

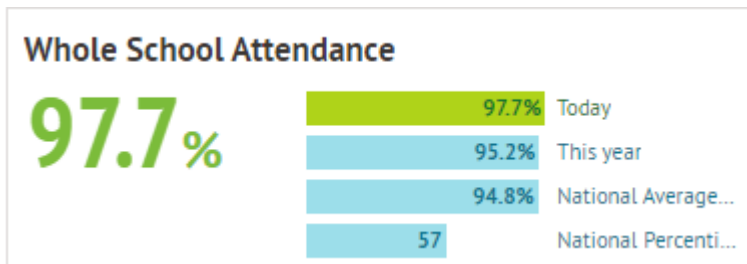


Weekly Newsletter 13th December 2024

Diary dates

16 th December 1:30pm	Piano Concert
16 th December 2:30pm	Carols around the tree with Ripon City Band
19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
19 th December 1.30pm	Christmas Service & Christmas Lunch
20 th December	Non-uniform day – proceeds to school
6 th January	School Closed – staff training
7 th January	School Open
14 th January	Cross Country event
16 th January 2025	School Disco

Research shows a direct link between high attendance and educational outcomes.



What is the procedure for applying for leave during term time?

The application form for leave can be found in the attachments at the bottom of this page. In short, please provide school with as much notice and information as possible, ideally at least 6 weeks prior to the requested date of leave. Confirmation will be provided by the school confirming whether the request is authorised or not. We advise that parents and carers do not book any travel until they receive confirmation from school. School does recognise that not all requests can be made 6 weeks in advance. [application for pupil leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.pdf](#)

FEAST Vouchers

Less than 1 in 4 of children/young people have redeemed their FEAST voucher for Christmas 2024. To Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Christmas, We have issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

Wraparound Care

Afterschool club will be changing come January, instead of finishing at 5:15 it will finish at 5:30. Due to increased popularity after school places **MUST** be booked to ensure that we have space. We understand that things may change last minute, in that instance phone or email the school.

Christmas Baubles

Thank you to Nigel and Tracey Baldwin for once again giving our school such a beautiful Christmas tree from Tate's nursery.

Now that the tree is up, we would like to invite each child in school to hang a bauble on the tree. The baubles could even have the child's name on so that we can remember them every year when we redecorate. The baubles must be shatterproof and weatherproof. Please supervise your children when they are hanging them on the tree.

Christmas Cards

There is no onus to bring Christmas cards in and we recognize some families opt to donate to their chosen charity. For families that wish to exchange cards we will have the cream bin at the gate each morning from Monday 9th December until Wednesday 18th. The full name and class of the recipient must be on the envelope. The cards will be sorted and distributed Thursday 21st December to take home.

Piano Concert

There will be a piano concert on Monday 16th at 1:30pm. All the children in school who play the piano are invited to take part and you are all welcome to join us to enjoy their performances. To make sure we have enough seating, please complete the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/hyxUCWwYhe>

Parent Forum

Notes from the meeting are now on the website [Parent Forum - Sharow CofE Primary School](#)

Reception Starters 2025

North Yorkshire Council have provided a letter for parents and carers of children starting school in September 2025. Follow this link to view [Starting Primary School Admissions Letter.pdf](#) (northyorks.gov.uk) If you know anyone who would benefit from this letter, please share it with them.

Learn to play a stringed instrument

Ms Clare would like to offer some one-off taster group sessions for interested pupils. There will be a small charge for it, £5 each and a minimum of 4 pupils, 30 minutes. More than 4 can be split into 2 groups.

Joanna Claire Music

I'm one of the top music teachers in the area, offering Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano and Music Theory to pupils of all ages and abilities, with training and experience in working with SEND.

Music is my life and my passion, both as a performer and a teacher. My goal as a teacher is to help every student achieve their full potential and develop a lifelong love of music.

Baubles!

What A Tree-mendous Nativity performance that was. We have all been delighted to watch the budding stars on stage, demonstrating their confident stage presence, remarkable remembering of lines and lyrics, and light-footed dance steps.

Well done and a big thank you too Mrs Wootton, Mrs Snodgrass, Miss Ventress, Miss Coventry, Miss Copperthwaite, Mrs Walker and Mrs Tompson.

For anyone who missed it- Baubles is about Mr Potts, the caretaker, who realised that something may have been overlooked, and with the assistance of some helpful mice, he sets to work to create some beautiful baubles for the bare, forgotten Christmas tree and helps the children to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. Well done to everyone involved but also parents for supporting the children in rehearsing their lines and also getting costumes.

3.15 Club Waste Recycling Campaign Game - Rescue Me!

We had Representatives from North Yorkshire's recycling team joined our 3.15 Club on the 10th December who delivered a fun workshop to all the children by engaging the pupils in fun and interactive ways to learn about the importance of recycling. By participating, the children gained valuable knowledge but also developed a sense of responsibility towards our planet.

Out of School Achievements

Isla younger sister Maggie was diagnosed with ALL - B cell Leukaemia back in September and Isla has been a massive support for her younger sister taking the impact of the cancer on her little sister and herself all in her stride.

Isla decided that she wanted to do something to fundraise for The Candlelighters Trust who have been a massive support to the whole family following diagnosis whilst being on the Oncology Ward at the LGI to playing with Isla and Maggie. Making sure mum and dad had got cups of tea or that well deserved break to get a shower during our 3 weeks stay on ward 31. And now multiple times per week whilst at the day clinic for chemo, always present offering support.

She decided to do a village bake for Christmas, designing and delivering order forms, planning the

bake and delivering her baked goods on Christmas weekend. To date her orders have taken over £800 for her brownies and Christmas pudding biscuits. With the support of GiftAid and The Big Give matching, she has donated £2000 to The Candlelighters Trust with further donations still coming in. We couldn't be prouder of Isla, who at a difficult time she has focused her energy on giving back.

Aria received another Blue Peter badge this week, the book badge. Taking her total to 9 now. That's a fantastic achievement and very well deserved.

We'd love to hear from any other children awarded a Blue Peter badge. Perhaps a project for the Christmas break?

If your child has any out of school achievements, we would love to hear about them. Send pictures and information to admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk

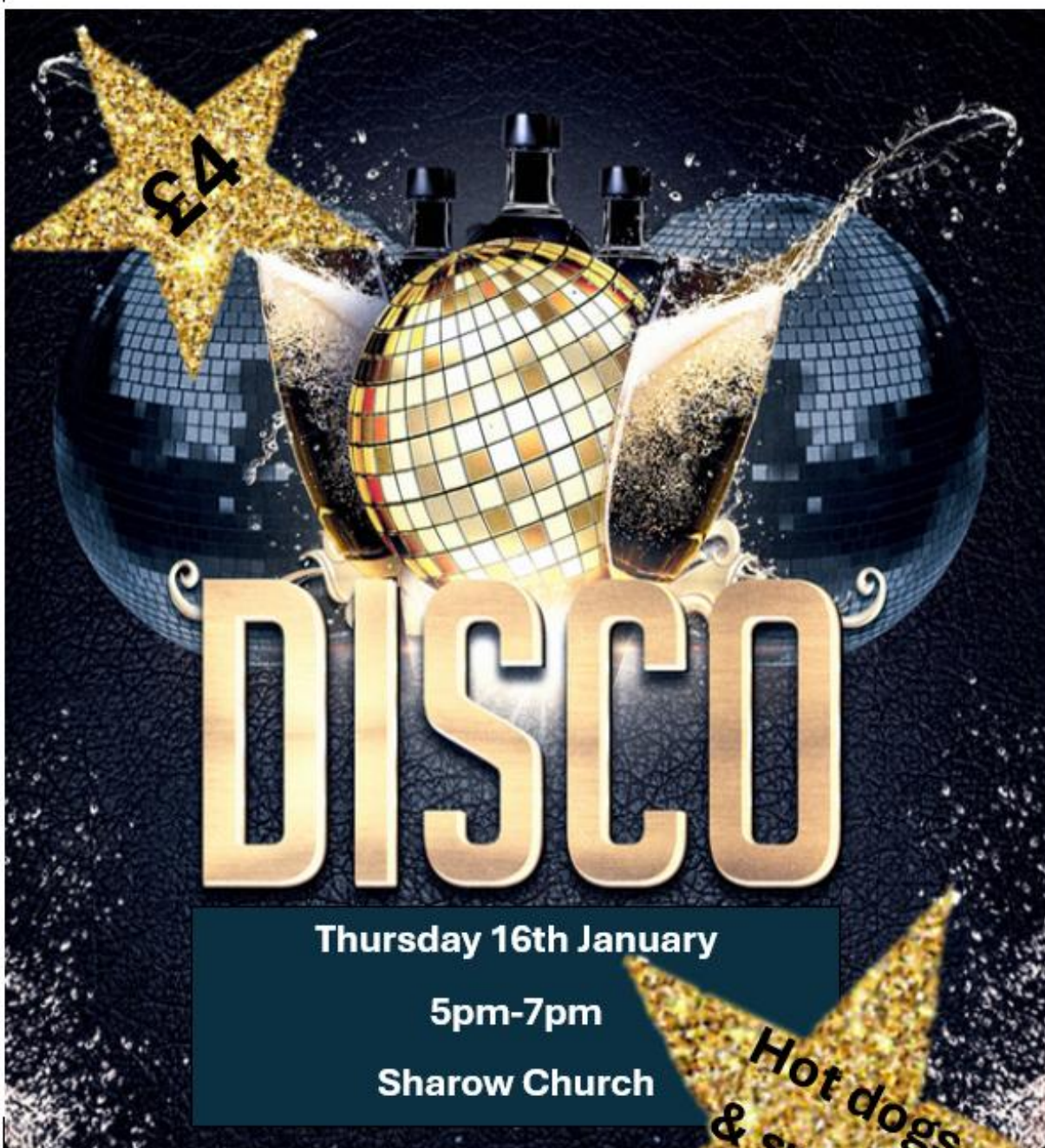


School Disco

This will be held in the church on Thursday 16th January 5-7pm. Please see below more information.

Community Notices

Please see below for fliers about activities in and around Ripon.



Thursday 16th January
5pm-7pm
Sharow Church

**Hot dogs
& sweets
for sale!**

All children need a responsible adult to accompany them.

Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase for those lucky adults!

All profits go towards funding resources and experiences for the children of Sharow School. Friends of Sharow School are always keen to have help from others.

If you can bake, offer raffle prizes, man a stall, makes cups of tea then please just let us

know. We are a friendly bunch and the more help we have, the more we can support the school.

Sensory Christmas Trail

20th December 2024 - 6th January 2025

Follow a nativity trail for the senses
and be immersed in the fragrant
smells that symbolise the wonderful
birth of baby Jesus.



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Join us this Christmas

TOY SERVICE

Sunday 8th December, 10:30am

Join us for a special child-centred service. At this service we collect Christmas presents for children in need in the local area.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

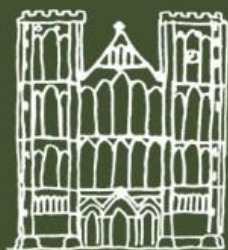
Tuesday 24th December, 11:00am

This is an opportunity for children to experience the Christmas story for themselves by dressing up and becoming part of it! Followed by Christmas refreshments.

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Thursday 19th December – Tuesday 7th January

A Christmas trail for all the senses!



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Journey to Bethlehem

Christmas Eve
11am

Become a part of the Christmas story in this fun interactive service where we bring the story of Jesus' birth to life.

Come dressed up as your favourite nativity character (or anything else you like – everyone is welcomed at the birth of Jesus!)

All children and their families are welcome.

Christmas refreshments served afterwards.



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St John's, Sharow

Sunday 22nd December

5pm Service of Lessons and Carols



Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve

4pm Nativity Story



Please come dressed as Nativity characters.
Some costume material available in church
including adult sizes!

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion

