5th December 2025 – Fill in form](#) with your child's pack-up choice by **Monday 24th November**.
- For those families in receipt of FEAST vouchers, don't forget that activity bookings can now be made and places will be allocated from **Friday 21st November**



Why is Attendance Important?

Every day in Slingsby School counts, and every minute in our day is hugely valuable learning time. Being late and days off school add up to a lot of lost education, and can affect achievement. There are 175 non-school days per year which is 175 days to spend on special family time, visits, holidays and other appointments. There are 190 days to learn and develop in school. This is the guidance we follow:

190 school days in each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good attendance	Good attendance	Worrying attendance	Worrying attendance	Serious Concern	Serious Concern

Absence	Lateness
1 Day Absent = 5 hours of learning missed	5 minutes late each day means:

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3 Days Absent = 15 hours of learning missed	1 week = 25 minutes of learning lost
1 Week = 25 hours of learning missed	1 month = 1 hour 40 minutes of learning lost
2 Weeks = 50 hours of learning missed	1 year = 16 hours of learning lost
3 Weeks = 75 hours of learning missed	

Thank you for working with us to ensure your children have the best possible learning opportunities by being in school whenever possible and on time.



ECO Update

Yesterday the new Eco Champions had their first meeting to discuss what we will be doing this year. Everybody was very keen and participated in the discussions giving their ideas and opinions. What a great start to the new award process.

We have decided that our first new topic will be **Healthy Living**. The Eco Champions have been given their first mission which is to come up with some exciting healthy, meat-free ideas for packed lunches. This is to compliment the meat free Monday on the current menu on week 3 from North Yorkshire Catering. We will select some of the ideas to share with you in the coming weeks.

Also, don't forget that you have just over a week to complete your 6 Cut Your Carbon actions for November. Every action achieved will earn 2 Green dojo's so, try and do as many as possible.



FOSS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our bake sale last week which raised over £140 for Children in Need.

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

In exchange for being able to wear non-uniform on Friday next week, please bring in a Christmassy item to donate to the tombola stall which will be held at the Christmas Productions. We would appreciate donations of chocolates, crafty bits, small toys or games, and wine or Christmassy nibbles - anything that you would like to win as a tombola prize yourself. Please have them ready to drop off in tubs at the school entrances on the morning of the 28th. Thank you!

Christmas Draw Tickets

Please keep selling as many raffle tickets as you can to be in with a chance of winning some incredible prizes such as a tasting menu for two with wine pairing at The Pheasant Hotel, an overnight stay at Roma Rose, tickets for the Ice Factor at Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland, tickets for Light water Valley, a £50 voucher for Myse in Hovingham, plus many more.

Please return the sold tickets along with the money and any unsold tickets to school by **Fri 5th December**. If you run out ask the school office or email friendsofslingsbyschool.co.uk for more. There is also a prize for the family that sells the most tickets! Please see the attached poster for more details.

Christmas Party - Thursday 18th December

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate food and/or volunteer to help at the party. Party food should be brought to school on the morning of the Christmas party. More information about the party and attendance form to follow soon.



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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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