



## Weekly Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> December

Date	Taking part	Event
8 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Afterschool Club Christmas Special
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1	Nativity 1.30pm and 5.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Afterschool Club Christmas Special
11 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	3.15 Club Film Night!
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Band members	RockSteady Performance 9:10am
12 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Uniform Giveaway 3.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Carols around the tree 2:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Christmas Service 2:15pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Afterschool Club Christmas Special
18 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Christmas Jumper day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pianists	Piano Concert 2:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Foss Disco 5-6.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	3.15 school closes for Christmas
5 <sup>th</sup> January	All Years	Inset Day
6 <sup>th</sup> January	All Years	Back to School
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 & 2	Ripon Workhouse Museum
6 <sup>th</sup> February	All Years	Walk to School
11 <sup>th</sup> February	All Years	Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30
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**Reminder: The Gate Opens at 8:40 and closes at 8:45**

### **What has happened at Sharow This week**

#### **♪ Primary Robins singing performance ☀**

Yesterday, the whole school came together in the church to share with parents what they have been learning with Mrs Gayle.

The children were amazing – a huge well done to everyone involved!

Highlights from the performances:

- EYFS & KS1 sang *Red Red Robin*
- Year 3 & 4 sang *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*
- Year 5 & 6 sang *Jingle Bell Rock*
- Finally, the whole school joined together to sing *A Spoonful of Sugar*

It was a truly joyful celebration of music and learning! ♪

#### **🎄 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 Christmas postbox outside the office until Wednesday 17th. The full name and class of the recipient must be on the envelope. The cards will be sorted and distributed Thursday 18th December to take home.

## What to look forward to

### 3.15 Club Christmas Specials – December Events

Get ready for a festive season full of creativity and fun! Here's what's happening at the 3.15 Club:

#### Create a Santa Plate and Bowl

Design your own festive platter and bowls using ceramic pens.

Dates:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
(Come to one or both sessions!)

#### Christmas Party

Celebrate with games, prizes, and festive cheer!

Date: Wednesday 17th December



### EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 10th December

We are delighted to announce that EYFS and KS1 will be performing their Nativity play, *Knock Knock The Nativity*, at St John's Church on Wednesday, 10th December 2025.

There will be two performances for everyone to enjoy:

- 1:30pm
- 5:30pm

The children have been working incredibly hard practising their songs and lines, and they can't wait to share this special performance with you all.

To help us plan seating, please let us know how many seats you would like by completing the form below:

 <https://forms.office.com/e/Wv50x3y9KL>

### Nativity Refreshments

Before the 5:30pm Nativity, FOSS will be selling:

- ★ Mince pies & other sweet treats
- ★ Hot drinks
- ★ Raffle tickets

Please support us in raising funds for school resources. Cash and cards accepted.

### Donations Needed for the Christmas Raffle

As always, FOSS will be raffling off the school Christmas tree  !

We also need smaller prizes for the raffle.

Please leave any donations with the office from Monday.

### Snuggle Up for 3.15 Club Film Night!

 Date: Thursday 11th December

 Time: 3:15 PM – 5:30 PM

 Booking: Through Arbor- Afterschool club

 Film: The Nativity & The Grinch

Get ready for a cozy evening of movies, munchies, and fun!

We've got three fantastic films lined up for you to choose from, plus delicious pizza and ice cream to enjoy while you watch.

What to bring:

- ✓ Your favourite pyjamas
- ✓ A cushion to snuggle up with
- ✓ Your big smile for a night of fun!

Book by Friday 5th November so we can make sure there's plenty of food for everyone.

Not a movie fan? No problem! We'll have a quiet activity area for children who prefer something different.

Don't miss out—grab your spot today and join us for the ultimate cozy film night!

### **Rocksteady Performance – Friday, 12th December at 9:10 AM**

We are excited to invite you to the upcoming Rocksteady Performance on Friday, 12th December at 9:10 AM. We have negotiated this being a little earlier so that you don't have too much time hanging about.

To give us an idea of numbers, please complete the form below with how many seats you would like: [Rocksteady Performance – Fill in form](#)

### **Piano Concert – Updated Date & Time**

We would like to extend our apologies for the change of date for the upcoming Piano Concert. The new date and time is **Thursday, 18th December at 2:30 PM**. This change is unavoidable and we can assure you that we do everything we can to avoid this.

To give us an idea of numbers, please complete the form below with how many seats you would like: [Piano Concert – Fill in form](#)

We look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon of beautiful music and festive cheer.

### **Menu Change – Thursday 18th December**

On Thursday, 18th December, join us for a special festive menu featuring Roast Turkey & Trimmings or a Roasted Veg Sleigh (vegetarian option), both served with crispy roasted potatoes, a Christmas medley of seasonal vegetables, and finished with a delicious Christmas cookie —a perfect way to celebrate the season!

### **School Disco – Save the Date!**

Thursday 18th December | 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | In the Church

Get ready to sparkle! Come dressed as sparky and Christmassy as you dare for an evening of festive fun.

Food available to buy:

- Hot dogs
- Pizza
- Chips

Poster and full details coming soon – mark your calendars!

## School Information

### **Did You Know?**

You can pay for wraparound care through a Tax-Free Childcare account!

This government scheme helps with childcare costs by giving you up to £500 every 3 months (that's up to £2,000 a year) for each child.

Here's how it works:

- You set up an online childcare account for your child.
- For every £8 you pay in, the government adds £2.
- You can then use this balance to pay your childcare provider.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

### **Exciting News: Afterschool Club Now Open to 3-Year-Olds!**

We are delighted to announce that our Afterschool Club is now being extended to include children aged 3 years. This is a fantastic opportunity for our youngest learners to enjoy fun activities in a safe and caring environment after the school day.

Key Details:

- Cost: £8 (same as Afterschool Club)
- Places: Limited – please book early to avoid disappointment
- Activities: Age-appropriate play, crafts, and relaxation time

This extension means families can enjoy greater flexibility while ensuring their children are happy, engaged, and well cared for.

## **Online Safety**

With the technology market ever growing, many children will be unwrapping new devices this Christmas, including virtual reality headsets, smartphones, tablets, gaming consoles and more, What's the best way to keep children safe online with their new Christmas tech gifts?

- A. Hand the new device to the dog
- B. Switch it on and hope for the best
- C. Set up Devices together and talk about online safety.

While these gifts offer exciting opportunities and the possibilities of entering new worlds, they can also bring about new risks. So, if your dog isn't up to much when it comes to online safety, here are some key tips and resources to help keep children safe online:

- Set up Devices Together; Explore privacy settings, parental controls, and safe search options with your child.
- Learn Together: Your child may know more than you do about the online world so let them teach you what they know.
- Talk about Online Safety: Discuss online behaviour, cyberbullying and what to do if something worries them.

Use Trusted Resources:

- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Bullying | Get help and advice | Young Minds](#)
- [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\) Report Online Images](#)
- [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\) Online Safety](#)
- [Resources for 3-11s - UK Safer Internet Cent](#)
- [Safety Cards - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)
- [Safeguarding Children - Get Safe Online](#)

Most Importantly stay involved and encourage children to share their online experiences, good and bad, and reassure them they can come to you with any concerns.

### **Out-of-School Achievements**

We'd love to celebrate your child's successes outside school!

 Please send photos and details to: [admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk)

 **Safeguarding Information**  
**North Yorkshire Children's Social Care**  
 **0300 131 2 131 |**  [social.care@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:social.care@northyorks.gov.uk)

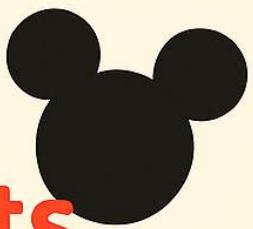
**Police (non-emergency): 0845 60 60 247**

**Referrals:** Use the [universal referral form](#) or call the Customer Resolution Centre on: **0300 131 2131.**

**Concerns about a professional?**  
Contact the Duty LADO within 24 hours: **01609 533080**



# 3:15 Club Theme Nights



Thur 8th Jan  
Junk Modelling



Mon 12th Jan  
Disney Night



Thur 22nd Jan  
Just Dance



Mon 26th Jan  
LEGO

Thur 5th Feb  
Story Writing & Follow  
Along Drawings

Mon 9th Feb Pizza Night

For bookings please book on Arbor - Afterschool

**Hot dogs**

**Pizza**

**Chips**

**Snacks**



# **CHRISTMAS**

A stylized disco ball text spelling out "CHRISTMAS" with the word "DISCO" below it. The text is in a bold, yellow, disco-ball-like font with red stars.

Parents are responsible for their children during the disco. Children who attend should be inside the church hall, not in the graveyard or in the pulpit.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE  
**GREEN CHRISTMAS FAIR**



SATURDAY  
6th  
DECEMBER  
4pm - 8pm

RECYCLED DECORATIONS

★ DONATE, BRING & BUY  
THRIFTY GIFTS

◆ HANDMADE CRAFTS  
& CARDS

■ ECO GIFTS



■ GIFTWRAP GIFT BAGS

◆ COLOURING CALM  
FOR ALL AGES

Contact Caroline: 07939 809613

mulled wine coffee hot chocolate mince pies



St. John's Church  
Sharow Sun  
7pm 4th  
Jan

SAME DIFFERENCE ARTS PRESENTS

**JACK**  
AND THE  
**BEANSTALK**

*The Christmas Show*

REACH NEW HEIGHTS OF  
FESTIVE FUN THIS CHRISTMAS

£5 children  
£10 adults





# **Sinbad & His Eighth Voyage**



**Ripon Arts Hub - HG4 1LQ**

**23rd to 31st January 2026**

**Evenings start at 7.30pm & Matinees start at 2pm**

**Tickets: Adults £10 - Concessions £8**

**Purchase online at:**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/ripon](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ripon) - charity - pantomime - group**

**Or email us at [rcpgpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:rcpgpublicity@gmail.com) or scan the QR code.**

**Proceeds donated to local good causes & charities.**

**Don't miss out!**