



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 6th November 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

We are incredibly proud of the Eco School's "Distinction" Green Flag award we received at the end of last year and we are working hard to build on this. November is the National Eco Schools 'Cut your Carbon' month and your children will be bringing home a challenge leaflet in the coming days: *'Eco-Schools is once again inviting all schools, colleges, and nurseries to join our free carbon-cutting campaign, running throughout November. Last year, young people completed over 200,000 carbon-saving actions. This year, we're aiming even higher!'*

In school we will be reinforcing the idea that everyone can make a difference to protecting our planet by making small changes to how we live, such as: remembering to turn lights off; keeping doors shut to retain heat; recycling responsibly and not wasting products or materials. We hope that as many of our families can engage with the challenges detailed on the leaflet/challenge sheet coming home this week, as your children will need your support to do so fully (ie: one challenge is to prepare 3 plant-based meals during November). Each child will receive 2 Eco Green Dojo points for completion of each challenge and a certificate will be awarded to all children who complete the 6 challenges and return their form signed off by a parent/carer before the end of November (more information below in the Eco Schools Update). Good luck!

Unfortunately, I am currently behind on our 'hot chocolate' rewards, but will be catching up with our Slingby Values award winners as soon as I can next week – they'll not miss out!

In the last week of Autumn 1, the house point scores were: Dragon - 267, Griffin - 268, Pegasus - 256, & Phoenix - 308. Well done to Phoenix house!

I also wanted to say a HUGE 'Thank you' to our FOSS team for organising such a wonderful Halloween party for our pupils before half term: the children had a fantastic time!

Please see this half term's Key Dates for your diaries below.

Have a lovely weekend! Mr. Smith



School News

- Class Curie enjoyed their last swimming lesson on Monday. Class Gold start their swimming lessons this Monday, 10th November 2025. A reminder that the week after, the lesson will be taking place on the Friday (21st November) instead of the Monday due to pool maintenance works.
- Class Hamza welcomed a special visitor on Tuesday, Mrs Thompson from the village, to speak to the children about her childhood and bring the past to life. The children in Year 1 had prepared questions as part of their History learning about how we all make history. Mrs Thompson kept the children enthralled as she talked about her life, travels and most importantly the toys she had played with as a young girl!

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- Our English Hub Advisor has been in school this week working alongside Miss Pearce. She was able to observe the additional teaching support we are providing for children in school to ensure they keep up with the rigours of our Phonics Programme as well as coaching staff and observing Phonics and reading lessons.
- Years 3 & 4 have enjoyed a workshop with the Malton School Science Bus today learning all about light and shadows.
- Miss Pearce and Mr Smith have attended the North Yorkshire EYFS Literacy GLD introductory session online this afternoon, which we are accessing to further enhance our Early Years educational offer.
- Please remember to send the children in to school with their full PE kit every day, especially Thursdays when Matty and Kyle are with us from Malton Community Sports Centre. Today the children have been on the sports field and if they wear the uniform/school shoes and they become wet and muddy, they are uncomfortable for the rest of the day and it also brings mud into the classrooms.
- Our decorations for the Nunnington Hall Christmas display are looking fabulous and will be collected at the end of this week to be prepared for their exhibition.
- Thank you to everyone who has completed their parents' evening booking form. You should have now received confirmation of your meeting time. Class Hamza & Bolt are on the 11th and 12th of November and Class Gold & Curie are on 18th and 19th November. For those who still wish to book a slot, please email the office to find out what times are now available.
- We would still be grateful for donations of pre-loved wellies and saucepans for our outside play areas.
- Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and on Monday we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day led by Andy Day from CBeebies. Everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks to school, all colours lengths and brighter the better! It is an opportunity to encourage us to express ourselves and to celebrate what makes us unique!
- On Tuesday we will be having a special Remembrance Day Assembly with Rev Jane Brown, and the children in Art Club have made a beautiful poppy wreath.
- On Wednesday Class Curie will be attending a tag rugby session at Norton College, a letter will be sent out this week with details.
- Next Friday, 14th November, is Children in Need Day where the children may come to school in home clothes and something spotty or stripey. A link will be sent out for donations. After school at 3.30pm there will also be a FOSS cake sale and social in Class 1 which everyone is invited to.



FOSS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Halloween party such a success: our wonderful volunteers, those who donated baking, school staff and special thanks to DJ Oz for entertaining the children brilliantly and generously donating his time for free! There were some very creative pumpkin competition entries, fabulous costumes and the children had a fantastic time!

Bake sale and Meet the FOSS team - Friday 14th November

FOSS will be selling home baked treats for Children in Need on The Green at 3.30pm. Also at 3.30pm there is the opportunity to pop into Hamza Classroom (Class 1) with your children to meet some of the FOSS team, ask any questions and find out about the fun events we have planned for the year ahead!

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 28th November

In exchange for being able to wear non-uniform, please bring in a Christmassy item to donate to the tombola stall which will be held at the Christmas Productions. We are asking for donations of: sweets,

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chocolates, small novelty Christmassy items, craft items, games, wine or food - 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.



Eco Schools- Help us help the planet!

We are delighted that eight new Eco Champions have been nominated this year, two from each class. They will take part in regular meetings with Mrs Breckon to plan and encourage green actions across the school. Updates to follow.

November is Cut your Carbon Month. This is a nationwide campaign aimed at young people and their families to help tackle carbon emissions. By doing 6 simple and easy actions during November we can collectively make a difference. Many of the actions you may already be doing so simply tick those ones off! Forms will be going home this week.

This is what we are asking you to try:

Make three evening meals plant-based across the month

Meat production is responsible for around **14%** of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!

Make any three journeys 'active' across the month

Transport creates nearly a **quarter** of the UK's carbon emissions.

Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!

Have a device-free day

Electricity makes up about **25%** of your home's carbon footprint.

Power down non-essential devices for one day — no gaming, no streaming — and rediscover the joy of offline fun!

Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week

Research suggests that the average person **wastes 95kg** of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less — it's good for the planet and your wallet!

Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month

Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to **30°C** for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!

Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week

Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just **1°C** for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet — one cosy jumper at a time!

At the end of November simply bring back your forms so that our Champions can collect the data. It will also go towards us earning our Green Flag for this year. Who knows you may find that you carry on some of these ideas and make them a regular occurrence!



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Procedure for Winter Weather/Unavoidable School Closure

We will always do all we can to ensure school remains open, but in the event that the winter weather prevents staff travelling into school, or we lose any utility functions, we will follow our *Unavoidable Closure Policy* which you were provided with in your starter pack and is available on our website. Outside of school hours, we aim to make a decision by 7:30am and will send you a text via our Teacher2Parents App by 8am. We will also send an email as soon as possible; inform Greatest Hits Radio who will broadcast the message; and inform the Local Authority who will post the information on their website.

Inside school hours, as well as the above, we will ring you or the contact you provided to us on your Unavoidable Closure Form to explain that school will be closing. If the contact details you provided to us have changed, please email the School Office.

Please remember that if it is snowing, the children may come to school in wellies or walking boots and should wear suitable 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 soaking the carpets (same for playing in the mud). If children do not have suitable clothing, unfortunately they will not be able to play in the snow.



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



KEY DATES ON NEXT PAGE 

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AUTUMN HALF TERM 2 KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please note that these dates are subject to change and more dates will be added. Any changes and new dates will be notified to you via the weekly newsletter highlighted in yellow.

November – Cut Your Carbon Month – Home challenge forms to be completed

6th November – Year 3 & 4 Science Bus visit
7th November – Class Hamza Dentist Talk with Dr Ponting
10th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
10th November – Class Gold 1st swimming lesson at SAC
11th November – Remembrance Day Assembly with Rev Jane
11th November – Year 6 Christmas tree decorating Castle Howard
11th November – Class Hamza & Bolt Parents' Evening
12th November - Class Hamza & Bolt Parents' Evening
12th November – Class Curie Tag Rugby Norton College
14th November – Children in Need Day – Dress down wear something spotty or stripey
14th November – Library Bus
14th November – FOSS cake sale and social in Class Hamza at 3.30pm
18th November – Class Gold & Curie Parents' Evening
19th November – Class Curie Dodgeball Tournament
19th November – Class Gold & Curie Parents' Evening
20th November – Parent Questionnaire out to families
21st November – Class Gold 2nd swimming lesson at SAC
24th November – Class Gold 3rd swimming lesson at SAC
25th November – Full Governing Body Meeting
26th November – Individual school photographs
27th November – Interactive Christmas workshops with Rev Jane & Tony Bower
28th November – Dress down day in aid of FOSS Christmas Tombola

28th November – Cut Your Carbon challenge forms to be returned today

1st December – Class Gold 4th swimming lesson at SAC
2nd December – Game of Actual Life Class Curie
5th December – Whole school pantomime trip
8th December – Class Gold 5th swimming lesson at SAC
10th December – Whole School Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch
12th December – Library Bus
15th December – Class Gold last swimming lesson at SAC
17th December – Christmas Performances – Hamza & Bolt 1.30pm. Gold & Curie 6pm.
18th December – FOSS Christmas Party 3.30pm
19th December – Last day of term. Christmas Service 1.15pm Slingsby Church. Children may be collected from school after the service. School will remain open until 4.30pm as usual for those not wishing to leave early.

Please note that last year a term dates calendar was distributed for this academic year which stated North Yorkshire schools break up on the 18th of December 2025, but this was subsequently changed by the Local Authority. We apologise for any confusion. The last day of term is 19th December 2025. Many thanks.

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