

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th October 2026



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'Be Ready. Be Safe. Be Kind.'

A Message from Mr Smith

Great Athletes

We were delighted to welcome Sean Gaffney from Great Athletes to our school on Tuesday for an afternoon packed with energy, enthusiasm and fun! The afternoon began with a high-energy fitness circuit led by Sean. It was fantastic to see the children getting involved, encouraging one another and challenging themselves to achieve their personal bests. The atmosphere in the village hall was fantastic, with lots of cheering, laughter and determination. It really was an afternoon of motivation, teamwork and sporting fun. Sean also commented that Slingsby School were the best children he had worked with in his last two years of visiting schools: well done, everyone!

I would like to say a HUGE 'Thank you!' to all of our families who have supported the children by helping them with their sponsorship. The money raised will make a real difference to our school, helping us to purchase new sports equipment. Please could I ask that all sponsorship forms and money are returned by **Monday 12th October**. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated. Thank you once again for your continued support of our school.



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You, Me and ADHD

On Wednesday this week, we also welcomed Ryan Swain from 'You, Me and ADHD' into school. Ryan spent time sharing his experiences and helping us to develop a greater understanding of ADHD, neurodiversity and the different ways in which children learn, think and experience the world around them. It was a really valuable and engaging visit, giving our children and staff the opportunity to learn more about ADHD and the importance of understanding, acceptance, kindness and celebrating what makes each of us unique. A massive 'Thank you' to Ryan for visiting us and sharing his knowledge, experiences and enthusiasm. We really enjoyed his visit to Slingsby School.



This Friday, your children will be bringing home their super Christmas card designs, as we are again taking part in FOSS fundraising using xmas4schools.co.uk. This is a great opportunity to order Christmas cards which are unique and showcase your children's wonderful art talents and imagination! Please refer to the accompanying flyer which they will bring home for more information.

Finally, this week's art club was a roaring success and I wanted to say another huge 'Thank you' to Mrs. Philips and Miss. Hummerstone for organising the making of 'hanging monsters' for our upcoming Halloween party. We're looking forward to seeing what they do next week!

As always, we wish you all a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Smith'.

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) – 93.81%

Class 2 (Bolt) - 99.05%

Class 3 (Currie) - 97.20%

Whole School – 96.68%



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

House Points

Dragon – 384



Griffin – 262



Pegasus – 338



Phoenix – 181



Class 1 Hamza (Years R and 1)

Class Hamza have a new focus text this week, "Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish". We have started by thinking about dreams we may have, with the whole class sharing these with each other, supporting our communication and language development and encouraging Year 1 to orally rehearse what they want to write before putting pen to paper. Going to Disneyland was popular, along with Paris, a football match and soft play! Reception created the start of the story setting using small world materials, again with talk and vocabulary being a focus of the session. With the Hindu festival of Diwali coming at the start of November, we have also enjoyed the "special story" of Rama and Sita, the children helping to create a wonderfully colourful display of the main characters.

Class 2 Bolt (Years 2 and 3)

It has been a week of interesting and exciting visitors to support our learning in Class Bolt and the wider school this week and I have been extremely proud of how everyone has joined in, listened carefully and asked sensible questions. Additional to this we have continued work in computing by creating our own invention with an input and output, learnt more about school in the 1900's and started our new traditional tale in English and created a wanted poster.

Class 3 Currie (Years 4, 5 and 6)

In Class Currie this week, another busy and enjoyable week has passed by in a flash! The children have enjoyed creating some beautifully detailed artwork to design their own Christmas cards, which families will be able to order soon via the designs that the children take home. In Maths, Year 4 and 5 are working hard to tackle addition and subtraction questions and Year 6 are focusing well to solve problems involving all four operations! Finally, on Tuesday this week, we were very lucky to have Sean Gaffney (an Invictus Games competitor) come into school. The children loved taking part in all of the activities and asked some fantastic, well-thought out questions during our assembly with him. Thank you, Sean for your time and well done Class Currie, Bolt and Hamza for your amazing efforts during the session!

Key Information

Celebrate World Teachers' Day

As we observe World Teachers' Day this week, we want to take a special moment to recognise and celebrate the incredible teachers who make our school such a wonderful place to learn. Teaching is far more than just sharing knowledge; it takes immense patience, creativity and dedication to guide, inspire and care for our children every single day. Behind every milestone, big or small, is a teacher who believes in their potential. To all our teachers and support staff: thank you for going above and beyond, for your tireless hard work, and for the lasting positive impact you make on our entire school community. We appreciate you every day!

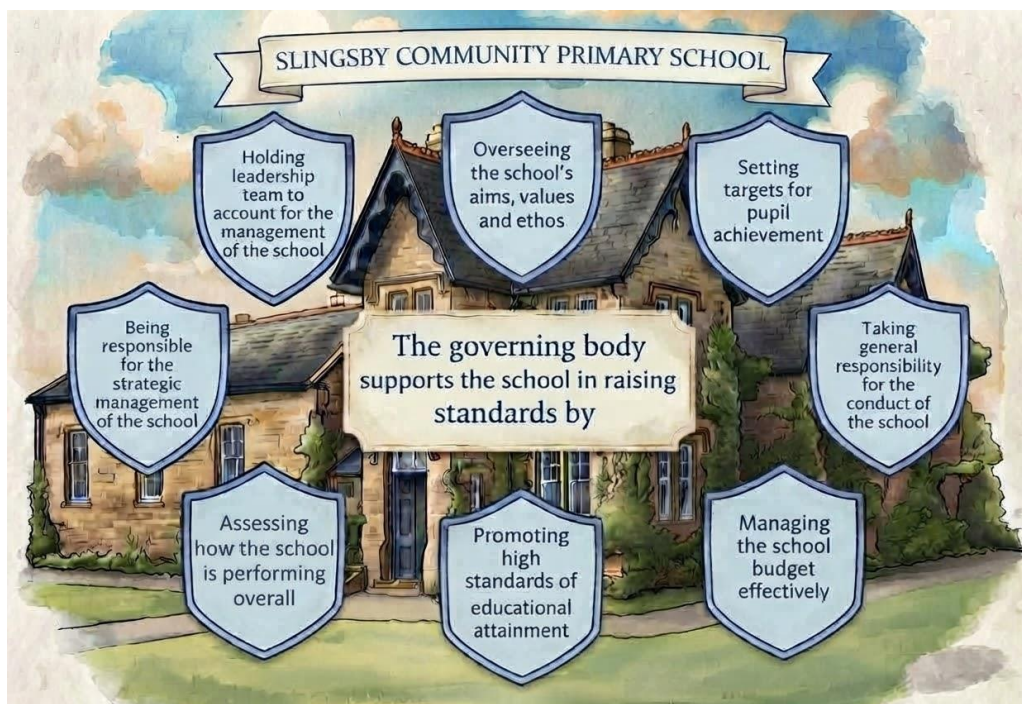
Harvest Festival Service

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Harvest Festival Service in All Saints Church on Tuesday 20th October at 2.15pm. We are still collecting donations for Ryedale Foodbank, and any contributions you are able to make would be greatly appreciated.

Governing Board

Behind every thriving school is a dedicated team of volunteers working quietly behind the scenes. Our governors play a crucial strategic role in helping our school achieve its absolute best! Our school Governors met this week for their first full governing board meeting of the new academic year. It was a productive meeting as we start another exciting year of learning, growth and community collaboration.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, expertise and passion our governors generously give to support our pupils and staff.



Secondary School Applications – September 2027

The deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching! All applications must be received by 31st October 2026. Any applications submitted after the deadline will be considered late and you will be less likely to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools. National offer day is 1st March 2027.

Class 2 Swimming - Reminder

Class 2 Swimming will be taking place soon. For those who have not yet responded, please could you complete the online form below by **Monday 19th October** to confirm your child's swimming ability, as this will help the swimming instructors plan their lessons. Thank you.

[Class 2 BOLT Swimming Ability Form - 9th November to 14th December 2026 – Fill in form](#)



Slingsby CP School Eco Champions Update

We are delighted to announce Slingsby School have received an Eco School Green Flag Award with Distinction for the second year in a row! Mrs Breckon, our school governor, and the school Eco Champions have been busy with lots of exciting activities working towards our Eco School Award for 2026.

Thank you to everyone in school, especially Mrs Breckon and our Eco Champions who have met up throughout the year to implement and improve our Eco awareness. This year, as well as incorporating environmental topics into our curriculum, we focused on three areas for our award:

Healthy Living

The Eco Champions designed healthy food ideas to go into packed lunch boxes and then we shared our ideas with parents. The whole school took part in Children's Mental Health week trying out yoga, mindfulness and culminating in a 'Come as Yourself' day to raise funds for the Charity.

Energy

For a second year running we took part in Cut your Carbon November and as a whole school community we had a carbon saving of 611.05 kgCO₂e and hopefully many of the carbon cutting ideas will be carried on by many families. We had good fun using a thermal imaging camera loaned to us by the Hovingham Environment Group Project Purple. The Eco Champions looked at areas around school that were losing heat and also managed to prove that our newly installed plastic strip curtains at the outside doors were doing their job. Project purple were so impressed with the Children's work they asked if they could use us as an example to people in the village of the uses and benefits of the camera which can be borrowed.

Global Citizenship

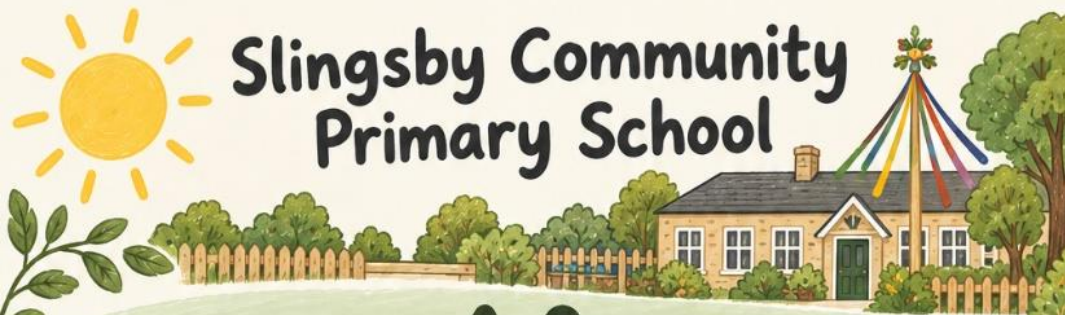
We have been working on this topic over the last term and we decided to adopt an animal from WWF in order to highlight the work they do to help endangered animals. The Eco Champions voted to adopt a Giant Panda who has now arrived in school (in toy form!) and they have named him Po. The Panda will become our Eco mascot and hopefully encourage each class to think more about what they can do to help with recycling, sustainability and climate change in general. The children helped raise funds to adopt Po by coming to school dressed as either a wild animal or an explorer. They spent time in their house groups learning about the Giant Panda and why it is endangered. They had a really Wild time!

We also recently found out that we have achieved the North Yorkshire Council Healthy Schools Green Award which we are very proud of. We were awarded this by putting together a Climate Action Plan for the school, which can be found on our website.

Thank you to everyone who took part in various activities and have helped make this possible.

Reception 2027 Starters
"Come and Discover Slingsby"

Is your child starting school in September 2027?



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

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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!

Christmas



Christmas Plans

at Slingsby Community Primary School

We are very excited to tell you about our extra special treats we are planning for Christmas 2026.



Pantomime Trip

Whole School

Friday
4th December

We are looking forward to taking our children on a very special trip to the Pantomime at Scarborough Spa to watch **Robin Hood and The Babes in the Wood (OH YES WE ARE!)**

It promises to be a fantastic day filled with laughter, music, excitement and plenty of festive fun! We're sure there will be lots of smiles, giggles and maybe even a little bit of audience participation along the way!

Further details will be sent out soon – please keep an eye on your inbox!

OH YES WE ARE!



A Magical Christmas Surprise

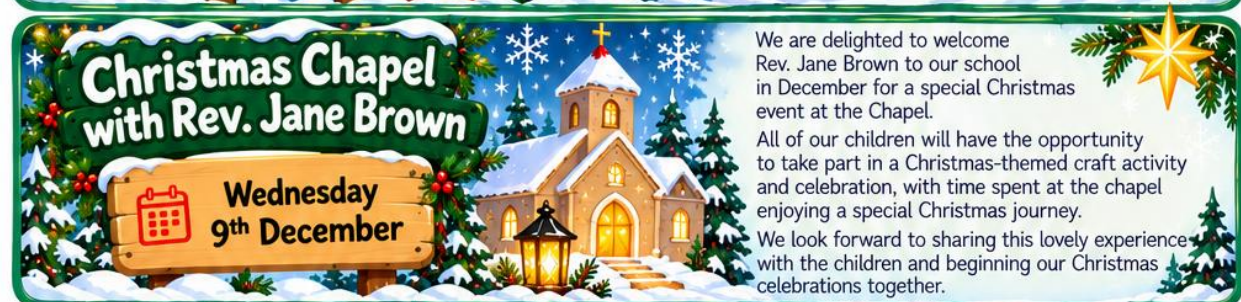
Monday
7th December

We have a little bit of Christmas magic planned for the children on **Monday 7th December.**

We can't give too much away just yet, but there may be a very special festive surprise waiting for them!

We can't wait to see the children's faces when they discover what we have planned!

Shh... It's a Surprise!



Christmas Chapel with Rev. Jane Brown

Wednesday
9th December

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Jane Brown to our school in December for a special Christmas event at the Chapel.

All of our children will have the opportunity to take part in a Christmas-themed craft activity and celebration, with time spent at the chapel enjoying a special Christmas journey.

We look forward to sharing this lovely experience with the children and beginning our Christmas celebrations together.



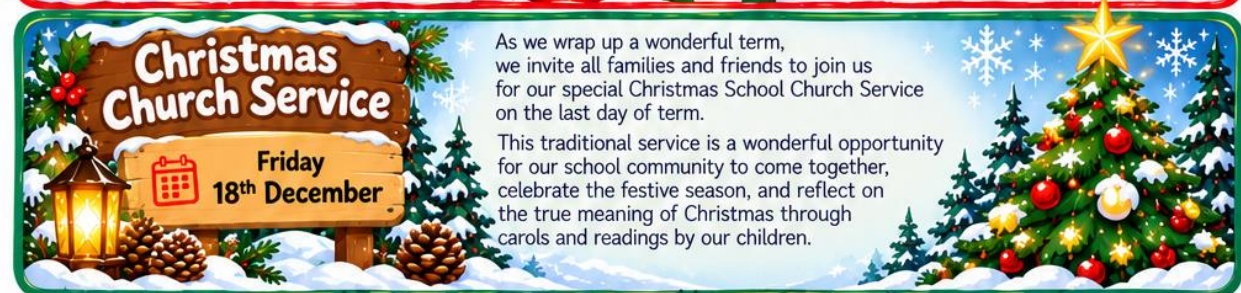
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday
10th December

We're getting into the festive spirit at school on **Thursday 10th December.**

Children can enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch and celebrate Christmas Jumper Day by wearing their favourite festive jumper to school.

We are looking forward to a fun and festive day!



Christmas Church Service

Friday
18th December

As we wrap up a wonderful term, we invite all families and friends to join us for our special Christmas School Church Service on the last day of term.

This traditional service is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, celebrate the festive season, and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas through carols and readings by our children.

FOSS Update

Quiz and Curry Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Quiz & Curry night, we had a brilliant turn out with 66 entries and are delighted to share that we raised just over £630.

FOSS AGM - Thursday 15th October

Our AGM will take place next 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.

We are seeking volunteers and bakers to help us run the party, please complete the volunteer section on the attendance form if you are able to help or email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.



Community News

Super excited to announce that Hugh Bonneville is coming to visit The Wesley Centre in Malton on 20th November 2026, to talk about his new children's book, Rory Sparkes and the Spy Who Loved Tea.

This autumn he will be travelling across the country, chatting to readers and signing copies of his second book for young people aged 8-80!

Check your diaries – tickets are available now!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wesleycentremalton/2430689>

The poster features a blue background with various illustrations. At the top left, a teapot pours tea. In the center, the title 'Meet Hugh Bonneville on the RORY SPARKES and the SPY who Loved Tea TOUR' is displayed. Below the title, a circular portrait of Hugh Bonneville is shown. To the right, a cartoon illustration of a boy in a trench coat and hat is depicted. At the bottom left, another cartoon illustration shows a man in a trench coat reading a newspaper. At the bottom right, a book cover for 'Rory Sparkes and the Spy Who Loved Tea' is shown. The tour dates and locations are listed in the center.

**Meet Hugh Bonneville
on the
RORY SPARKES
and the SPY who
Loved Tea
TOUR**

Saturday 3rd October
Highclere Castle Literary Festival

Saturday 10th October
Lowestoft Children's Festival

Sunday 11th October
Bury St Edmunds Literature Festival

Sunday 11th October
Mercury Theatre Colchester

Monday 12th October
Norfolk Screen, Norwich

Saturday 17th October
Manchester Literature Festival - family and adults events

Sunday 18th October
Winter Gardens, Blackpool

Wednesday 11th November
Good Housekeeping Live, London

Sunday 15th November
Cidermill Theatre, Chipping Campden

Friday 20th November
The Wesley Centre Malton, with Kems Books

Saturday 21st November
Whitby Lit Fest

Saturday 21st November
Ripon Theatre Festival

Sunday 22nd November
Alnwick Playhouse

BLOOMSBURY

Community News

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Junior House Information Morning – Saturday 17 October 2026

Join us on Saturday 17 October to hear more about our Junior House. The morning aims to provide families with an in-depth look at our Junior House and why it provides a perfect environment for growth, discovery, and the opportunity for each child to excel. Over the course of the morning on Saturday 17 October, you will be welcomed by our Headmaster, shown around the House by the Head of Junior House and meet current pupils. Meanwhile, prospective pupils will enjoy taster lessons and activities with their future peers. After lunch, you are welcome to stay on to watch a variety of sports fixtures taking place down on the pitches. To register to attend the event [click here](#)

JUNIOR HOUSE INFORMATION MORNING

Saturday 17 October

10.00am - 1.00pm

Junior House is home for pupils in Years 7 & Year 8 where every child feels loved, part of a family, and able to achieve their very best. Subject specialist teachers, a wide range of opportunities and extensive facilities, coupled with nurturing pastoral care, Junior House provides the perfect environment for growth, discovery, and for each child to excel.

Families are invited to join us on Saturday 17 October from 10am to take a tour with the Head of Junior House, Hugh Ainscough, and to meet the staff team and current pupils.

Prospective pupils will enjoy taster lessons and activities.

Open to children in Year 4 - Year 7 inclusive.

Find out more here



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Wednesday 18 th November	Class 2 Flamingo Land Zoo Trip
Monday 23 rd November	Class 2 Swimming
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
Monday 7 th December	A Magical Christmas Surprise
Wednesday 9 th December	Chapel Christmas Activities – Whole School
Thursday 10 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (Continued)

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