



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 15th January 2026

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A Message from Mr Smith

On Monday, pupils and staff welcomed Miss Dorland, a third year undergraduate Ripon and St. John University student who will be undertaking her final School Experience at Slingsby School. Miss Dorland will be working in Class Curie for 11 school weeks until 17th April 2026.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety, health, and wellbeing of our pupils, staff, and community, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of switching off car engines when stationary outside the school. Leaving your engine running while parked — known as *idling* — is not only harmful to the environment but is also against the law under the Highway Code (Rule 123) and the Road Traffic Act 1988. It can result in a fine if ignored. More importantly, idling produces unnecessary air pollution, which can be especially harmful to children's developing lungs. We kindly ask that when waiting to collect or drop off your child, you:

- Switch off your engine if you are stationary for more than a few seconds.
- Avoid parking in a way that blocks driveways or creates congestion.
- Help us keep the air around our school clean and safe for everyone.

By making this small change, we can all contribute to a healthier environment and set a positive example for our children. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in making our school a safe and welcoming place for all.

As I was a little too busy last Friday to calculate last week's house point results, they will be rolled over into this week.

As always, have a lovely weekend.

Mr Smith



School News

- The closing date for Reception application is **TODAY**. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you must apply for a primary school place by this date.
- Please remember to book and pay in advance on Parent Pay for wraparound care to enable us to plan staffing and resources. Many thanks.
- Miss Pearce attended Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Implementation Training for English Leaders in York on Monday. This was supplemental to the work that she has been doing

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with the English Hub to support the teaching of Phonics and Early Reading in school. The focus was on embedding good practice in policy, teaching and implementation of our Phonics and reading scheme in school to ensure that the children continue to achieve and maintain good levels of attainment and that these levels are sustained moving forward.

- Miss Secker met with Helen and Tracey from Swinton Brass Band via Zoom on Monday to discuss a potential Brass Band Day on 1st May this year. It sounds like a really exciting opportunity for the children and we know from previous sessions, many of the children have gone on to sign up to join the band and absolutely loved it. We will confirm details once they have been agreed.
- The Year 3 and 4 children had a super afternoon on Wednesday at the inter-school Dodgeball Tournament at Malton Community Sports Centre. Both our teams got through to the semi-final and one made it even further to the final with Jack the last man standing, well done Jack! Sadly, we were just beaten this time but we were so proud of everyone for playing their best.



- Class Curie are attending Ampleforth College's performance of Beauty & the Beast on 28th January. A letter has been sent out, please complete the online form by Monday with your child's lunch choices. We would also be very grateful for contributions towards transport.
- Class Bolt's swimming lessons start on 9th February. A letter was emailed out this week. Please complete the online swimming ability form for your child before Monday 2nd February.
- Menu Change – Monday January 19th and Monday January 26th are swapping on the school menu due to supply and delivery.
- See below for this term's key dates.



Maypole Dancing Lessons for May Day – Open to KS2

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been invited once again to take part in the longstanding traditional Slingsby May Day Celebrations on Monday 4th May 2026 by performing a number of maypole dances on The Green. This forms part of the FOSS Scarecrow weekend which is always a big event for the school and village community. The classes will be led by Mrs Breckon from the village Maypole Committee, who is fully DBS checked and a regular supply teacher in school. There is space for a maximum of 16 children. Children who sign up will be asked to make sure they attend every lesson, wherever possible. Lessons will begin towards the end of this half term and will run on a Wednesday 3:30pm to 4:30pm in school. A letter will be going out shortly to parents/carers of children in Year 3 and above.



North Yorkshire Cost of Living Support

Worried about the cost of living? If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency support with everyday living costs, benefits, energy

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bills, food, free adult learning courses and managing your debt all in one place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about schemes to help families including free school meals, help with childcare and healthy start as well as free school holiday activities for eligible families.

If you're less confident with technology and have friends or family who might be able to help you understand what support is available, please ask them to look at the web page with you. You can also go into any North Yorkshire library or North Yorkshire Council office.

If you're not sure who to turn to, you can call North Yorkshire Council's customer service centre on 0300 131 2 131 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday 9:30am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm asking for 'cost of living help' when prompted.



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 BELOW ↓

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SPRING TERM 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.

23rd January – Malton Schools' Arts Liaison Programme Class Gold – Shadow Theatre and Class Curie Mask Design
28th January – Class Curie trip to Ampleforth College to see Beauty and the Beast. Please complete form by Monday 19th January.
30th January - Malton Schools' Arts Liaison Programme Class Hamza – Puppets & Storytelling
4th February – Class Hamza village walk
6th February – KS2 Swimming Gala
9th February – Children's Mental Health Week "This is My Place"
9th February - Pancake Day Menu
9th February – Class Bolt's first swimming lesson – please complete the form by Monday 2nd February
11th February – Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball Event at Malton Community Sports Centre
13th February – Last day of half term. Usual finish times.
23rd February – First day back after half term.
23rd February - Celebration of Scout and Guide World Founders Day (official date is 22nd February which is a Sunday) All members invited to wear their uniforms to school.
23rd February – Class Bolt second swimming lesson
2nd March – Class Bolt third swimming lesson
5th March – World Book Day
9th March – Class Bolt fourth swimming lesson
11th March – KS2 Football Norton College
13th March – Red Nose Day & Foss Mother's Day Stall
16th March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week
17th March – Parents' Evening Class Hamza & Bolt
18th March – Parents' Evening Class Hamza & Bolt
18th March – Class Curie Basketball, Handball and Netball tournament
23rd March – Class Bolt last swimming lesson
24th March – Class Gold & Curie Parents' Evening
25th March – Class Gold & Curie Parents' Evening
27th March – Last day of term for Easter Holidays. Easter Service in All Saints Church 1.15pm and early finish for those who wish to leave after church. School open as usual until 4.30pm.

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