

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17th September 2026



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A Message from Mr Smith

Welcome to week 2 of the Autumn term. It has been fantastic seeing our children settle further into their new routines, building positive relationships with their teachers, and continue to be focused in lessons. Thank you for helping the children adjust to the changing autumn weather and ensuring they come prepared each day with water bottles, jumpers and coats.

Last weekend was the Slingsby Village Produce Show and was another great event. Thank you to everyone who participated in and visited the show – a massive congratulations to all our pupils for the work that was entered, and special recognition to our winners! The event brings the community together every September celebrating home-grown vegetables, fruit, flowers, baked goods and more! Every class entered art work and hand writing completed in school, and the judges said they found it hard to choose any winners because it was all so impressive! I will be giving out all the prizes in assembly tomorrow. Martha, Rowan and Harriet also won prizes for their wonderful crafts and Class 1 (Hamza) won second and third place with their spectacular sunflowers. Well done everyone!



We have enjoyed catching up with Mrs. Hayes (Chair of governors) & Mr. Pope (parent governor), following the long summer break and they have visited all the classes in school; and enjoyed sitting in on lessons and seeing the children enjoying their learning – thank you for your continued hard work, commitment and support!

Wishing you all a restful and lovely weekend ahead.

Mr Smith

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Attendance - Every Day Counts



Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children arrive punctually and ready to learn every day. Every day in school makes a real difference.

Here are last week's attendance figures:

Class 1 (Hamza) - 88%

Class 2 (Bolt) - 100%

Class 3 (Currie) - 100%

Whole School - 96%

Congratulations to Classes 2 and 3 for taking the top spot this week!

House Points

Dragon – 270



Griffin – 204



Pegasus – 303



Phoenix – 163



Class 1 Hamza (Years R and 1)

Class Hamza have continued to settle in to new routines and their refreshed classroom space which the children are exploring with enthusiasm. The outdoor area is proving very popular with lots of play in the Mud Kitchen and Outdoor Construction, facilitating new relationships, encouraging communication and promoting physical development. All the children have also really enjoyed creating shoe box shops as a stimulus for writing for Year 1 and discussion and early mark making in Reception

Class 2 Bolt (Years 2 and 3)

Class 2 have had an action-packed week, after arriving in school on Monday to see a beanstalk had appeared in the classroom linked to our new English book called 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. Thankfully, nothing has come up or down the beanstalk that we need to be worried about! A further highlight of the week has been history where we are learning about school in the past. We have enjoyed looking and handling some very special items that a teacher would have used 100 years ago. Next week we are welcoming a visitor who is going to talk to us about reward and punishment in school 60 years ago!

Class 3 Currie (Years 4, 5 and 6)

In Class 3, the children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have made a fantastic start to the new school year! They've worked as a team to explore our new school values of "Be ready, Be safe, Be kind" and to create a checklist of criteria we can follow to demonstrate them. They have also got stuck into lots of exciting learning and practical activities in subjects like Science. Finally, I must give a special mention to our Year 6's, who are making us very proud in their new role as Prefects. Well done Class 3!

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Key Information

Class 3 Swimming

Our Class 3 swimming pupils started their swimming lessons this week, and we have been thoroughly impressed by their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and determination in the water. They represented Slingsby Primary brilliantly, and we look forward to seeing their continued progress over the coming weeks! Please ensure your child is wearing their swimming kit under their school uniform. Next lesson – Monday 21st September.

Introduction to Phonics Evening – Reception Starters

A letter was emailed to Year Reception parents/carers last week inviting them to a presentation in school on **Thursday 17th September at 5pm** to give further information and guidance on how we teach Phonics at school. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about your child's reading journey. We look forward to see you later today.

Reception Baseline Assessments

Reception Baseline Assessments will be taking place soon. The main purpose of the RBA is to create a baseline from which to measure the progress the child's year group makes between Reception and the end of Year 6. The data is used at a school level to understand and show how well the school has supported the progress of all pupils in that cohort.

FOSS Update

Bake Sale - this Friday!

We will be hosting a bake sale on the green outside school at 3.30pm, please bring along some change and come along to buy yourself some delicious homemade treats.

NEW Quiz and Curry Night - Thursday 1st October

We are delighted to be introducing a new social event for this term, a Quiz and Curry Night - hosted by Mr Smith. Tickets must be purchased in advanced and are £5 per person, including a homemade curry with a choice of meat or veggie. We recommend teams of 4 so get together with friends to create your team! Further details can be found on the attached poster, to purchase tickets please use the link below or the QR code on the poster.

<https://forms.gle/MRUDMkwyBpiN4xXi8>

FOSS meeting - Wednesday 23rd September

We are holding our first catchup of the year next Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Grapes, Slingsby. It will be an informal discussion about this year's events and all school families are very welcome to join us. Please come along to find out more about FOSS and our events.

Pre-loved uniform

We will be hosting a pre-loved uniform sale later in the year and are accepting donations but only of good quality pre-loved uniform with the school logo, unfortunately we can no longer accept plain items. Donations can be left at school for collection.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 21 st September	Class 3 Swimming
Monday 28 th September	Class 3 Swimming
Wednesday 30 th September	Class 3 Football and Benchball – Malton Community Sports Centre
Thursday 1 st October	FOSS Quiz & Curry Evening in the Village Hall at 6.30pm
Monday 5 th October	Class 3 Swimming
Wednesday 7 October	Annual Flu Vaccinations for all year groups
Monday 12 th October	Class 3 Swimming
Monday 19 th October	Class 3 Swimming
Wednesday 21 st October	FOSS Halloween Party – Village Hall

Friday 23 October

Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils

Saturday 24 October – Sunday 1 November

HALF TERM BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 2nd November	First Day Back for Pupils
Wednesday 4 th November	Years 3 and 4 Football and Benchball – Malton Community Sports Centre
Monday 9 th November	Class 2 Swimming commences
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 6 Christmas Tree Decorating – Castle Howard
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby – Norton College
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need – Wear yellow, spotty or stripy £1.00 donation per child
Monday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks to school day
Monday 16 th November	Class 2 Swimming
Monday 23 rd November	Class 2 Swimming
Wednesday 25 November	School Photographs

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (Continued)

Monday 30 th November	Class 2 Swimming
Friday 4 December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Monday 7 th December	Class 2 Swimming
Thursday 10 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 th December	Class 2 Swimming
Friday 18 December	Last Day of Term
Saturday 19 December to 3 January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4 January	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 5 January	First Day Back for Pupils

Child Welfare and Safeguarding – Who to speak to

At Slingsby Primary, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do to keep our pupils safe, happy and supported. If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please contact one of our school safeguarding team members:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Mr Leigh Smith Headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) – Mrs C Jordan

Safeguarding Governor – Mrs J Breckon

External contacts and further advice:

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) – 01609 533080

Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) – 0300 131 2131

North Yorkshire Policy – 101

Full details and policies can always be found on our website under Safeguarding and Child Protection

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SLINGSBY SCHOOL QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

Hosted by Quiz Master Mr Smith
for new and existing school families



Thursday 1st October

Slingsby Village Hall

Arrival: 6:30pm

Quiz start: 7:00pm

Suggested team size: 4

Adults only please

Drinks available to purchase

**Prize for the
winning team!**

**£5 per
person**

Scan the QR code to complete the sign up form



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