



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Mr Smith

As this chapter closes, we say a fond goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. You have grown into confident, capable young people ready for the exciting journey ahead. We are incredibly proud of your growth—not just academically, but as leaders and teammates. Remember to embrace new adventures, be kind, stay curious, and always be a good friend. The future is bright—and it's yours to shape! Always believe in yourselves, keep shining, and don't forget to come back and visit!

Thank you to all the parent helpers who came with us on Tuesday to help with our annual beach trip to Sandsend. We had a glorious day with perfect weather—not too hot! It was wonderful to see all the children having fun with their friends. We truly appreciate your time and support in making the trip such a success.



As we end this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to a few families and members of staff who have all made significant contributions to the education and wellbeing of our children. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care and support these staff members and families have given over the years. They have helped shape our school into the special place it is today, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future. They will always remain part of our school's story. Thank you to our leaving staff members: our fabulous school business managers – Miss Hope & Mrs Massey; our amazing teaching assistant and extremely talented art-club lead – Mrs Scott; and our wonderful Class 3 teachers – Ms. Breese & Mrs. Martindale! We will miss you all very much and wish you all the best for the future.

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Please join us for our End of Year Leavers' Assembly where all the children will be performing! It will take place this Friday at 1pm in the Village Hall. We would love for you to come along and celebrate with us, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Last week's house point scores were: Dragon – 531, Griffin – 521, Pegasus – 440 & Phoenix – 493.

I will be working feverishly on Friday morning to total all this years scores up, and count tokens for this term, to add to the final totals and presenting our winning house members with their well-earned medals during our End of Year Assembly, and our coveted house trophy!

Thank you to you all, and to the incredibly hard-working and dedicated staff team, for a fantastic year. We wish you a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of a new year in September.

Mr. Smith



A Message from our WONDERFUL School Business Managers: Mrs Massey & Miss Hope!

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of our time at Slingsby School, we wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful families and exceptional colleagues we have had the pleasure of working with over the last eight years.

It has truly been a privilege to work within this community and to get to know so many of you and your amazing children. Your kindness, patience and support have meant a great deal to us, and we will always appreciate having been a small part of such a special school team.

Although we are moving on to new chapters, we will always remember our time here with immense fondness and will miss seeing your children each day. Thank you for the smiles, the giggles, the conversations and most importantly, the trust you placed in us. It has been a joy!

We wish you and your families continued happiness and success in the future. As a parting gift, we had paid for an annual subscription of the "Happy News" newspaper for the children to read and enjoy in school.

With our warmest thanks and best wishes,

Signing off for the very last time!

Miss Hope and Mrs Massey (aka 'Teacher Doctor' as one child once referred to us!!)

Thank you for everything you have done for our school community, Miss Hope and Mrs Massey!

Mr. Smith



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School News

- Class Hamza and Bolt enjoyed a fantastic day at Howsham Mill last Friday. The children completed a treasure hunt in the grounds of the mill, looking for clues and working as a team as well as employing their communication skills to build shelters and dens in the woods. Both classes were then treated to a camp fire, with Class Hamza making chocolate bananas and Class Bolt enjoying some tasty s'mores. It was a really wonderful (and hot!) day and we are already looking into a return trip next term!



- Fiona Diaper attended our assembly on Friday to explain to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge. Children aged 4–11 can join the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge called "Read to the Beat". It is a free program designed to keep up reading skills over the holidays. Sign up at your local library now, set a reading goal, read six items of your choice, and earn stickers and a certificate which will be awarded at the celebration assembly in September.
- Class Hamza had their final "fun" swimming session this week. The children were on great form and enjoyed having fun in the pool with their friends. It has been a privilege to see their confidence blossom over the past six weeks. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied us too.
- Our Year 6 leavers had a fantastic time at the Sportsfield on Monday! The children enjoyed a lovely lunch outdoors in the sunshine. They then spent the rest of their lunchtime playing fun games with their friends to celebrate the end of term. Please join us for our Leavers' Assembly! It will take place this Friday at 1pm in the Village Hall. We would love for you to come along and celebrate with us, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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- We have uploaded photographs from our whole school Speedkix and Sports Day to the school website for you to enjoy - <http://slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/gallery/>
- For those children who currently have medication in school, all medications will be returned to parents/carers on the last day of term. This is to ensure that no out-of-date medicines are stored on-site over the holidays. If your child will still need medication when they come back to school, Please ensure that the medication and a completed medical administration form are both returned to school on the first day of the new academic year.
- To ensure the safety of our pupils, we require an updated consent form each academic year for every child who keeps an inhaler on school premises. Please complete the annual consent form which will be handed out tomorrow and return it to the school office on the first day of the new term in September.
- We are sending home the annual NYES Catering Special Dietary Form in bookbags this week to those children who have special dietary needs. Please complete the form and bring it on your child's first day back in September.
- The Autumn Term lunch menus for September are being emailed out today. They are also available to download from the school website.
- Please find attached the 2027-2028 Term Dates. They are also available to download from the school website.
- Class 3's (Year 4, 5 and 6) six-week block of swimming lessons start on **Monday 14th September**. Look out for an email requesting your child's swimming ability before then. We need this to confirm groups with **St. Alban's Sports Centre** by **Monday 7th September**.
- Monday 7th of September is a teacher training day. School reopens to the children on Tuesday 8th September. All before and after school clubs will resume on this day- look out for details of some exciting new clubs! Current club prices remain the same for now but will be reviewed in the Autumn term.



ECO Update

We are thrilled to confirm we have been awarded a **DISTINCTION** in our Eco Schools Green Flag submission again this year! Enormous thanks go to Mrs Breckon, school governor, for leading on this and to our Eco Champions. The panel specifically mentioned that they were impressed by the healthy packed lunch initiative; that we have supported the WWF and adopted a giant panda; and by Class 4's brilliant Geography topic of Oceans. Well done everyone!



FOSS Update

We are delighted to announce that this year we have raised **£11,000** for school! A huge thank you to all our school families, this would not be possible without your support in attending events, volunteering, baking and helping behind the scenes.

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Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and check the newsletter for updates and new events coming next year.

Easyfundraising

You can continue to support FOSS over the summer when shopping online by signing up to easy fundraising. Simply download the Easyfundraising app and select FOSS as your charity then shop thousands of brands as you normally would through the app, it includes holidays, clothing, homeware and even your food shop!

Thank you for your continued support, we hope everyone enjoys the summer break.



Parent Pay End of Year Checklist & Autumn Term 2026 Bookings

- ✓ **Clear Debt:** Please check and clear any current balances on your Parent Pay account.
- ✓ **Bookings Open Tomorrow:** Before and after school clubs will be available to book for Autumn Term 1 starting tomorrow.
- ✓ **Advance Payments:** All meals and club sessions must be paid for in advance.
- ✓ **Childcare Vouchers:** If using Tax-Free Childcare, please alert the school office so we can configure your account and adjust balances.



Summer Term Trip Transport Costs – There's still time to contribute!

As we reach the end of the summer term, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our class trips. We kindly ask that you take a moment to check your ParentPay account for any outstanding trips that your child has participated in this Summer term (see below). While contributions are voluntary, we rely heavily on your support. As the school does not receive funding for transport, we kindly request a contribution to help cover these costs. Unfortunately, the school cannot afford to cover the shortfall, so your contributions are hugely appreciated to ensure we can continue to offer these experiences in the future. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact us confidentially so we can discuss how to support your child's participation.

- Class 1 & 2 Howsham Mill Trip
- Swimming Lessons – All classes
- KS1 Duncombe Park Trip
- KS2 Swimming Gala
- KS2 Olympics Event at MCSC
- Year 1 & 2 Mixed Sports Event at MCSC
- Year 3 & 4 Sports Event at MCSC
- Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
- Class 1 Mosque Trip
- Year 5 & 6 Cross Country & Rounders
- Whole School Beach Trip



Class Bolt brings the World Cup Buzz to the Classroom

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A big thank you to Wilfrid and his family for kindly putting together and bringing in a Football World Cup score chart for Class Bolt! Each child, along with myself, Mr Smith, Mrs Grundmann and Mrs Swallow were all allocated a country to support throughout the tournament. We've all really enjoyed following the matches and updating the chart the day after a match. There's much excitement to see whose team comes out on top! The winning country will receive a surprise World Cup-themed prize to add to the excitement! Thank you again to Wilfrid and his family for such a thoughtful and engaging activity. It's a wonderful way to bring the class together and enjoy the tournament! Mrs Jordan.



Fully-funded summer holiday activities with FEAST

We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to fully-funded places on FEAST activities this summer holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office before the end of term.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).



National Book Tokens annual prize draw - #rebuildthelibrary

Our annual prize draw is back to give five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to **win £1,000 in National Book Tokens** and fill their shelves with new and inspiring books. Nominate a school using the [form below](#), and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also **win a £100 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop**.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize#form>



Harrogate District Foundation Trust (HDFT) Childrens Health Service App

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by HDFT who deliver the Healthy Child programme this covers the whole county. It has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App | HDFT Childrens Health Service](#)



Morrison's Cafe and Kellogg's FREE Breakfast Clubs

With many families facing increased financial pressure over the summer holidays, we'd like to highlight a nationwide initiative that could provide immediate support in your local community. We're delighted to let you know that throughout the summer holidays, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes everyday ([press release](#) attached).

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- 'Breakfast Clubs' are back to help kids and grown-ups enjoy a free Kellogg's breakfast during the summer holidays at all Morrisons Cafés nationwide
- Initiative aims to ease money worries during school holidays
- New research reveals that parents will begin to feel the financial 'pinch' around week three of the summer break



National Children's Orchestras Auditions 2027

Auditions for NCO 2027 are now open! We're hoping that some of the young musicians in your area would like to be a part of NCO Membership next year. To find out more, visit our website: [Auditioning for NCO | The National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain](#).

Auditions close at **9am on Friday 31st July 2026**.

Please find attached a poster and a Key Info doc for a snapshot of the annual programme with videos. You can also share our social posts on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Our aim is that money doesn't create a barrier to a child hoping to take part in our activities. We want any young musician, no matter their background or circumstance, to have the opportunity to accept their offer of a place in NCO. **It is possible to have all or part of the fees paid for by our [Financial Support programme](#).**



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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