



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

It was wonderful to see so many Mums joining the children for lunch on Wednesday. I hope that you enjoyed the meal and spending time with your children over lunch.

Apologies that it took so long for everyone to get served—next time we will think of a better and faster system. Thank you to Donna and Angie in the kitchen for cooking almost double the amount of usual meals that day.



Children seem to have enjoyed our promotions for National School Meals week with many of them winning prizes. If your child brought home an activity sheet, please return it by Wednesday to enter into a prize draw.

We will continue with stickers randomly placed on the bottom of lunch plates to win a prize on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the rest of this term.

The children responded with awe and wonder at the visit from the Birds of Prey last week. It was an amazing experience with every child in school being able to hold and stroke at least one of the birds.

Well done to Kahlo class for competing in the Sportshall athletics. It's great to be providing the children with experiences and activities that we haven't been able to do in the last few years.

Next Friday (18th) is non-uniform day for Children in Need. A link to the fundraising page will be

## Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

**Attenborough:** **Giavanna, Jackson & Elsie**

**Hadid:** **Kacper, Piotr & Eliza**

**Farah:** **Ethan, Julia & Thomas**

**Kahlo:** **Harvey, Lennon, Eva & Eli**

**Headteacher's Award:** **Giavanna**

**Well done everyone!**

## STB Uniform Shop

Thank you for the positive feedback and it has been lovely to see so many of you come and have a look. These clothes are like new so please help to re-use and recycle them.

## Don't forget...

If you have any uniform that your child has outgrown and would like to donate it, please drop it off at the office. Thank you.



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## This week's attendance

**Whole school target: 96%**

Whole school attendance: 95.8%

Attenborough Class: 98.2%

Hadid Class: 94.8%

Farah Class: 96.5%

Kahlo Class: 99%

Well done to Kahlo class (first time as winners this term) - they will have a reward of extra play-time.

This is one of the best weeks so far for whole school attendance this term—keep it up!

Hadid are the only class that haven't yet won this term—can you make it happen next week?

**Not going** to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

For more information on school absence in York visit:  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)



## Dates—Autumn Term

- ⇒ Thursday 17th Nov—Kahlo class visit to York University Astrocampus in morning
- ⇒ Fri 18th Nov—Children in Need non uniform day
- ⇒ Sun 20th Nov— Dance Club perform at Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival (York University)
- ⇒ Thurs 24th Nov—Individual photos
- ⇒ Fri 25th Nov—Flu immunisation in school
- ⇒ Friday 2nd December—Reindeer Rush in aid of St Leonards Hospice (more info to come)
- ⇒ Weds 7th December 7.15pm—Kahlo class and parents invited to Archbishop Holgate's School Carol Service at Minster Service
- ⇒ Thurs 8th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day—Donations via our just giving page
- ⇒ Week beg 5th Dec—Stay and Learns (days to follow)
- ⇒ Mon 12th Dec (afternoon) —Nativity performance in school
- ⇒ Tues 13th Dec (afternoon)—Nativity performance in school
- ⇒ Thurs 15th Dec 1:45pm —Christmas Service in Church
- ⇒ Fri 16th Dec—school closes 3pm
- ⇒ Weds 4th Jan 2023—Return to school

## READING NEWS

We are introducing two exciting new reading projects this week. One child will take the class pack home for the weekend on a Friday and we would like them to bring it back the following Monday.



For Attenborough and Hadid class, we will be sending home bedtime story packs. They contain a couple of books to share, a sachet of hot chocolate, a teddy (hand-made by Mrs Bruce), some coloured pencils and a notebook.

We hope you will snuggle up with your child, read the books and talk about them. We have included a notebook so if your child would like to, they can draw their favourite part of the book.



In Farah and Kahlo classes, the project will be slightly different. They will have a scrap book to create a double page spread review of their favourite book. It is an opportunity to be creative and share their enjoyment of books with their class. They will have some hot chocolate to enjoy too.

We are really looking forward to hearing how the children enjoy these projects and seeing what they create.



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## **Attenborough Miss J Davison**

Our week started off with some proud moments as the children showed kindness and confidence with the Birds of Prey. All of the children either held the birds or stroked them. They listened to the keepers and asked many brilliant questions. Well done everyone for showing amazing courage!

At the end of week we had a little think in science about our human body and our senses and how we have 5 of them that help us to observe and understand the world around us. We experimented with our 5 senses and how they work and discussed how special our senses are.



## **Hadid Ms Pena-Harran & Mrs R Bruce**

Hadid class have had another fabulous week. This half term, it is our turn for dance lessons on Tuesdays with Drew from York Dance Space. As part of our warm up, we were working with partners mirroring each other and then we chose a leader for everyone to copy. For our main dance, we are working on a piece inspired by our work on life cycles and butterflies, looking at changes.

In history we have started our new topic 'Should we still celebrate Bonfire Night?' and 'Did the Great Fire make London a better or worse place?' We found out that Guy Fawkes came from York and he plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. If you have any memories of how you celebrated bonfire night when you were young, we'd love to hear them.



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**Farah  
Ms Graystone**

We have been working so hard this week learning the full story of *The First Drawing*. We have practised retelling it and looking up synonyms that improve our writing when we want to describe the **big** woolly mammoth. We can now tell you that the animal is colossal, gargantuan and massive! Watch this space for our own versions....

In other exciting news, we completed our Pedestrian training with City of York Council and practised crossing busier roads using pelican crossings. We don't just set off the second it turns green - we have another quick check right and left to make sure it is safe!

Finally, like every other class, we had an incredibly informative visit from the York Bird of Prey Centre. Every single one of us held and stroked an owl (or two, or three) and for some of us this was an absolute moment to face our fears and worries! Well done Team Farah!



**Kahlo  
Mr Levick**

Firstly, we had a great time seeing the birds of prey! We were all very brave (a lot braver than Mr Levick who couldn't even go in the room with the birds!) and learnt lots. We also had the opportunity to compete against some other schools in a sports hall athletics competition. The children performed brilliantly and finished in 3rd place - a very respectable finish considering we were the only school competing who were a mixed year 5/6 class.

Well done everyone!





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Each week the newsletter will now include the Pathfinder support staff vacancies and any other Pathfinder communication to parents.



## Support Staff Vacancies

Visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code for details and to apply

Job	Midday Supervisory Assistant	Job	After School Club Manager
School	Rufforth Primary School	School	Badger Hill Primary School
Details	Rufforth Primary School Grade 2, Level 1: £18,328 per annum (reduced pro rata). Permanent contract. – Term Time only Monday to Friday – 12pm to 1pm	Details	Grade 5, Level 1 – £20,779 to £21,929 per annum, reduced pro rata. Pay award pending Permanent, Part Time: 15 hours per week, Term Time Only. 3pm to 6pm Monday-Friday
Closes	Friday 18 November at midnight	Closes	Thursday 17 November at midnight

Job	After School Club Assistant	Job	Casual Exam Invigilators
School	Rufforth Primary School	School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Rufforth Primary School Grade 3, Level 1 – £19,100 per annum reduced pro rata. Permanent contract – Term Time only contract. 16 hours and 15 minutes per week + 8 hours per year for training requirements – Monday to Friday 3-6.15pm	Details	£10.00 per hour – This is a casual position and, if successful in being appointed as an Exam Invigilator, does not form a contract of employment with the school. The school has no obligation to offer hours and our Invigilators have no obligation to accept work.
Closes	Friday 18 November at midnight	Closes	N/A

Job	Business Admin Apprentice	Job	Receptionist/Admin Assistant (part time)
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust	School	Pathfinder Teaching School Hub (based at AHS)
Details	Apprentice national minimum wage 37 hours per week - Term time only 1 day per week release time to attend college.	Details	Grade 4 - £7,023 per annum (this is the actual salary) Part time, Term Time only 16 hpw (Mon-Thu, hours/days to be negotiated)
Closes	N/A	Closes	N/A