



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 27th November 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

Today, we enjoyed the Interactive Christmas in the Methodist Chapel with our regular community assembly team; and other new friends of our school: Reverend Jane Brown, Tony Bower, Margot & Sid, Mr & Mrs Prest, Rev Janet & Anne. I took each class over in turn during the day to visit four scenes from the Christmas Nativity Story. The engagement and learning behaviour of ALL pupils was absolutely OUTSTANDING, and we all had such a lovely day. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Rev Jane Brown & the team for such a superb day of learning!



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As you will have read in previous newsletters, we are looking to add another parent governor to our full governing body. Yesterday, we sent out a Parent Governor Vacancies letter which details how anyone interested in becoming part of our committed team can put themselves forward.

On Monday, we will be holding an event to show our Year 5 & 6 families the photographs from our residential visit to Peat Rigg. We are looking forward to seeing you at 5pm.

Last week's house point totals were: Dragon -246, Griffin – 281, Pegasus – 274 & Phoenix - 285. Well done to Phoenix house!

Don't forget it is non-uniform day tomorrow for the FOSS Tombola and the last day for the Cut Your Carbon Campaign. Have a lovely weekend! Mr. Smith



School News

- Our Parent/Carer Questionnaire was emailed out last Friday following parents' evening meetings. We would be grateful if you could please take a minute to complete our questionnaire by Friday 12th December 2025 as your feedback is hugely valuable to us. [Slingsby CP School Parent/Carer Questionnaire - November 2025 – Fill in form](#)
- Thank you for completing the online form for our Christmas lunch so quickly! Apologies again for the short notice, this term is just flying by!
- Class Gold had their third swimming lesson on Monday afternoon and all swam brilliantly.
- Mr Smith attended an NPQH meeting in York on Monday, which was a great opportunity to work with other headteachers and schools.
- Our school Governor, Mrs Welch, visited school on Tuesday to meet with Mrs Martindale to discuss our school approach to the teaching of writing. Time was spent reviewing how our new scheme 'Literacy Tree' is engaging our pupils and strategies for continued school improvement.
- Our second Full Governing Body Meeting of the academic year was held on Tuesday evening.
- Mr Smith and Admin attended an online DfE webinar on Tuesday 4pm regarding school attendance. Each school is now being given an attendance target to work towards further improving our good attendance and how we can support our children and families.
- Miss Pearce attended an EYFS Literacy Project meeting at Gladstone Road School in Scarborough on Tuesday evening which was really useful for furthering our literacy teaching.
- Individual school photographs were taken on Wednesday. Your child should have brought home an A5 order form with a QR code to be used to view and place your orders. If you have not received the paper form, please contact the school office and we can send you a digital copy. We would welcome feedback from you on the quality of the photos and the ease of ordering as this is a new company for us.
- Class Bolt are looking forward to a visit from *Speedkix* tomorrow. The children will be doing carnival games and team challenges in the morning, followed by a Nerf target activity in the afternoon. We will be arranging for *Speedkix* to visit again later in the year for all other classes. PE kits will be needed.
- It's non-uniform day tomorrow in aid of the FOSS Christmas tombola. Your child can bring an item into school for the tombola stall as a forfeit. Suggestions for prizes include something Christmassy, sweets, festive treats and small gift items. Boxes will be by the entrances in the morning.
- We are looking forward to welcoming Class Curie families to our Peat Rigg evening on Monday at 5pm.

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- Class Curie will experience the *Game of Actual Life* on Tuesday with Simon Carson from Simon Carson's Sports School.
- **HIGH IMPORTANCE:** Next Friday, we are looking forward to taking the whole school to the Scarborough pantomime of Beauty & the Beast (details in our letter sent on 20th November). Please ensure your child/ren are in school by **8.30am** that day if possible so that we can leave at 8.40am to arrive in time for the start of the show.
- We would also like to say thank you to Castle Howard for donating a beautiful Christmas Tree to school once again this year. The children who attend Chill Club will be decorating it for us and the Christmas lights on The Green which is kindly organised by the Parish Council will soon be going up too.



Please return you Cut Your Carbon Checklists!

We're just about to wrap up this year's Cut Your Carbon campaign! **But, there still time left to make a difference!** We're challenging you to tick off any remaining actions on your checklists this week. Every action counts! Please return completed sheets next week and make sure you add your Class name so that we can work out which Class had the highest percentage of participants to get their certificate. Our Eco Committee will review the checklists at their next meeting next Wednesday.



Christmas Post Box

Our School Christmas Card Post Box will be placed in the entrance hall from Monday 1st December for the rest of the term. All children are welcome to bring their written Christmas cards for friends and staff to post on a morning when they arrive at school. Mr Smith and his elf helpers will then sort the post and hand the cards to the right classes for teachers to hand out at the end of each day. To ensure cards reach the correct recipients, please can we ask you to clearly write the class as well as the name on the front of the envelope.



FOSS UPDATE

Non-Uniform Day and Tombola donation - Tomorrow Friday 28th November

Please bring donations for the Christmas Productions' tombola to school tomorrow morning and place them in the collection tubs located at each entrance.

Christmas Party - Thursday 18th December

We are delighted to invite all children of Slingsby School to the annual FOSS Christmas Party on Thursday 18th December, 3.30pm - 5.40pm in Slingsby Village Hall with no charge. This is a FOSS event run by parent and carer volunteers. There will be party food and entertainment provided by Magic Mike, plus a gift for each child.

Please confirm your child/ren's attendance by Monday 8th December by clicking on the link below and completing the form: <https://forms.gle/KBfKaKoKGGM7HZbB6>

School staff will accompany them to the Village Hall at the end of the school day. Once at the party adult supervision will be provided by FOSS and parent volunteers. We ask that children are collected from the Village Hall at 5.40pm.

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Party Food Donations

If you added your name to the party food list that was on display at parents evening, please bring your donation to school at drop off on the morning of the party, Thursday 18th December, thank you. If your child has specific dietary requirements, we ask that you provide a covered plate of food for them with their name and class on, please bring to school on the morning of the party.

Volunteers

If you are able to help with either setting up, during the party or clearing up at the end and you haven't already put your name down on the list at parent's evening, please get in touch with FOSS.

Christmas Draw - deadline Friday 5th December

It's the last week to sell as many tickets as you can to be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes, see the attached leaflet for details. There is also a prize to be won by the family that sells the most tickets! If you need extra tickets, please email FOSS at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.



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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