

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1st October 2026



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A Message from Mr Smith

It's been another great week at Slingsby School and I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and highlights from our wonderful school.

It is important to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our pupils. We have seen really pleasing progress and dedication from them in various aspects of their learning, whether in their academic accomplishments, sporting achievements, or acts of kindness within our school community. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events and activities, as we have some very exciting plans for the months ahead!

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff and supportive parents. It is the collaborative effort of our entire community that makes Slingsby CP School such a nurturing and inspiring place for learning (and work!)

Next, I would like to say a huge 'well done!' to all the children in Class 3 who represented us brilliantly at yesterday's area football and benchball tournament at Malton Community Sports Centre! Competing against other local schools, our teams showed fantastic attitude, brilliant skills, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see everyone giving it their all, supporting one another, and playing with such a positive attitude. Our Y4,5 & 6 boys football team drew 2 and lost 2 of their matches; the girls football team won 1 and lost 2; and our mixed benchball team won 2 and lost two matches. They all did really well, especially as many of the opposing teams were made up entirely of Year 6 players!

Well done everyone; we are very proud of you all!



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Smith
Headteacher

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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) – 97.62%

Class 2 (Bolt) - 99.05%

Class 3 (Currie) - 98.40%

Whole School – 98.35%



Congratulations to **Class 2** for taking the top spot this week!

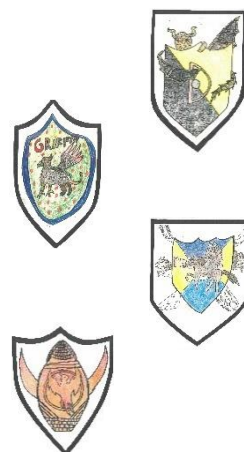
House Points

Dragon – 343

Griffin – 250

Pegasus – 328

Phoenix – 282



Class 1 Hamza (Years R and 1)

Class Hamza have enjoyed another busy week. We have been thinking about the weather and seasons, particularly what happens to some trees as the seasons change. Reception have been finding evidence of this in the school playground whilst Year One have made pictures representing these changes. In History we are examining our own history with Reception learning about how they have changed since being born and helping us create a whole class "Memory Box". Year One have been looking at chronological order and ordering events from past to present. We have also enjoyed playing "Guess Who" from baby photos; trickier than you might imagine!

Class 2 Bolt (Years 2 and 3)

We are coming to the end of place value in maths and the whole class has shown an excellent understanding which is fantastic, before we start on the next topic in maths of addition and subtraction. The class have blown me away with their excellent vocabulary as we have thought of synonyms for our writing this week and tried hard to build our stamina for writing longer pieces. We have enjoyed learning more about woodland habitats and discussing in PSHE about the importance of staying active and how this can make you feel. We are going to practice being active by enjoying some class yoga.

Class 3 Currie (Years 4, 5 and 6)

It's been another exciting and fun-filled week in Class Currie. On Friday, we completed some fun PE activities in PSHE, to learn more about how staying active can help our mind and bodies. In Swimming, all of the children continue to shine, work incredibly hard and have lots of fun! On Tuesday, in Science, the children worked well in pairs/threes to make their own water filters, investigating which material would be the best to filter the dirty water and make it clean. The children loved taking part, worked very hard and shared some excellent ideas and theories for why each material did or did not work effectively. Keep shining Class Currie, well done on another successful week!

Key Information

Flu Vaccinations

The school nurses will be visiting on Wednesday 7th October from 1pm. Please ensure you have completed and submitted your consent form (either a Yes or No consent) sent to you by Vaccination UK via their link. The nasal spray is quick, painless, and the most effective option for under 18's, but an injectable flu vaccine is also available on the consent form if required.

Harvest Festival Celebration

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Service with Rev. Brown on Tuesday 20th October at 2.15pm in All Saints Church. The children have been working hard and will be singing songs to celebrate the harvest. We would love as many of you as possible to come and join us.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are collecting donations for the Ryedale Food Bank. Any items are warmly welcomed and will go a long way to supporting those in need within our local community. If you would like to contribute, there is a designated collection box set up in the school reception entrance for your drop-offs. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

Year 5 & 6 Peat Rigg Outdoor Adventure Residential – October 2027

Last week, a letter was sent home regarding the upcoming five-day residential visit to Peat Rigg Outdoor Centre in Pickering for children who will be in Year 5 and 6 this time next year. The trip will take place from Monday 4th to Friday 8th October 2027. We are really looking forward to near year's trip!

Pupils will enjoy an exciting variety of outdoor activities led by qualified instructors alongside our school staff. A £20.00 deposit is required via ParentPay to secure your child's place. Further details, including kit list and a parent presentation date, will be shared closer to the time.

Upcoming Visit: Class 3 Viking and Anglo-Saxon Workshop: Bringing History to Life!

This term, our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils are diving into the fascinating worlds of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons! To help bring their learning to life and make history truly unforgettable, we are thrilled to announce an upcoming special visit from John Conyard at Historical Interpretations. This will take place on Wednesday 14th October.

John will be joining Class 3 for an immersive, hand-on workshop designed to transport our pupils straight back to the time of the Vikings & Anglo-Saxons. Through interactive storytelling, handling authentic replica artefacts, and exploring the daily lives, culture and battles, the children will get a first-hand taste of what life was really like centuries ago. It promises to be an exciting, action-packed day of hands-on learning that will greatly enrich our history curriculum this term.

Upcoming Trip: Castle Howard Arboretum Visit (Class 1)

As part of Class 1's exciting learning journey exploring the months of the year and observing how nature changes through the seasons, Class 1 will be visiting the Arboretum on Wednesday 21st October. This visit will give our children a wonderful, hands-on opportunity to see autumn in action. Further information will be sent out to parents in the next few days.

Upcoming Trip: Castle Howard Arboretum – January 2027 (Class 1 and 2)

We are excited to announce that the school has booked an upcoming trip to the Castle Howard Arboretum for Class 1 and 2 on Friday 15th January 2027.

Thanks to generous funding from The Howardian Hills National Landscape, the children will take part in a special, free drama-led session all about red squirrels. Led by an educator dressed in character 'Professor Toadstool', children will embark on an immersive exploration adventure to help find the missing red squirrel! Further details will follow. This will be a wonderful, interactive outdoor learning experience for the children.

Reception 2027 Starters “Come and Discover Slingsby”

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

Choosing your child's first school is a very special decision, and we would love to invite families to come and discover what makes Slingsby such a special place to learn.

At Slingsby we want every child to feel known, valued, happy and confident. Our close-knit school community gives children the opportunity to learn, explore, make friends and grow in confidence from their very first day.

Come and see us, meet us and get a feel for Slingsby for yourself!

If you know a family with a child starting school in September 2027, please share this with them. Recommendations from our families mean so much to us.



Slingsby Community Primary School

Open Afternoon

Come and explore, play and see what makes our school special!

 **Tuesday 13th October**
1.30pm – 3pm

 **In the Early Years classroom**

This session will provide an opportunity for potential pupils and their families to come and explore our setting and meet the teaching staff.



 Children who are due to start school in September 2027 are very welcome to come and visit with their parents.

Please confirm a place by contacting the school:

 **01653 628370** |  **admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk**

♥ Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Kind ♥



6 Oct 2026 - Halloween Decorations

13 Oct 2026 - Halloween Masks

20 Oct 2026 - Halloween Baking & Enterprise

Donations needed for School Clubs!

Our after-school Art Clubs are getting hands-on, and we need your help to stock our crafting station. We are looking for donations of the following items:

Clean recycled card/tubes/paper
Paint/glue/string/markers/scissors

Thank you so much for helping us turn everyday items into extraordinary creations and supporting our school clubs!



Great Athletes Visit – Tuesday 6th October

With only a few days to go until we welcome GB Invictus Competitor Sean Gaffney to school on Tuesday 6th October, excitement is really building!

Sean will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with the whole school, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A session to inspire our children to be more physically active and pursue their passions.

As a reminder, this event serves a dual purpose: it helps raise money for new school sports equipment to improve physical activity, and it supports athletes and para-athletes so they can continue inspiring the next generation.

There is still time to show your support!

Sponsorship Forms: If you haven't already, please check your child's book bag for the letter and sponsorship form.

Online Fundraising: You can easily set up an online page or sponsor your child by visiting www.greatathletes.org and clicking on the button 'Set up a Fundraising Page' (or by scanning the QR code on the poster previously shared).

Please also make sure your children have their PE kit in school on Tuesday!

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping us make this an unforgettable experience for the children and raising vital funds for our school's sports equipment!

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

FOSS Update

Quiz and Curry Night - Thursday 1st October

Thank you to everyone who has entered a team for our Quiz and Curry Night, we can't wait to see you tonight 6.30pm at the Village Hall, ready for a 7pm start.

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.

FOSS Halloween Party - Wednesday 21st October

We are delighted to invite all children of Slingsby School to our annual Halloween Party. DJ Frankensmith will be hosting a disco and games. There will also be a quiet chill out zone, tuck shop, fancy dress competition and a pumpkin carving competition! To purchase a ticket for your child/children to attend please complete the form using the link <https://forms.gle/gmnt6r5qdQsVBESo8> or scan the QR code on the attached poster.



FOSS Christmas Cards

The children will be creating their Christmas card designs in school over the next couple of weeks, if you would like to encourage them to get creative and Christmassy you could suggest or practice some designs before they return to school next week. Please check future newsletters for further details and ordering information.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Wednesday 14 th October	Class 3 Viking Day Talk
Monday 19 th October	Class 3 Swimming
Tuesday 20 th October	Whole School Harvest Festival – Slingsby Church
Wednesday 21 st October	Class 1 Trip - Castle Howard Arboretum
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

Halloween Yoga

An exciting yoga adventure for kids in the pod with Hannah

Thursday 29th October

11-11.45am

Ages 4-8 Years

at Hotpod Yoga, York

£16

Fancy dress welcome



Scan to book



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