



Thought for the Week: "The starting point of all achievement is desire." – Napoleon Hill

Music for the Week: "Proud" – M People

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you all enjoyed your half term break. It's been a pleasure to see all the children back in school this week, focused and ready to learn.

Flu Vaccination Programme 2025

Vaccination UK are attending school on **Monday 10th November** to provide the flu nasal spray/vaccination. Parents/Carers were emailed the consent link on 15th September.

Christmas Plea

Year 5/6 are looking for donations of any old Christmas wrapping paper to help with their Christmas cards this year. All donations would be very much appreciated.

Christmas Carol Concert

Please find attached an application form to design the front cover for our Christmas carol concert program. The winner will be featured in our final program for our concert on **16th December** at St Peter and St Paul's Church. All designs must be submitted to school by **5th December**. Children can collect a paper copy of this form from the school office if needed.

School Games Gold Award

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the School Games Gold Award for our commitment to sport and physical activity. This award recognises the opportunities we provide for all pupils to be active, take part in competitions and develop their leadership skills through sport.

A huge well done to all of our pupils for their enthusiasm and teamwork and to the staff for promoting a love of being active every day. We are proud to celebrate this fantastic achievement!

Sport Leaders Training

The Sport Leaders will receive their training on **Thursday 20th November**.

Tempest Photos

The individual and sibling photos orders arrived in school this week and have now been sent home with the children.

Children In Need

Wear something spotty on **Friday 14th November** to raise money for Children in Need. All donations can be made through ParentPay using the following link [Children in Need 2025](#)

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Willow Norman, Lily Osborne and Erny Dobson.

Year 3 and 4 TT Rockstars Battle

Children in Year 3 and 4 will take part in a TT Rockstars battle starting today until next Thursday. It was launched today in assembly by Mrs Wortham.

Friends of School Christmas Fair



Year 3 Music

On **Monday 10th November**, it will be the turn of **Mrs Staniland's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available to buy at morning breaktime until **Tuesday 11th November**. Please send your child with money in a named envelope if you would like them to donate to this cause.

Swimming

On **Wednesday**, **Mrs Devine's** class continue with their swimming lessons.

Cookery and Forest School

On Wednesday, it is the turn of **Miss Holmes and Mrs Wilkinson's** class for cookery and forest school. Your child will already have received a letter detailing what they need. All children will require appropriate forest school clothing that can get dirty, including a coat and wellies or boots.

York Minster Tree Decorations

Richard Shepard Music Foundation, who help deliver our music lessons, are taking part in the York Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2025 and are asking if we could help by creating Christmas decorations. The theme this year is **"Your Favourite Christmas Song"**. The decorations will be placed on a 6ft Christmas tree inside the Chapter House of York Minster. The top Christmas decoration will win a free music making workshop for school and there will also be prizes for runners up! If your child would like to submit a decoration, it needs to be sent in to school by the **14th November**.

Special Mentions

Florence Gent took her pony Paddington to a local dressage competition on Sunday, and came home with a lovely 2nd place rosette and a bag of sweets. Well done, Florence!



1st Vale of Pickering Scout Fundraiser

Please see the attached leaflet.

Parking

Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school; they are there to protect your children when crossing the road. Stopping on these lines creates an obstruction and can make crossing the road hazardous by blocking a driver's view of approaching cars and children, and also blocking the children's view of oncoming traffic. There are no exceptions – please do not do it.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Hall'.

Mrs R Hall

Deputy Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress in school. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you to support your child, for example: letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone

"Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility"

Are you worried about your own or another child's safety?

Speak to one of these members of staff.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** is:

Mrs De Barr

The **Deputy DSLs** are: **Mrs Hall** and **Mrs Mintoft**

The **Safeguarding Governor** is: **Mrs Smeaton**

Anyone can make a referral. If you believe a child to be at immediate risk, please call **999**. If you believe the situation to be urgent, please call:

0300 131 2 131

Lunchtime Clubs	
Home Learning drop-in	Monday 12.15 - 12.45
Singing Squad	Tuesday 12.15 - 12.45
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

After-School Clubs	
Glockenspiel	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Sketching	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Instrumental	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Well-being and self-care	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Please inform us of any changes to normal collection arrangements or if your child is not attending a club this week so that registers can be amended

	Menu
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>(V) Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Quorn BBQ Rice Tuna Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice (V) Vegetable Noodles (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (VG) Vanilla Swirl Cookie</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>Minced Beef & Dumpling (V) Cottage Pie (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (V) Jelly & Ice-cream</p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>Hot Dog (VG) Veggie Dog (VG) Potato Wedges Ham Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Toffee Apple Muffin</p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>Battered Fish (V) No Sausage Roll (VG) Chips (V) Cheese Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake</p>
	<p>Available Every Day Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>