



## Weekly Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Diary dates

10 <sup>th</sup> November	All Years	Odd Sock Day
14 <sup>th</sup> November	All Years	Children In Need
17 <sup>th</sup> November	All Years	Learning Together Morning 9-9.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> November	All Years	Parents Forum 6-7
4 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Primary Robins singing performance
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1	Nativity 1.30pm and 5.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	RockSteady Performance
12 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Uniform Giveaway
15 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Carols around the tree
17 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Christmas Service 2:15pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	Christmas Jumper day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	All Years	3.15 school closes for Christmas

### 🏈 Football Festival 🏈

This week, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Football Festival hosted at Outwood Academy in Ripon. The event was filled with energy, teamwork, and plenty of smiles as our children showcased their skills and sportsmanship on the pitch.

### 🌹 Crosses in the Cemetery 🌹

Today, we gathered in the churchyard to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who gave their lives in service to our country. Each cross laid upon their graves stands as a symbol of remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices they made so that we may live in peace.

This quiet act of respect reminds us of the importance of remembering those who fought for freedom. As the autumn leaves fell gently around us, the sight of the crosses served as a poignant reminder that their courage and dedication will never be forgotten.



### 🧦 Odd Sock Day 🧦

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This fun event is a great way to celebrate that we are all unique and to promote kindness and respect for everyone.

We invite all children to come to school wearing odd socks on the day. It's a simple but powerful reminder that being different is something to be proud of!

### 🌸 Poppy Appeal 🌸

We are proud to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies will be available in school for children and families who wish to make a donation. This important appeal helps us remember those who have served and sacrificed, while supporting veterans and their families today.

Thank you for your generosity and for joining us in honouring this tradition of remembrance

### 🌟 Celebrating Positive Noticing Day at Sharow 🌟

On Wednesday 12th November, Sharow School will be joining hundreds of schools across the UK in celebrating Positive Noticing Day—a powerful initiative designed to uplift, encourage, and build stronger relationships through the simple act of noticing and acknowledging positive behaviour.

What is Positive Noticing Day?

Started by behaviour expert Paul Dix, Positive Noticing Day is all about catching children (and adults!) doing the right thing and marking it with a meaningful, positive acknowledgement. It's not just about being nice—it's about being deliberate, reflective, and kind. The impact is immediate and long-lasting, helping to build self-esteem, confidence, and a culture of kindness.

How We're Taking Part

Everyone will receive a positive label—a small tag with a handwritten message celebrating something wonderful about them. These labels can be tied to bags, clothing or kept privately. Pupils will also be encouraged to positively notice their peers, sharing kind observations that highlight strengths, efforts, and character.

#### **Get Involved at Home**

Families can take part by creating their own “pride patch” at home—sharing positive labels with each other and displaying them on the fridge, in a frame, or wherever they'll be seen and remembered.

To learn more and access resources, visit the official Positive Noticing Day website:

👉 [HOME ADULTS | Positive Noticing](#)

Let's make kindness visible and celebrate the best in each other—because what we notice, grows.

### 👯 Children in Need: Strictly 25 Step Dance Challenge 👯

Next week, Sharow School will be stepping into the spotlight to support BBC Children in Need with a glittering twist—by taking part in the Strictly 25 Step Dance Challenge!

Throughout the week, pupils will learn five dazzling dance moves each day, guided by professional dancers from *Strictly Come Dancing*. By Friday, they'll have mastered a full 25-step cha-cha-cha routine to perform with pride!

Want to practice at home?

You can join in the fun and follow along with the daily tutorial videos here:

👉 [Strictly 25 Step Dance Challenge – BBC Children in Need \[positiveno...ingday.com\]](#)

Friday Finale – Dress to Impress!

To celebrate the end of the challenge and raise awareness for Children in Need, pupils are invited to come to school on Friday dressed in their best Strictly-inspired outfits—think sequins, sparkle, and showbiz flair!

Collection for Children in Need

We will also be holding a collection on Friday to support this wonderful cause. Any donations—big or small—will help make a real difference to children and young people across the UK.

Let's dance, dress up, and make a difference together. Every step counts!

### 🧺 Can You Help Our Little Explorers? 🧺

Our EYFS children love learning outdoors in all kinds of weather—but to keep them warm and dry, we need your help!

We are making a plea for puddle suits in sizes 3–4 and 5–6 years. If you have any used puddle suits at home that your children have outgrown, or if you would like to donate new ones, we would be so grateful.

We are also looking for wellies in sizes 11, 12, 13, 1, and 2. These will help our youngest learners enjoy outdoor play safely and comfortably, whatever the weather brings.

Your donations will make a big difference to our children's experiences. Thank you for supporting our outdoor learning adventures!

### **Forest School – Can you help with just one session?**

We're excited to announce that Forest School will be starting next for our Year 5 and 6 children! Please ensure they come dressed in their Forest School attire on Tuesday 4th, ready for outdoor learning and adventure.

These sessions will run until we break up for Christmas, giving children plenty of time to explore, discover, and enjoy nature.

We warmly welcome any parents, carers, or grandparents who would like to volunteer during these sessions. Your support makes a big difference, and we'd love to have you join in the fun!

### **Free School Uniform – Available All Year Round**

We know how quickly children grow and how important it is to feel comfortable and confident at school. That's why we hold uniform giveaways each term to help families access what they need.

If you find yourself needing something in between those times, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We hold a small stock of uniform items — mainly Sharow-branded jumpers and cardigans — which are available throughout the year.

Just contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.

### **Significantly Damaged or Not Returned Book Policy**

At Sharow School, our vision is to flourish together, and our rules remind us to be ready and respectful in everything we do. This includes how we care for our reading books.

Reading books are an important part of your child's learning journey, and we make a substantial investment to ensure every child has access to high-quality texts both at home and in school.

To keep this programme sustainable, we have a policy for books that are lost, not returned, or damaged.

Charge for lost or damaged books: £5 per book

This is not intended as a punishment but to replace books so all children can continue to enjoy reading.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey and helping us flourish together by being ready and respectful with our shared

### **Mayor's Christmas Card Competition**

The Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, David Skaith, invites pupils to take part in his Christmas Card Competition!

Theme:

*"Your Favourite Place in York and North Yorkshire at Christmas"*

How to Enter:

- Design on A4 paper using any materials.
- Include name, age, school, and a short explanation on the back.
- Hand in to the school office by Wednesday 12th November.

Deadline: Friday 14th November

The winning design will appear on the Mayor's official Christmas card, and winners will receive a certificate and an invitation to meet the Mayor in York.

Let's get creative and show what makes our region magical at Christmas!

### ✿ **New SENDIASS Information Pack Available** ✿

We're pleased to share that a new **SENDIASS Information Pack** is now available to support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service) offers free, confidential, and impartial advice to parents, carers, and young people. The updated pack includes clear guidance on:

- Understanding SEND support in schools
- Navigating the EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) process
- Preparing for meetings and reviews
- Knowing your rights and options

This resource is designed to empower families with practical tools and information to help them feel confident and informed.

If you would like a copy of the pack or support accessing SENDIASS services, please contact the school office or visit the SENDIASS website.

### 🌟 **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**





Dear Parents/Carers

## **WOOHOO... MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!**

### **WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?**

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Power for Good'.

### **WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?**

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



**MONDAY  
10TH NOVEMBER**

### **WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?**

It's so easy! ☺ Here's what you do:

- 1.** Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.
- 2.** Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.
- 3.** If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Power for Good' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.

### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Monday 10th November ... If you have any questions please ask:



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RIPON CITY BAND PRESENTS

# THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

**Holy Trinity Church, Ripon, HG4 2EY**  
**Sunday 23rd November, 3pm**

*Join us for an afternoon of fun with lots  
of singing and dancing to your favourite  
Disney songs. Dressing up is not  
mandatory but encouraged!*

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE**

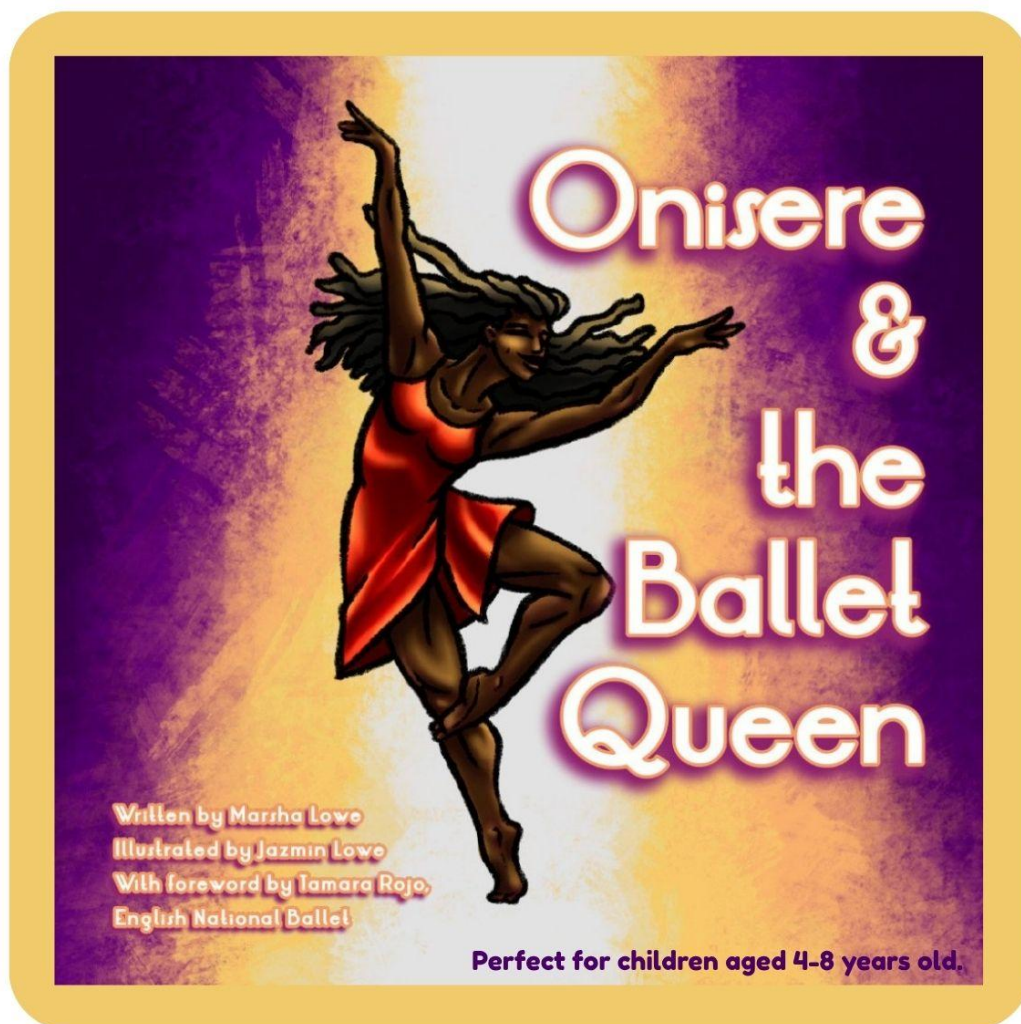


**Ticket Prices:**  
£12 adult  
£8 child (under 8's free)  
£10 concessions  
+ booking fee  
Including Tea and Cakes

[www.riponcityband.co.uk](http://www.riponcityband.co.uk)







**Join us for a fun filled session of dance and storytelling to find out more about the Black dancers who blazed a trail through ballet!**



**Ripon Library**



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**



**4pm - 5pm**

**Booking essential**

**01609 536623 | [ripon.library@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:ripon.library@northyorks.gov.uk)**