



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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### A Message from Mr Smith

Firstly, I wanted to say 'Well done' to our fantastic Year 6 children for getting through their SATs week! They approached every assessment with determination, smiles, and brilliant effort; and we are so proud of their resilience and the fantastic attitude they've shown. It is important to remember that these tests only measure a small part of what makes them amazing. Their creativity, talents, and personalities are what make them truly special. It is now time to put SATs to one side; keep working hard in preparation for Year 7; and get ready for the exciting final term of their primary school journey.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a basketball, netball and handball event at Malton Community Sports Centre yesterday, involving Malton CP, Settrington, Sheriff Hutton, Langton and Amotherby. Our amazing girl's Netball team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>; Slingsby's fabulous handball team also finished 2<sup>nd</sup>; and our two basketball teams earned enough points to also finish second (only 2 points away from 1<sup>st</sup>!). We continue to 'punch above our weight' against larger schools/cohorts, and all had a fantastic time! (Apologies for no photos of the handball/netball teams).



It's time to shine! The upcoming **Slingsby's Got Talent** evening is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the incredible diversity of talent within our school community. Whether you're a budding magician, a dancer, a musical prodigy, or just have a funny sketch, we want to see it! This is a family-friendly, fun-filled event designed to bring us together and showcase the skills of all ages. No act is too small or too unique! We invite families to perform together, former pupils of Slingsby School and individuals to showcase their skills. Let's make this an unforgettable evening of joy and talent! [Slingsby's Got Talent Entry Form - Thursday 21st May 2026 6pm – Fill in form](#)

Last week's house point were: Dragon - 237, Griffin - 223, Pegasus - 209 and Phoenix - 236. Well done to house Phoenix house!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Mr Smith.



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## School News

- On Tuesday morning, Gold Class ventured out into the village on a search for human and physical features. Working together, they located their position using an ordnance survey map and photographed lots of geographical features. Along the way, they spotted two trees of historic interest - the Old Sycamore in the churchyard and the Mowbray Oak which can be seen on maps dating back to the early 1800s. Walking along the old railway line, the children were able to identify how the village has changed over time, and spotting the new housing development, they were able to see how the village continues to grow and change. Back in the classroom, the children looked at historic maps to compare and contrast the features and suggest reasons for the changes. The children were a delight to take out and we're very grateful to Miss Bridgeman and Mrs Atkinson for accompanying us.
- On Tuesday, Miss Pearce had a very useful day with our English Hub advisor who came to observe and support the development of the teaching of Phonics and Early Reading in school. During this visit the focus was around supporting those children who need a little extra practise from time to time.
- We had a Full Governing Body Meeting on Tuesday evening, at which the arrangements and organisation of staffing and timetable for 2026-2027 were discussed at length. We will be in a position to distribute our plans shortly after 31<sup>st</sup> May. Thank you for your feedback following our announcement meeting, and for your patience.
- On Wednesday evening, Miss Pearce joined an online meeting with other local schools as part of the RISE Reception Network. These meetings are part of the Government's Best Start to Life strategy. Three further meetings are scheduled for the rest of the term to look at sharing best practise, implementing quality provision in the early years setting, early writing and the transition to Year 1.
- Please return any maypole dancing costumes to school once washed. There are a couple that still haven't been returned.
- Class 1 swimming letter went out last Thursday. Please complete the online swimming ability form before 1<sup>st</sup> June. [Class Hamza Swimming Ability Form - 8th June to 13th July 2026 – Fill in form](#)
- The School Photography Company are coming in to school next Wednesday to take group photographs of each class, the Year 6 children as well as individual photographs of those children who were absent on the day last November.



## Menu Change next week

Next Thursday, we are having a Seaside Lunch of Fish Bites, Chips and Ice-Cream Sundae. As we are having fish on Thursday, Mrs Spencer will do Chicken Korma instead of Fish Fingers on Friday. The alternatives remain the same for both days.



## Eco Schools Update – World Environment Day 2026

Our Eco Champions have taken a bit of a break recently while all the May Day celebrations were taking place and SATs were on. We want to let you know about our next event.

World Environment Day 2026 will be held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026, hosted by the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku, with a focus on urgent climate action. So, we will be raising the awareness of Climate change as well as raising funds to adopt a WWF Giant Panda. As part of our Global Citizen topic, we are looking at environmental work happening further afield and across the world.

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We are asking everyone to "Wear it Wild" for the day in exchange for a £1 donation. You can dress as your favourite animal, wear spots or stripes, or even come dressed as an environmental explorer. Let your imagination run wild.



## **FOSS Update**

### **Scarecrow Winners:**

There were some brilliant entries this year and after adding up all the votes we can announce the winners for this year's 'best scarecrow' as voted for are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ben and Holly by Martha & Margot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Feathers McGraw by Isla
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Feathers McGraw the Conyers family from the village who won a pass to Lightwater Valley

### **Duck Race and Family Fun Day - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

After the huge success of the Scarecrow weekend, our last and one of the biggest fundraisers of the year is fast approaching! It always has such a great atmosphere and as well as the duck race in the beck this year we once again are grateful to have a fantastic BBQ provided and cooked by Andrew Pern, a bouncy castle, inflatable obstacle course, face and nail painting, archery, beat-the-goalie, duck biscuit decorating, hook-a-duck, and refreshments such as home baking, ice creams, and hot and cold drinks. Please help us to make this event a success by:

- **Selling ducks** - Please sell as many ducks as you can! Duck sponsorship forms will be sent out in book bags so keep an eye out for them. This year there is a prize for the top 3 families who sell the most ducks! The deadline to hand forms back to school/FOSS is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. If you need extra forms, please ask a member of FOSS or email [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk).
- **Non-uniform and tombola donations - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Please bring a donation for the tombola to school on the morning of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June as forfeit for non-uniform day. Suggestions for tombola items include wine, toys, sweets, chocolate, craft items, hair accessories or books, anything that you or your child would like to win as a prize!
- **Volunteer** - The success of the event relies upon having enough volunteers to run the various games and stalls. If you are planning on attending the event and could run a stall such as Hook-A-Duck or the lucky dip for a couple of hours please get in touch with FOSS by emailing [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer so far!
- **Bake** - we rely on home baked donations to sell on our refreshments stall so if you would be willing to bake some cookies, brownies or other traybake please let FOSS know.



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## Slingsby's Got Talent - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

FOSS will be running a refreshments stall at the talent show selling cold drinks, chocolate bars, sweets and crisps.



## Castle Howard Arboretum – May Half Term

We hope to see you at the next Nature Rangers event about Dragonflies and Damselflies on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 10am to 3 pm**. Nature Rangers is suitable for 5–11-year-olds and is always an exciting day filled with nature-based activities, both indoor and outdoor, exploring the Arboretum and learning about the plants and creatures we share it with.

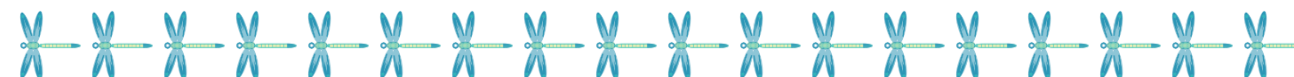
For this event we are exploring dragonflies and damselflies, including the differences between these fascinating species. We will have a visiting speaker to show us the beautiful creatures which visit our lake. Also, we will be exploring them through indoor and outdoor activities.

Designed to spark curiosity and a love of the natural world, Nature Rangers invites young explorers to step outside, get hands-on, and discover the wonders of the Arboretum. Through guided activities, games, and gentle exploration, children will learn about the plants, habitats, and creatures that call the Estate home - all while having fun and building confidence in the outdoors.

With a balance of indoor and outdoor activities, the day is thoughtfully structured to keep young minds engaged whatever the weather. Led by experienced guides in a safe and supportive environment, Nature Rangers is a memorable way for children to learn, play, and connect with nature, making it an ideal day out for families looking to share a meaningful outdoor adventure together. Please come suitably dressed. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please use the link below:

[Castle Howard - Buy Tickets](#)



## Ampleforth College May Half Term Tennis and Cricket Camp

Ampleforth College is hosting two days of free tennis and two days of free cricket training over May Half Term. Join us on Tuesday 26 May & Wednesday 27 May for Tennis and Thursday 28 & Friday 29 May for cricket to learn how to play, enhance your skills, improve technique and enjoy relaxed matches with new friends. The sessions are open to children in Years 4 – 8 of all abilities. Find out more in the attached flyer and [book your child's place here](#).



## 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](mailto: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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