

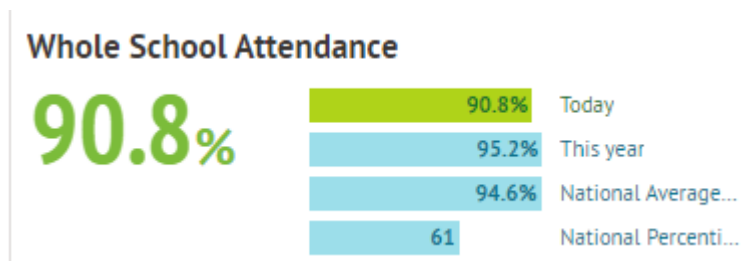


Weekly Newsletter 20th December 2024

Diary dates

20 th December	Non-uniform day – proceeds to school
6 th January	School Closed – staff training
7 th January	School Open
10 th January	Uniform Giveaway
14 th January 2025	Cross country event
16 th January 2025	School Disco
20 th January	World Religion Day Learning together afternoon RE
21st January- 5:30pm	Parents Reading Meeting

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 can be found below. 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](#)

Consent

We sometimes capture photos and videos of pupils to record school activities which happen on a day-to-day basis, or when on a school visit or special events. We have recently updated the consents with regarding photos and videos, please find these on the Arbor, or you may have had an email reminder to do these.

Wraparound Care

Afterschool club will be changing in 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.

PE with Mr Crooks

This term has been another success in PE and the children continue to make super progress in a range of topics. Mr Crooks has been working very closely with Reception/ Nursey, Year 1/ 2, Year 3/4, and Year 5/6.

Before half term, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 began working on different skills used in Football.

We explored different ways of dribbling, passing, and shooting. Year 3/4 practiced passing and moving with control, where Year 5/6 focused on how to defend individually and as a team in small-sided games.

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 demonstrated fantastic tactical awareness in small games and matches, as well as brilliant social skills.

More recently, the classes in KS1 have been exploring different Invasion and team activities. The standard of skills on show and the weekly progress being made was incredible. The children should be complimented on their efforts and skills progression.

Highlights include EYFS making terrific progress when evading opponents and moving with control and Year 1/2 showing great control and accuracy when passing.

Have a great Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year!

Piano Concert

On Monday 16th we welcomed families into the school to watch our Christmas piano concert. We had children playing, Jingle Bells, Go Tell it on the Mountain, Jolly Old St Nicholas, Sneaky Bus, We Three Kings, Ode to Joy, we wish you a merry Christmas, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, Silent Night, and Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly.

All the children who took part demonstrated their passion and skill. Thank you to Mrs Gower-Smith for supporting us with our music lessons and giving her time to arrange the and we hope that you liked it as much as we did.

Carols around the tree

On Monday 16th we had Ripon City Band to join us for carols around the tree along with parents too. We had a wonderful time singing Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, Away in A Manger, and many more too.

Christmas Service

On Thursday 19th December we had our yearly Christmas service. We welcomed families to join with a cuppa and a mince pie. What a heart-warming experience it was! Those reading, spoke so well, taking us through the Christmas story, and the singing, perhaps due to the Wednesday afternoon sessions with Mrs Gayle, was exceptional.

We sang Silent Night, Little Donkey, O Little town of Bethlehem, away in the manger and Love Shone down. We also had the school Choir join in too with Somewhere in my Memory and Jingle bell rock. Well, done everyone who took part.

Christmas Craft Morning.

Year 1 and 2 invited their adults to join them in crafting this morning. Thank you to all of you that made time to come.

Your comments were very much welcomed, and we thought we'd share a few here:

"A wonderful, shared morning with such diverse activities. Thank you for all the care which went into making the morning such a success."

"Lovely Chistmassy Day. He's been really excited and looking forward to it."

"Such a great time crafting with all her friends."

"Lovely to see the class in action and I enjoyed getting covered in glue!"

Forest School.

It will be Years 3&4s turn for Forest School starting Tuesday 7th January until the Easter holidays. Please can children come dressed in suitable clothing for the weather.

We always welcome volunteers to these sessions. If you have a spare afternoon for one of more of these sessions, please get in touch with the office.

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.

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this Christmas!

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children 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 across North Yorkshire. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office. To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, visit the website.

Craven Kanga Sports Ltd (Glusburn) Kanga Sports Ltd (Skipton) A Play and Learn Scheme Bentham & Ingleton Youth Club - juniors Bentham & Ingleton Youth Club - seniors	Hambleton The Sensory Den Simon Carson Sports School (Sowerby) Stokesley Leisure Centre
Harrogate District Inspire Youth Yorkshire Premier Education - Boroughbridge ZEN Sensory	Richmondshire ML Sports and Fitness LTD (Richmond) Newcastle Rugby Foundation

Out of School Achievements



Annie has recently got her Level 5 Gymnastic badge this week. A big well done to Annie.

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.



MEMORY MAKING FAMILY CHRISTMAS IDEAS

24 Intentional ideas for bringing the family closer at Christmas.



- ❖ Bake a Christmas cake together.
- ❖ Decorate the tree & house together.
- ❖ Make a Christmas play list.
- ❖ Make a Christmas Tree decoration.
- ❖ Make a homemade Christmas Card for someone special.
- ❖ Fill a shoe box for a child less fortunate.
- ❖ Decorate a Gingerbread house.
- ❖ Bake some Christmas biscuits.
- ❖ Create a Christmas word search for the kids to complete.
- ❖ Make your own gift tags.
- ❖ Write & decorate your letter to Santa!
- ❖ Have a Family Christmas movie day/night.
- ❖ Family games night
- ❖ Make a family phone call / zoom/ to loved ones!
- ❖ Donate unused toys & clothes to the local charity shop
- ❖ Go for a Christmas Lights Drive
- ❖ Make a table decoration for Christmas Day
- ❖ Make a Christmas Eve box for the kids.
- ❖ Read a Christmas story to the kids.
- ❖ Make a Christmas ornament – marking 2020.
- ❖ Organise a Christmas photo so you can send it out to people you will miss this Christmas.
- ❖ Create a Christmas Tradition for your family – something you can do every year.
- ❖ Go for a Family walk.
- ❖ Consider a family New Year wish.



Community Notices

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



**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

