



## Weekly Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Diary dates

10<sup>th</sup> January

16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

20<sup>th</sup> January

21st January- 5:30pm

Uniform Giveaway

School Disco

World Religion Day Learning together afternoon RE

Parents Reading Meeting



### Opera for the People

Singing for 'the people' wherever I go. This is what Nicola Mills says she does and she certainly did that today. We sang; we clapped; we danced and laughed.

Nicola brought her operatic mix of songs into school, telling stories and sharing experiences to brighten our day – ending our week on a high. [Nicola Mills | Opera For The People](#)

### Parent and Carer Tours

We often have visitors to school and love to show them around. They frequently comment about the calm atmosphere, polite children, and productivity. We have come to realise that you only visit when things are much busier, exciting, or unusual, and therefore, we'd like to invite you to book a school tour.

Your tour will be conducted by some of our year 5 and 6 children and can be booked through the school office. Please either phone or email Mrs Elcombe to arrange.

### **Cross Country**

Next week's cross-country event has been cancelled by the organisers as the weather is meant to get warmer next week which means that the pitch will become waterlogged. We are hoping the event does get rearranged.

### **Forest School.**

It is Years 3&4s turn for Forest School this half term. It will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. 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.

### **School Lunch Menu**

The school lunch menu will be staying the same as before Christmas, please look out in February for the new menu.

[School Meals - Sharow CofE Primary School](#)

There will be a change to the menu next week.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January- Meatballs in Tomato sauce and Flapjack for pudding

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Best British Menu- Chicken pie or Cheese & bean Pasty with Mashed Potato & Vegetables and Syrup sponge and custard for pudding.

### **Uniform Giveaway**

The uniform Giveaway which was meant to be on today 10<sup>th</sup> January has been postponed due to the weather, we will get another date in the dairy soon for another one.

### **Positive Regard Specialist Leaders**

Pleased to announce that Mrs Palmer and Mrs Curzon have complete the Positive Regard Specialist Leader training. This brings a wealth of knowledge to the staff team and allows us to also support other schools on their journey. Mrs Curzon is leading our current journey in behaviour and culture and will soon be inviting you into school to share our vision, the work we are doing and how you can support along the way.

### **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.

### **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](http://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.

### **Viewing films safely**

Over the next few weeks, children from year 1 to year 6 will be exploring film ratings and safety with the help of a representative from the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC).

Many parents have concerns or questions about whether films their children can watch on the internet have age ratings. Here the BBFC answer the questions they get asked the most frequently about finding films with BBFC age ratings online. [Viewing films safely online | CBBFC](#)

### **Screens in the Earliest Years - LGfL**

We know that the early years is a time of phenomenal growth. Children are like sponges, soaking up stimuli around them and developing knowledge and new skills at an incredible rate. It is also a period that has a significant impact on the rest of an individual's life, with the foundations being laid for lifelong habits. Therefore, as parents and professionals we must think carefully about the input children receive in the early years, and more so than ever before, consider the role that online activity plays. The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has an article over on their site, examining the issue. If interested, please click the link below:

<https://safeblog.lgfl.net/screensinearliestyears>

### **Our star cleaner**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Musgrove, the school cleaner, has successfully been shortlisted in the NYES Catering, Cleaning & Caretaking Awards for the Above & Beyond Award. Wishing her good luck when they take place in February.

### **Ofsted Inspection**

The last Ofsted inspection of Sharow school was in February 2023 and we are therefore due another inspection this academic year. This will be a welcome opportunity for us to demonstrate the progress we have made and celebrate the strengths of the school.

Notice of an inspection is normally only one day. With this in mind, we would like to give you as much information as we can while you have the time to take it in and ask any questions. Please follow this link for information provided for parents by Ofsted. [School inspections: a guide for parents - GOV.UK](#)

### **Out of School Achievements**

Lola has achieved her Rainbow Distance 5 Meters in Swimming. Congratulations Lola.

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](mailto:admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **School Disco**

This will be held in the church on Thursday 16th January 5-7pm.

## Community Notices

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

**£4**

# DISCO

**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.