



## School Newsletter

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### Message from Miss Boardman

This newsletter covers the last 2 weeks. There has been a lot going on with visits out and preparations for Christmas as well as keeping the usual learning and routines in place as much as possible.

Well done to the choir who visited Marjorie Waite sheltered accommodation to sing with some of the residents this week. Everyone had a fantastic festive time. They learnt new songs, sang in unison, in a round and also performed their own number: 'Sparkle and Shine'. Some children even had the courage to sing solos. It was a lovely trip and the children's behaviour was exemplary throughout.



On Wednesday evening, a small group of KS2 children represented St Barnabas at the AHS / Pathfinder schools carol service at York Minster. It was a very special event - our children joined with the other primaries to sing a song accompanied by the AHS band. We also enjoyed dramas, readings and traditional carols. A huge well done to the children who sat for 21/2 hours in the chilly Minster, behaving beautifully and joining in.



### Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards:

**Attenborough: Elsie, Charmaine, Cole, Bella**

**Hadid: Felipe, Paige, Jan**

**Farah: Rowan, Rita and Penelope**

**Kahlo: Taylor, Sayesha, Ella, Livvy, Harley and Oscar**

### Headteacher Awards

Children who sang at the sheltered accommodation and York Minster. Thank you for bringing joy to others with your singing and representing the school so brilliantly:

Pamimo, Gabriel, Penelope, Sofia, Isabella, Ottilia, Jake, Kara, Sayesha, Aria, Esmae

Travis, Aria, Hugo, Ethan, Evie, Sayesha

Other children who consistently show our school rules and values:

Libby and Joey



### Reindeer Rush

Congratulations to all the children for their enthusiasm and energy as they ran round the playground wearing antlers and chasing Santa to raise money for St Leonard's Hospice. Thanks to York Mix for a fun filled assembly and the amazing snow machine.

Children have been sent home with a sponsor form—please return any money by 15th January or donate on the link below. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/stbarnabasprimaryreindeerush>

Thank you for your generous donations—£105 has been raised already! (photos on next page)

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## Christmas Reflections in Church

Thank you to Reverend Marion and the volunteers at church as they led some thoughtful Christmas themed activities in church for each class. Children heard the Christmas story told in a magical way using the sand to help them to understand the journeys that were taken on that first Christmas. Children then took part in group activities to reflect on other people around the world at this time of year.



## Dates

Click [here](#) to view term dates for 2023-24

20.12.23 Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day

18.12.23 & 19.12.23 Nativity performance in school at 1:45pm.

22.12.23 Carol Service in Church 9:15am

22.12.23 School breaks up for Christmas holiday.

Tuesday 9th January - School re-starts



## Please book by this Wednesday

If you would like your child(ren) to have the Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 20th December, please book it on Parent Pay by this Wednesday (13th) as the cook needs to place the food order this week.

Please note that if your child usually pays for their lunch, there will be an additional 35p cost on top of the usual meal price for Christmas Dinner. This is set by the catering company, not by school.

## Flu immunisation catch up clinics

Will be held at Regus House, Clifton Moor, York, YO30 4XL. Appointments can be made by phoning 01904 237680

- Monday 4th December 3-4pm
- Wednesday 13th December 3-4pm
- Friday 15th December 3-4pm



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## Attenborough — Miss Pomfret

What a great week Attenborough class had last week! We went on our first school trip to the York Explore Library. I was super impressed with how sensibly all the children walked to and from the library and how respectful they were whilst in the library! We got to look at lots of different kinds of books and we took our own book home with us! A big thank you again from me to the parent helpers :)



This week we have been getting in the Christmas spirit and starting lots of fun Christmas activities together!



## Hadid— Ms Pena Harran and Mrs Bruce

This week in Hadid class we have started practising for the shepherds scene in the nativity play. We were really impressed at how well the children know their lines. We will be rehearsing in class most days so it would be helpful if they have learned their lines and got their script with them.

In English we have started to retell the story of Rapunzel. We are focussing on making sure we have full stops and capital letters in the right places and our sentences include a subject and verb. We have also created a bank of adjectives to describe the main characters.



In maths the year 2s have been continuing their work on subtraction and begun to think about how we can subtract from multiples of 10. The year 1s have been comparing numbers and ordering them from smallest to largest.

### Explore

Ravi is using wooden blocks to make a pattern.  
How many blocks will he use next?



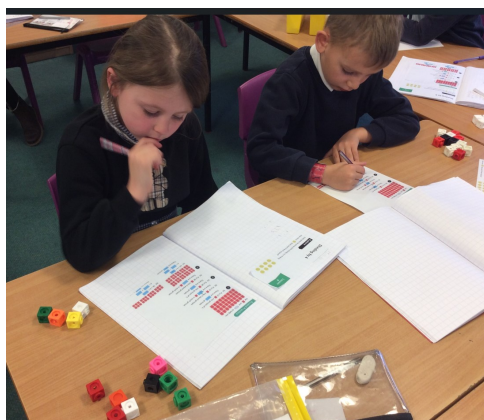
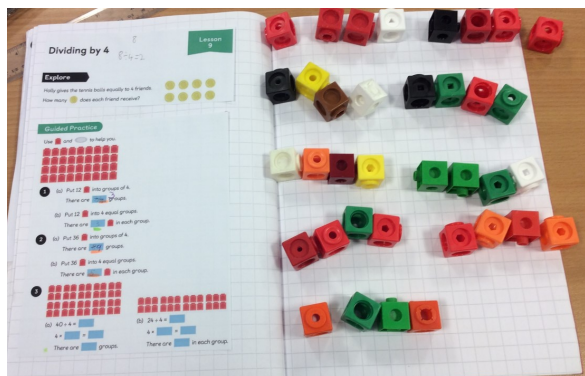
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## Farah— Mrs Bellinger

We have had a good week in Farah Class and lots of good learning has taken place. We have been working on our division skills in maths, including solving division problems and finding out the related multiplication facts:



In English we have begun work on a Christmas good-feeling story, by the author Michael Morpurgo. In our immersion activities, we have researched facts about robins, considered the importance of home and written about the appearance and feelings of the robin in the story.



## Kahlo—Mr Levick

It has been a fantastic two weeks in Kahlo Class, where the children have been trying incredibly hard in everything they do. We've been working incredibly hard with our nativity practises, and so thank you at home for helping them learn their lines. We also had a fantastic time at church, learning all about the Christmas story and the different feelings that come with this, such as joy, thankfulness and forgiveness!

