

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24th September 2026



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A Message from Mr Smith

I want to begin by saying how super proud I am of all the children and the way they have settled back into school life. Walking around school, seeing their focus, energy and big smiles, has been a joy.

Already into week 3 of the Autumn term, I have been thoroughly impressed by the exceptional quality of writing produced by Year 6 – they have truly blown me away with their incredible standard of work!

We are all looking forward to welcoming Invictus Games competitor, Sean Gaffney, into school on Tuesday 6th October. It will be a great opportunity for the children to meet, work with and speak to a truly incredible role-model; and we hope you will all support our pupils with their sponsorship, which will help raise funds for sport and school.

Next week on Wednesday, we have our first inter-school sporting event for Class Curie: Football & benchball. We hope to be reporting great achievements in next week's newsletter!

I also look forward to seeing lots of teams at our Quiz and Curry evening next Thursday – it should be a lovely event.

Please pass on my gratitude to your children for making the start of this term such an enjoyable and productive experience: keep up the great work, manners, kindness and perseverance!

Mr Smith
Headteacher

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) – 95.24%

Class 2 (Bolt) - 99.52%

Class 3 (Currie) - 100%

Whole School – 98.25%



Congratulations to Class 3 for taking the top spot this week with 100% attendance!

House Points

Dragon – 255



Griffin – 212



Pegasus – 298



Phoenix – 271



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Class 1 Hamza (Years R and 1)

Class Hamza have really made the most of the sunny weather, with the outdoor area continuing to prove very popular. The children have enjoyed making "concrete" in the mud kitchen to aid their large-scale construction as well as deconstructing our sunflowers, retrieving seeds for next year's punt at the Produce Show crown! In Art, the children are exploring the skill of drawing. Year 1 have looked at the artist Paul Klee who often used music as a stimulus for his work, so the children tried a similar experiment in class listening to pieces of varying tempo and mood.

Class 2 Bolt (Years 2 and 3)

Class Bolt are still focussing on place value in maths and the class have been persevering and working extremely hard. We are enjoying our computing lessons and using a program called 'Sketchpad' to make our own robot designs and thinking about what we would like the robot to do. There were some very creative ideas! The class felt inspired after watching the introductory video from our chosen athlete that will be visiting school in the next few weeks and we look forward to learning more about his chosen sport and the Invictus Games.

Class 3 Currie (Years 4, 5 and 6)

We have had another excellent and exciting week in Class Currie this week. We had our second swimming lesson at the St Albans centre in Ampleforth and the children made themselves proud with their brilliant attitudes and their fantastic efforts in the pool. In English, we have finished reading our class story and have been sharing our opinions on the book, as well as beginning to retell the story in our own words. We were especially impressed with the Year 6's writing, as their retellings of the story were particularly moving and emotive.

FOSS Update

Quiz and Curry Night - Thursday 1st October

Our first event of the year, a Quiz and Curry Night is taking place in the Village Hall on Thursday the 1st October at 6.30pm. Please support our school by entering a team, tickets are £5 per person and include a homemade curry, plus there is a prize for the winning team! We need to know numbers in advance and would be very grateful if you could register your team using the link below or the QR code on the poster. Further details can be found on the attached poster. <https://forms.gle/MRUDMkwyBpiN4xXj8>

FOSS AGM - Thursday 15th October

Our AGM will take place on Thursday the 15th October at 6.30pm in school. All school families are invited to attend, please come along to show your support, meet the committee and find out more about how FOSS raise funds. We will be voting in our officer roles and the rest of the committee, we currently have vacancies for a chairperson and secretary, if you would like to find out more information about joining the committee please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our bake sale last Friday, we raised £92!

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.

Key Information

Class 3 Swimming

Our Class 3 swimming pupils continue to enjoy their lessons. Children can come to school wearing their swimming kit under their school uniform or if they prefer, can get changed before swimming takes place. Next lesson – Monday 28th September.

Phonics Evening – Year 1 Parents

A letter was emailed to Year 1 parents last week inviting them to a presentation in school today on **Thursday 24th September at 5pm** to give further information and guidance on how we teach Phonics in Year 1. There will 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.

Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby – Cancelled

Unfortunately, the Tag Rugby event that was due to take place at Norton College on Wednesday 11th November has been cancelled. This is due to a lack of uptake from other schools in the area.

Important Update - Free School Meals

A letter was sent out this week to all families regarding the changes to Free School Meals. If your child currently receives Free School Meals, please do reapply to ensure that they continue to do so. If parents/carers do not reapply, the children will not receive FSMs from this month (unless they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and receive Universal Infant Free School Meals).

Many families who have not previously been eligible **may now qualify** for Free School Meals and additional support. Eligibility can unlock additional funding and opportunities for both your child and the school. This may include support towards things like trips, extra-curricular activities and holiday activities. The process is quick, confidential and will help ensure that no family misses out on support to which they may be entitled. By asking every parent and carer to check if they are eligible and, if so, apply for FSM, we can ensure that **all** eligible children receive the funding and support available to them.

[North Yorkshire Council Free School Meals](#)

Change to School Dinner Menu – Thursday 1st October

We are excited to announce a special change to our usual school dinner menu! Slingsby CP School will be partnering with NYES Catering to bring an exciting 'BEST OF BRITISH' themed lunch to our pupils on Thursday 1st October.

The menu choices for the day are as follows:

Hot Dinner – Chicken Tikka served with basmati rice and naan bread

Dessert – Jam Roly Poly and Custard

Sandwich – Cheese Sandwich (V)

Jacket Potato – Cheesy Beans Jacket Potato (V)

Clubs

We are currently undertaking a review of our After School Clubs programme to ensure we continue offering a safe, engaging and well-managed range of activities for the children.

Please be aware that due to recent staff illness, we may need to make last minute changes to certain clubs. We will keep you informed regarding the wider review of our clubs and any permanent updates. Thank you for your understanding, patience and continued support.

Great Athletes Visit – Tuesday 6th October

We are very excited to be welcoming Great Athletes to our school soon!

GB Invictus Competitor, Sean Gaffney, will be visiting us on Tuesday 6th October and leading a sponsored fitness circuit with the whole school, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A session. The aim of the event is to inspire every child to be more physically active and, just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life.

The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and raise money for new sports equipment to improve physical activity in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

A letter and sponsorship form has been sent home this week in your child's book bag to help raise money for the event. You can also sponsor your child by visiting www.greatathletes.org and clicking on the button 'Set up a Fundraising Page'.

Please make sure that your children have their PE kit in school.



Have you heard?

**GB Invictus Competitor
SEAN GAFFNEY**

is coming to our school

Scan to sponsor
Search our school



-  Get the children moving in a fun fitness circuit
-  Witness the strength, talent & resilience of a top athlete
-  Raise money for new sports equipment



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Tuesday 6 th October	Great Athletes Visit – Sean Gaffney
Wednesday 7 October	Annual Flu Vaccinations for all year groups
Monday 12 th October	Class 3 Swimming
Monday 19 th October	Class 3 Swimming
Tuesday 20 th October	Whole School Harvest Festival – Slingsby Church
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	Whole School Remembrance Assembly
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

DATES FOR THE DIARY (Continued)

Wednesday 25 th November	School Photographs
Monday 30 th November	Class 2 Swimming
Friday 4 December	Whole School Pantomime Trip - Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood
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 th December	Whole School Christmas Service – Slingsby Church
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

ENJOY A **BEST OF** **BRITISH** LUNCH

CHICKEN TIKKA
BASMATI RICE +
NAAN BREAD

JAM ROLY POLY +
CUSTARD
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER



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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



In aid of FOSS, for more information please visit:
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