



Newsletter 11

Monday 3rd March 2025

Welcome to the eleventh newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 17th March).



In two weeks, beginning on Monday, 17th March, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, organisations, and others around the world with the opportunity to recognise the many skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

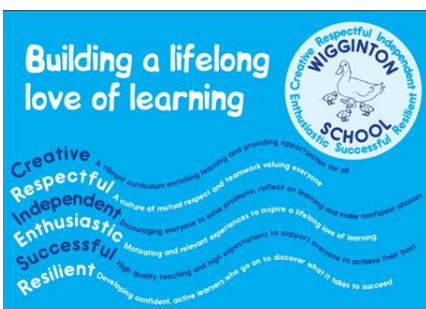
During this week, pupils will be learning more about neurodiversity, trialing tools and strategies that support different ways of learning and celebrating everyone's uniqueness!

Team Points for Spring 1

Yorvik	Ouse
211	197
Rowntree	Minster
178	196

Congratulations to Yorvik, who were last half term's winners! That means that all members of Yorvik (the yellow team) are able to wear **non-uniform THIS WEDNESDAY 5th March.**

School Values



This half term we are focusing on **resilience**. Adults in school will be rewarding children with stickers whenever a child demonstrates progress with independence. Children are given a team point for each sticker. Throughout the year, there are stickers for each school value - get collecting!

Is being online affecting our children's mental health?

There are many positives to being online, but we do need to be aware of the negative aspects including those that may impact our children's mental health and wellbeing, for example:



- Social media (spending too much time on social media, comparing ourselves to others, filtered images and desire to achieve likes).
- Cyberbullying
- Seeing inappropriate content
- Constantly connected/information overload
- Excessive screentime
- Negative impact on our sleep

Do you limit screen time for your child/ren? Are there safe settings on devices? Are they old enough to have access to these devices/apps?

Further information:

Childnet discusses digital wellbeing in more detail and includes top tips and conversation starters:



<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/digital-wellbeing/>

The **NSPCC** provides further information about mental health including signs to lookout for and how to get further support:



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrensmentalhealth/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

X Factor at Wigginton Primary School

Are you following us on X (formally known as Twitter)? We share updates of learning and celebrate the amazing things happening in school.

Find us at @wiggiprimary (Link: <https://twitter.com/wiggiprimary>)



If you haven't yet given permission for your child's photo to be used and you would like to, please contact the school office to update your preferences. **Please note that this will not be our primary form of communication - our fortnightly newsletters will continue to contain all the key information for school.**

Building a Lifelong Love of Learning

A huge thank you to 'Smiths of York - Painters and Decorators' for donating our brand new school banner. It looks fantastic. See if you can spot it along the side of the school field.

SMITHS of YORK
PAINTERS & DECORATORS
EST. 2012



Lunchtimes Update



We have added more planks to our loose parts resources and have had a whole school assembly on using these safely and sharing creative ideas for ways to use them.

Thank you for the donations we have received after the appeal in the last lunchtimes update in January. For the next couple of weeks we are having a **whole school OPAL bingo competition** with every class working together to bring resources in to use at lunchtimes! Each class has a bingo sheet with 12 items on it and, as items are brought in to school, these are ticked off. The class that brings the most items in by **Friday 14th March** will get an extra playtime to enjoy all the lovely new items! The bingo sheets are below and have also been shared with you via Tapestry or Seesaw. Some of the items are more 'challenging' to find than others but every single thing on the bingo cards would be extremely well loved, used and appreciated! For any queries or help with dropping items off please email l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk

OPAL Bingo

EYFS/Key Stage 1

<p>Pool noodles</p>	<p>Hula hoops</p>	<p>Ribbons</p>	<p>Small world items</p>
<p>Ride on car</p>	<p>Wheel barrow</p>	<p>Toy food</p>	<p>Camping equipment</p>
<p>Action figures</p>	<p>Large rocks /boulders</p>	<p>Shower heads</p>	<p>Spades</p>



Many congratulations to our
WIGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
2025 Spelling Bee winners.

Well done also to all the children that participated. We are so proud of all the children for how hard they worked on this.



Y3 Class Update

Launch Day- Lotions & Potions

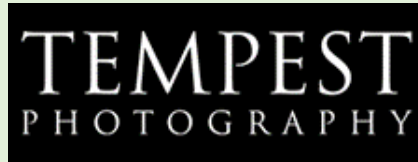
Year 3 had lots of fun on Launch Day creating mysterious (and messy) potions!



Visit to a Local Care Home

Year 3 visited our friends at Rosevale Care Home last month. We sang songs, shared stories and ate lots of biscuits!





Tempest Photography are visiting school on the morning of Tuesday 4th March to take individual & siblings photos (please note this is only for those siblings who attend Wigginton Primary School). Please ensure all children are in full school uniform as there will be no PE on this day. We expect proofs of the photos will be sent home with pupils by the end of that week.

Parents Consultation Evenings

Don't forget to book an appointment for your **Parent/Carer consultation**- all parents/ carers who are the priority 1 contact for each pupil should have received an email with details of how to book on Wednesday 26th February. Please see Newsletter 10 for more details.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE DALES 2025

Monday 16th June to Wednesday 18th June 2025- Year 6 pupils

Monday 23rd June to Wednesday 25th June 2025- Year 5 pupils

Parents/ Carers of pupils in Year 5 & Year 6

Please remember, for any child attending this residential, the final balance is due by 31st March 2025. Details can be found here:

<https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/y56-dales-residential-june-2025/>



DON'T FORGET..... We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 6 March.**

Please come into school dressed as a book character or in non-uniform to enjoy a wonderful, exciting day filled with reading and books!

The day will be an opportunity for us to read different books and complete a range of tasks based around these books. Also, you will be working with different people from all year groups and with different teachers so it is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.



Hutchison
CATERING



Our catering team will also be taking part by cooking a very special school dinner menu especially for World Book Day. Details can be found on the attached flyer at the end of the newsletter. This replaces the normal school dinner menu on that day, although sandwiches and jacket potatoes will still be an option on the day.

There is no need for pupils to prebook and they will need to let their teacher know their dinner choice, as normal, at registration time. We hope pupils will join us.

Mr Peacock and Miss Delamere



PTA

PTA NEWS

It's World Book Day on Thursday and we are inviting all pupils to extend the fun of the day but coming to the PTA film night in the evening at school. It's a £3 voluntary donation and a drink and biscuit will be provided. See the school website for the information letter: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/other-whole-school-letters/> Children are welcome to come in their costumes or regular clothes. We hope to see lots of the children there.

At the end of term, we will be having a treats fundraiser. More to follow on this closer to the end of term.

At the last PTA meeting it was straight into planning mode for the summer fair. This year it will be held on the 14th June. It's never too early to start saving empty or full jars for our tombola - last year was a sell out!

The raffle is always a great fundraiser at this event and a huge part of that is down to the great prizes we get donated from parents and the wider community. If you can donate a prize to our raffle, please get in contact with the PTA. We are looking for vouchers, experiences and physical prizes. Thankyou!

pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/WiggintonPrimaryPTA/>



The **Reception class** are currently in the process of improving their outside space. We would very much like to get some new resources for the children and wondered if anyone can help?

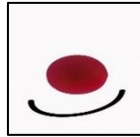
- *Small wooden cable drums to be used in a seating area*
- *An old microwave*
- *Wooden planks*
- *Jerry cans*
- *Camping chairs/deckchairs*
- *Paint brushes and rollers*
- *Old tyres*

We Need Your Help





Red nose day is back! The day is Friday 21st March.



Children can wear fancy dress, Red Nose Day merchandise and/or non-uniform. It can be anything you want as long as it's safe and sensible – especially for playtimes.

If you do choose to wear non-uniform or fancy dress, you will be able to donate via ParentPay (suggested amount is £1.00 but please feel free to donate more if you can). More details and a link to donate will be sent to parents/ carers nearer the actual day.

Remember every penny helps!

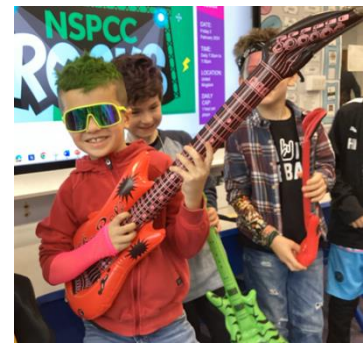
James Martin and Aoife Holroyd

Year 6 School Councillors

We had great fun celebrating NSPCC Number Day in school raising funds for , with some great outfits from pupils in UKS2!



NSPCC



We have been asked to share with/remind parents & carers that **The Wonder Years** is closed on Friday 7th March all day.

York Literature Festival

Joseph Rowntree School and York Literature Festival are delighted to invite teachers, parents, carers and pupils of our partner primary schools to two amazing events at Joseph Rowntree School.

On Thursday 20th March keen writers and fans of superhero films can participate in a writing workshop with the writer Helen Comerford in a 'How to Build a Superhero'. This opportunity is completely free but there are limited tickets which need to be booked via <https://www.yorktheatroyal.co.uk/show/how-to-build-a-superhero/>

On Friday 14th March at 6pm the Carnegie Award winning author, David Almond, will be talking about his latest books PUPPET, The Falling Boy and Kevin and the Blackbirds, as well as his other work. In what will be an inspirational event, David Almond will talk about his life, his writing career and provide insight into his own creative process. He'll also be answering questions from the audience. This events costs £10 for adults and £5 for under 12s via <https://www.yorktheatroyal.co.uk/show/david-almond/>



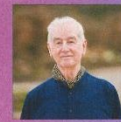
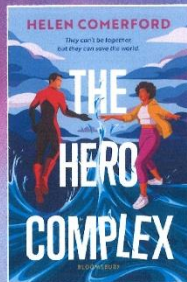
Thursday March 20th 2025 - 4.30pm

How to Build a Superhero: A Writing Workshop with Helen Comerford

Join Marvel-nut Helen Comerford for an interactive session where participants will write their own superhero. The workshop will include; research, analysis, creative writing, and even some drawing. Helen will break down her process for creating characters, share a sneak peek of her new novel, and give participants the tools to create characters **in any genre**.

Book a free ticket here :

<https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/how-to-build-a-superhero/>

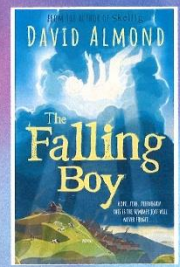
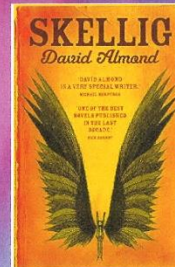
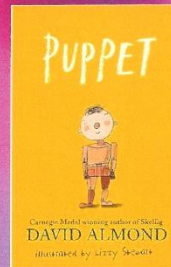


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Cost £10 for adults and £5 for under 12

<https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/david-almond/>



GUITAR LESSONS

Wigginton Primary School

Guitar lessons available at Wigginton Primary School.

Andrew offers fun and structured lessons ideal for beginners and improving players.

Classical - Acoustic - Electric

With over 20 years as a professional guitarist, Andrew provides a wholesome musical learning experience based around guitar playing - including reading music, learning songs and playing in a group.

Start your child's guitar playing journey today!

Music exams available

Price - One-to-one £15 for 30 mins

Group lessons £10 for 30 mins

Contact - Andrew Clegg (Bmus)

andrewcleggguitar@gmail.com

07729 292962

andrewcleggguitar.co.uk

Enhanced DBS checked



Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?	
Tues	4 Mar	AM only	Individual and Siblings Photos		
Thurs	6 Mar	5:30 to 7:15pm	PTA Film Night	Other Whole School Letters	
Thurs	6 Mar	All day	World Book Day	Newsletter 10	
Fri	7 Mar	All Day	THE WONDER YEARS IS CLOSED ALL DAY		
Tues	18 Mar	3.30 to 6.30pm	Parent Consultations	Newsletter 10	
Thurs	20 Mar	3.30 to 5pm	Parent Consultations	Newsletter 10	
Fri	21 Mar	All day	Comic Relief	Newsletter 10 & more details to follow	
Tues	25 Mar	All day	Y1/2 Trip to the National Railway Museum	Class Pages	
Fri	4 Apr	All day	Y4/5 Trip to Jorvik/ The DIG/ Barley Hall	To follow	
Fri	4 Apr	School closes at normal time for Easter holidays			
Tues	22 April	School opens to pupils for Summer 1 2025 Term			
Mon-Wed	16 to 18 Jun	Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 6 pupils		https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/	
Mon-Wed	23 to 25 Jun	Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 5 pupils		https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/	
Mon-Wed	22 to 24 Sept	Y6 Kingswood Residential https://..year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/			

Going to school **every day** can help your child experience new things.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



THE FOOD EXPLORERS

WORLD BOOK DAY

Join us for... Tall tales and tasty treats with our storybook inspired menu!

Did you know...
The Harry Potter books were the first children's books on the New York Times Bestseller list since E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web* in 1952.

Golden Bookmark

THE FOOD EXPLORERS

WORLD BOOK DAY

Be sure to join us on Thursday 6th March for lunch inspired by some of our favourite books!

Choose from...

Harry Potter's Golden Snitches
Battered chicken chunks
or
Wizard of Oz Cheese Wands
Cheese twists

with
Supertato Wedges & Evil Peas

Followed by
Willy Wonka's Chocolate Brownie
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurts

RACE NIGHT

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FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
WIGGINTON SQUASH CLUB
1ST RACE 20:00

ADULT TICKET
£5

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£3

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UK Health
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Agency

Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO



Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



DON'T



Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

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