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Message from Miss Boardman

We are beginning to get into the festive spirit at school. Our Christmas tree is looking beautiful in the hall and today we have enjoyed singing some traditional carols with Mrs Pendry who used to teach at St Barnabas a number of years ago. As I walk around school I hear strains of Christmas songs being rehearsed in classes too. Please see the dates section for information about our Christmas events.

Santa has delivered some presents to school for the children but he forgot to wrap them! If anyone can spare some time to help wrap them either in school or at home, please let me know.



Yesterday, I had meetings with each teacher to look at how the children are progressing following their assessments last week. I am really impressed with the progress being made as a result of the children's and teacher's hard work. Next week, children in Year 2 will take the statutory phonic screening test which was delayed from the end of Year 1 due to the Covid restrictions. Parents of Year 2 pupils will receive your child's results before the end of term.

School Meals

Thank you for your continued support with the new school meals booking system. It is working well, resulting in less food wastage and children being happier with their choice of meal. As the weather gets colder, please consider whether your child would benefit from a hot school meal rather than a packed lunch.

Remember that meals are free for children up to the end of Year 2, so will help you to make savings too!

Please view our menu [here](#) and speak to Mrs Cook in the office if you have any questions about the booking system. There is a useful guide to help you [here](#)

The online booking system is going extremely well so from Monday 6th December, the kitchen will take the numbers directly from parent pay. If you have not pre ordered please send your child with a pack up or contact the school office to book. Thank you.

Stay and Learn Next Week

We look forward to seeing you at the Stay and Learn sessions next week. You will have the opportunity to find out about our new phonics books and share the beautiful new 'Advent Books' that arrived this week with your child. For Covid safety, these events will take place in the hall rather than the classroom as this is a bigger space with good ventilation. **Parents and visitors must wear a mask inside school.** Please speak to the office beforehand if you are exempt from wearing a mask. We also encourage you to do a lateral flow test before attending.

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Dates For Your Diaries

Stay and Learn

Come and find out what and how your child is learning on the dates below:

- Nyong'o class : Thurs 9th December 2:30pm
- Attenborough Class: Mon 6th Dec 8:45am
- Johnson Class: Thurs 9th Dec 8:45am
- Farah Class: Tues 7th Dec 8:45am
- Kahlo Class: Friday 10th Dec 8:45am

Christmas events

Tuesday 14th December - 3-3:45pm

- Christmas Reading Café in the hall— parents and children invited to read our new books together with refreshments.

Wednesday 15th December:

- Christmas Dinner—wear Christmas jumpers

Thursday 16th December at 1:30pm:

- Christmas Carol Service at St Barnabas Church. We will not be doing a separate nativity this year. Instead, each class will do a short performance as part of the carol service.

Friday 17th December:

- Santa will be visiting St Barnabas and will read the children a Christmas story. They will also be given a small gift.
- Christmas Parties with a party themed lunch , Please come to school in party clothes.
- School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 3pm

Wednesday 5th January:

- School reopens at 8.45am

We are asking for a £3 donation, payable on parent pay for all the Christmas activities. They will get to see Santa and leave with a small gift, Christmas parties hosted by Dj Ollie and the children will also be watching an online pantomime by Riding Lights Theatre Group.

Changes to the Beginning of the Day from Monday

Remember that from Monday, children are able to come into school from 8:35am. The gates will be closed at 8:45am prompt, after which you will need to enter via the office. Please click [here](#) to view the letter which was sent out earlier in the week.



Please remember to book your session date as well as make the payment.

We offer the following sessions every day:

Breakfast Club £4.75

After School Club Full Session 3pm to 6pm £7.50

After School Club Early Bird Session 3pm to 5pm
£5

Christmas Craft Evenings:

- Thursday 9th December
- Thursday 16th December

Why not leave your child with us to enjoy our Christmas craft activities in after school club whilst you enjoy a bit of late night shopping. Book your space now via parent pay.

All now payable and bookable on parent pay. If you haven't activated your parent pay account, please contact the school office on 01904 555152 or stbarnabasprimary@york.gov.uk for an activation letter.

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Nyong'o Class —Reception

This week we have been super star writers! In literacy we all created a magical character for the North Pole and then we have all labeled our character and some of us have written a great sentence! In maths we have been using our special positional language to control the beebots around the room. We had a lot of fun with these! Our phonics focus has been reading plural words that end in 's' whilst reviewing all the sounds and tricky words we have learnt this term. We have remembered so many!

Our wild Wednesday session was brilliant with the children working together in teams to make some bird nests. We had to collect sticks, twigs and leaves and bundle them up into the trees so that they would be secure for the birds to sleep in. We were very lucky to see a Robin watching us do this!

In RE this week we found out about how different religions welcome babies into their families. In PSHE we talked about how to be good friends and what makes us good friends. In understanding the world we have compared old transport to new modern transport and talked about how different everything looks now!

The best part of this week was that Miss Curry came back to see us!! We were all very excited and happy to see her.

Thank you to all of the Nyong'o class for being awesome whilst I have been in the class with you these last 3 weeks. It has been amazing.



Attenborough - Year 1

This week the children are still enjoying our kitchen role play area and have been using non-fiction texts to look at tiger facts and also create their own fact pages about other animals of their choice.

I hope you have all received the lovely brand new Little Wandle reading books. The children should be reading these with huge confidence as they will have read the book 3 times in school already to help their enjoyment, fluency, expression and comprehension. They should be fantastic at reading it to you once at home. We will be adding another book which will be free choice and one to share with your child (they may not be able to read this one but they will have chosen it). We are hoping to change these on a weekly basis and so are introducing your child to their new Little Wandle book in school before it comes home.

We have been looking at the sound families ai/ay, ou/ow and ee/ea this week and the children have been sorting sounds and writing sentences using these.

In maths, we are continuing to learn about subtraction and parts of numbers. We are linking our comparison learning and continue to use the vocabulary and symbols for 'more than', 'less than', 'addition', 'plus', 'subtract', 'minus', 'equals'.

As a group we have been sharing our similarities and differences as part of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health education). We have been talking about bullying this week and most of the children looked at a picture of a boy and a girl and decided that the boy must be the bully - we then had a discussion to challenge this thinking. In geography, we have been sorting pictures of physical and human features.

We are proud to celebrate lots of names on our tree of recognition for showing kindness this week and we are showing this in lots of different ways.



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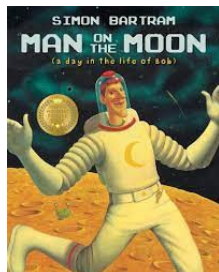
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Johnson Class—Year 2

We have had another really busy week in Johnson class. The year 2s were learning about hibernation in Science this week and found out that bats, hedgehogs and dormice all hibernate. They have to eat lots of food to keep them going.

In English, we have been using the book *Man on the Moon* (A day in the life of Bob) to continue our work on expanded noun phrases and to also to come up with exciting verbs to describe how he cleans the moon and entertains the tourists. We have sequenced the events ready to retell the story next week.

In DT with Mrs Lennon the children made delicious looking vegetable tarts. I hope they made it home safely and tasted as good as they looked.



In maths we have started looking at multiplication. We know how to recognise and make equal groups, add them together and are now moving on to using the multiplication symbol.

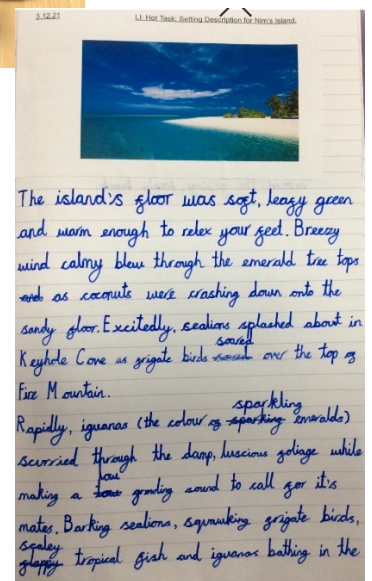
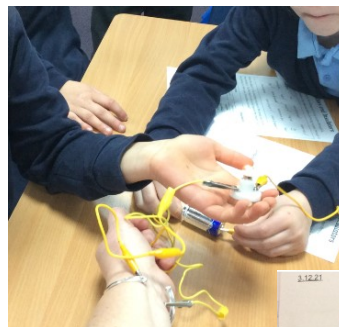
In history this week, I challenged the children to use copies of original documents from the time of the Great Fire of London. At first they didn't think they'd be able to read the cursive handwriting but they gave it a really good go and found out how many fireplaces Thomas Farriner had and how much tax they had to pay.

Farah –Class—Year 3 & 4

Another jam packed week in Farah class. In Year 3, we have started to consider how to use the multiplication symbol (x) when looking at how many equal groups of something we have. Year 4 has gone one step further and looked at how to multiply numbers easily by 10 or 100. "To the left, to the left!"

We have written our setting descriptions today (Friday) showing off our wonderful rich and varied vocabulary. Nim's island is a tropical, idyllic paradise and Ms Graystone cannot wait to re-view all our superb work to see if she feels the same when she reads them.

Finally, here are some photographs of the children learning about what items make great conductors or great insulators. Turns out, you can attach crocodile clips to your teacher's bracelet to make a light bulb glow!



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Kahlo Class—Year 5 & 6

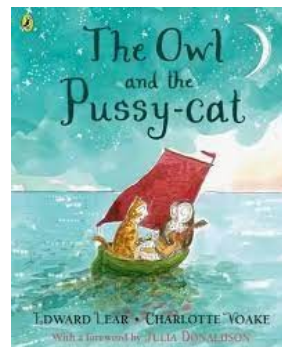
Kahlo Class have been phenomenal this week, and really proven how amazing they are! We've continued our investigations into electricity, battled mixed numbers and improper fractions and begun writing inspirational speeches about varying topics. We've also been producing films in our computing unit, exploring different angles and ways of shooting video.

In our reading lessons we've been tackling verse novels, and were really blown away by how much we enjoyed them. If they'd like to read more of *Other Words for Home*, a PDF can be accessed at the following link: <https://booksvooks.com/fullbook/other-words-for-home-pdf-jasmine-warga.html?page=1>

Overall, a phenomenal week, and I am so proud of their achievements!

Reading News

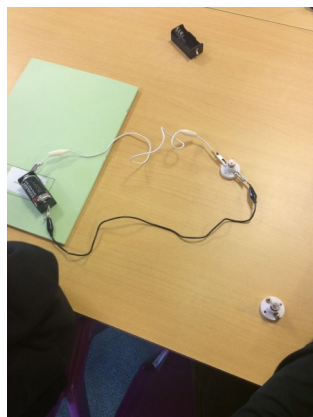
This week we received our advent books! There is a fantastic selection and we can't wait to share them with you during our Stay and Learn events. We have started opening some in worship. So far, we have opened *The Owl and The Pussy-cat* and *A Christmas Carol*.



Tell us your views

We always welcome parental feedback as it helps us to know what we are doing well and the areas that we could do better in. Our last full parents survey was in March 2021 and as we are almost a term into the new school year we would like your views on a range of areas. Please take a few minutes to complete the Ofsted Parentview Survey. If you have completed it before, login with your email and password. If you haven't completed it before you will need to register for an account which is very easy. Click [here](#) to register and complete the survey—it will take no more than 5 minutes.

Please complete this by Monday 13th December. Thank you!



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York Families Update

Festive Fun in the City Centre starts now

The magic of Christmas in York officially starts today when the stunning Christmas lights illuminate the city to coincide with the start of St Nicholas Fair. The wonderful display gives a special back drop to the year-round beauty on offer in the city and adds a magical atmosphere with York's historic bars illuminated with thousands of twinkling lights.

This year young people can post their Christmas Wishes and Thank you letters to Santa in a sparkling illuminated Santa's Postbox in Museum Gardens.

You can read more about the city centre festive activities at <https://www.theyorkbid.com/news-and-events/news-list/festive-fun-in-the-city-centre-starts-now>.

If you're looking for winter activities to keep your little ones occupied you can also visit the Shine website for a range of free activities and ideas.

Visit <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/shine> for exciting wintry and festive activities between now and the festive period.

If you are planning to take part in any activities, please make sure you're staying covid safe.

Do you have a two year old?

Eligible families can receive up to 15 hours funded childcare at an Ofsted registered childcare provider, including childminders, nurseries and pre school playgroups.

To find out more and to apply for funded childcare visit or contact York Family Information Service on 01904 554444; TEXT '2yo' to 07786202241 or email fis@york.gov.uk

Healthy Start Support and free vitamins on offer for York families

If you are:

- claiming Child Tax credit
- receiving income support
- receiving income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- receiving Pension Credit
- receiving Universal Credit
- under 18 and pregnant, even if you are not claiming any benefits
- claiming income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and are over 10 weeks pregnant
- getting Working Tax Credit run-on only after you have reported you're working 16 hours or less per week

you could qualify for Healthy Start support to buy healthy foods and milk.

To find out how to apply, please visit <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply>

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in certain shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks. You can also use your card to collect:

There's still time to get more rewards this November!

There's still two weeks left to get 4 times as many points through the BetterPoints app this November. Once you download the app you can earn points every time you walk, wheel, run, cycle or use public transport.

You can find out more about how to start earning rewards with York's BetterPoints challenge online at <https://york.betterpoints.app/>.



**All
residents
welcome**

Holgate Ward Community Drop-ins

**Where: Lindsey Avenue
housing office**

**When: 11am-1pm, Second
Friday of every month**

Come along for a hot drink and get
advice, assistance or support from:

- Citizens Advice York
- Local Area Coordinator
- Local PCSOs
- Housing Management Officers



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