



# Newsletter 8

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Welcome to the eighth newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 27 January).

## A message from the Headteacher.....




Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday, and that you enjoyed the Christmas performances. The children did so well and it was great to see such talent on show! Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in creating these.

The children have returned enthusiastically and we are looking forward to a new half term full of exciting topics and developing more talents.



## School Values

Building a lifelong love of learning



**Creative** A varied curriculum enabling learning and providing opportunities for all

**Respectful** A culture of mutual respect and teamwork valuing everyone

**Independent** Encouraging pupils to solve problems, reflect on learning and make confident choices

**Enthusiastic** Encouraging pupils to make progress, to inspire a lifelong love of learning

**Successful** Setting and meeting high expectations, to support everyone to achieve their best

**Resilient** High quality teaching and high expectations, to support everyone to achieve their best

This half term we are focusing on **independence**. 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!

## Year 3s Exploring York

In December, Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Clifford's Tower and the Castle Museum in York. It was a fantastic way to end our fascinating local history topic. We even got an unexpected visit from Saint Nicholas!



### 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 @wiggprimary (Link: <https://twitter.com/wiggprimary> )



**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.**

## Spellingframe

Congratulations to our November SpellingFrame winners!



## Family Favourites Session

The Year 1/2 history topic this half term involves comparing old and new toys and in particular looking at how toys have changed within the family's living memory.

In order to do this well, the children need to see and experience toys from the past. We would therefore like to hold a special **'Family Favourites' sharing session**. Parents, grandparents and great grandparents (including from other year groups) are invited to bring in their old toys or games (the older the better!) to share with the children on **Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 1.15pm**. Relatives would talk to small groups of children about the item that they have brought in, explaining how it was played with, what it is made from and how they got it or why it was special. They would then join in with helping the children to create labels and an information board for the toy to display it in our own class 'Toy Museum' that other children from school would visit as the finale of our afternoon.

We are really hoping that we can make this a fun and memorable learning experience for the children. Please fill in the google form if you are able to come in and bring a toy/game to share with the children in Year 1 and 2. Thank you.

Google form link: <https://forms.gle/FamilyFavouriteSessionHelp>

Thank you!

KS1 team

## Maintained Schools Collaboration

As we have reached halfway through my time supporting Dringhouses Primary School, I thought it would be a good point to share some of the benefits so far.

We have been able to share resources between schools, from educational resources to Santa hats for Christmas dinner! Some staff have had the opportunity to work together and share good practice across both schools. We have benefitted from support with writing assessment before Local Authority moderation. As a city, we are already working closely together, with meetings for subject leaders each term. Both Wigginton and Dringhouses have been involved in hosting these. Governors for both schools are also meeting termly.

You may have also seen in York Press the article about the maintained schools training day 'Diversity is Our Strength'. Although this wasn't a training day for Wigginton, we had staff from across Wigginton School attend so we can benefit from the sessions. Both schools are also developing our lunchtime play and able to share ideas for playtimes, resources and lunchtime organisation.



I am sure there will continue to be opportunities for collaboration with further shared training, resources and best practice. Being maintained schools gives us the liberty to do this and ensure we are ensuring the best possible educational experience for all our pupils.



Has your child tried our school dinners? Our kitchen staff work so hard, producing a wide range choice for the pupils, and also sandwiches and jacket potatoes each day. Take a look at our menu: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/school-dinners-information-menus/>

### School Clubs- Spring Term

School clubs resume this week. Details of Clubs for Spring 1 2025 term are available in the club section of the school website for details:

<https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/clubs-extra-curricular-activities/>

### Class Newsletters

Class Newsletters for Spring 1 half term have been emailed to parents/ carers and are available on the school website:

<http://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/topic/class-pages>

Please have a look at your child's class page for information on topics/ themes and areas of learning.

### **\*\*NUT FREE SCHOOL\*\***

Please can we ensure that any food brought into school does not contain ANY nut products. This includes hazelnut spreads, confectionary containing nut products and obviously peanut butter. We have children in school who have a nut allergy. Thank you.

### *Cool Milk*

School food standards state that **children of all ages should have easy access to milk each day, should they require it.** Luckily with Cool Milk, this couldn't be easier!

Register your child for school milk. Simply visit [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register) it's super easy and your child can benefit from a nutritious drink of milk to keep them hydrated until lunch.



22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Parents/ Carers of pupils in Year 5- Please complete and return the electronic consent form to indicate whether your child wishes to attend by 9am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. Please also pay the deposit by this time if your child is attending attending. Details can be found here:

<https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/>



### RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE DALES 2025

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025- Year 6 pupils

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Details can be found here:

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

Before the Christmas holidays, we were fortunate to be able to introduce some lovely new resources into our lunchtime play. We now have a sunken trampoline on the field for the children to jump and bounce on, as well as 2 new spinning tops which are proving very popular! In addition to this, plastic barrels are now available as part of our loose parts provision for the children to play and construct with. As ever, the children have had a whole school assembly on using all of these safely and appropriately.



I completed some pupil voice work, too, last term where I spent time in each class talking to the children about what they enjoy playing with at lunchtimes and also if they had any ideas of items we could add to our provision. It was fantastic to hear from the children about how much they enjoy lunchtimes and the enormous range of things they like to play and to play with. They also had some brilliant ideas of things we could add which is where we need your help! A number of the ideas the children came up with are things you may already have so please consider donating any of the below to us if you are getting rid of any of these -

- Barbie items e.g. cars, houses
- Large cardboard tubes (such as carpet roll inners)
- Dressing up clothes including larger sized items
- Old internal doors (with no handles etc.)
- Superhero figures/dolls
- Styling heads
- Little Tikes cars



Do we have any farmers or anyone with farmer friends in our school community? Another larger item we would love to add to our resources is tractor tyres! We have a good number of normal sized tyres but would really benefit from a few larger ones for the children to play with. Please email [l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk](mailto:l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk) if you can help.

To find out more about our OPAL project and all the amazing things the children get up to at lunchtimes (new photos have been added!), check out the OPAL section of the school website - <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/opal-play-project/>

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Ackrel.



Bouncing High!

If you have a small trampoline that you no longer use at home, we can make great use of it in school. Please get in touch.

## SPORTS DESK



Well done & congratulations to our footballers, who before Christmas represented the school in the York football finals.



Having won our local league, our **Y3/4 boys team** played magnificently in the very competitive finals and managed to finish top out of all the York schools. What a tremendous achievement!

Our **Y5/6 boys team** had also won their league and also finished top out of all the York teams! They played superbly and also represented the school brilliantly. They will now go on to represent York City in the regional rounds.

Our **Y5/6 girls team** also played really well and despite not winning the York finals, have been asked to represent York City in the regional rounds too!

**YORK Learning** Learning Skills Employability



York Learning are running a "Keeping Your Family Safe Online" course via zoom on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30 - 8:30pm.

It's a great chance to build confidence and awareness about keeping children safe online. From learning about applying filters on your browser, setting up children's access accounts on streaming services including YouTube, understanding the dangers of children using adults mobile phone or tablets that have one click payment set up and using games consoles to play online games and therefore having contact with unknown people.

Below you will find the link to their website to book a space, only people who have booked their space will be sent an email with the zoom codes to attend.

[https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus\\_CourseOverview?uio\\_id=41486](https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=41486)



FOUNDATION

We are delighted to be offering a fantastic Free Girls Only project for Key Stage 2.

These sessions will run during lunchtime Tuesday years 3/4 and Thursday years 5/6 from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Spring 2) for specific girls. The sessions run for 6 weeks in which the 6th week will be a celebration session in which the children will go over what they have done over the past 5 weeks and then celebrate how far they have come.

The 5-session topic:

- Relationship & Resilience
- Relaxation
- Refuelling
- Reflection
- Recreation

This is a great opportunity for the girls to also link with York City Ladies to be able to grow under the badge with a specific program that is just for girls.

Many thanks,

Mrs Goff, PE Subject Lead



A huge thank you to Aroma of Haxby for donation of books to our Reception class. The children have loved exploring the different texts and listening to the stories during milk time.



**FamilyFirst** The latest edition of FamilyFirst magazine can be found here: <https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue1-25>

**Follow us on X**  
 @wiggiprimary

This is the best place to keep up to date with all things Wigg!

WIGGINGTON SCHOOL

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](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

# Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?	
Fri	7 Feb	All day	NSPCC - Number day	To follow	
Fri	14 Feb	School closes at normal time for the February half term holidays			
Mon	24 Feb	School opens to pupils for Spring 2 2025 Term			
Tues	4 Mar	AM only	Individual and Siblings Photos		
Fri	6 Mar	All day	World Book Day	To follow	
Fri	21 Mar	All day	Comic Relief	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		<a href="https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/</a>	
Mon-Wed	23 to 25 Jun	Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 5 pupils		<a href="https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/</a>	
Mon-Wed	22 to 24 Sept	Y6 Kingswood Residential		<a href="https://...year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/">https://...year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/</a>	

**YorKAOS**  
KIDS' ART EXHIBITION  
February Half Term @ SPARK\*

Are you 5 to 11 years old?  
Do you like creating art?  
Join us at YorKAOS!

1. Create one amazing drawing, painting, collage, computer art, photo or video!
2. Take your art to an explore library at York Centre, Acomb, Clifton or Tang Hall during the last two weeks of January
3. Bring your friends and family to see your amazing art at SPARK\*

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**www.yorkaos.art**

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# GIRLS FOOTBALL

MAKE FRIENDS!



**@PLAYFOOTBALL, ROKO, YORK**

**3 WEEKS FREE!!**



Football sessions every week for girls in Years 3-6 at

Playfootball, Roko, York!!

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

Scan the QR code to book your free taster and for info on times & days

# WEEKLY GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS



**FOR GIRLS AGED 7-11**

Join us every week at PlayFootball, Roko, York, for our weekly girls football sessions! Perfect for girls in Years 3-6 who want to meet new friends, have fun after school, develop their football skills and play lots of matches! Suited for girls of all abilities and from all schools. Join our FA qualified coaches for fun, friendly and brilliant football activities!

**3 WEEKS FREE!!**



Scan the QR code to book your free 3 week taster and for info on times & days

**JOIN OUR FA QUALIFIED COACHES!**



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# LITTLE LEAGUES FOOTBALL



**@PLAYFOOTBALL, ROKO, YORK**

**3 WEEKS FREE!!**



Football match sessions every week for children in Years 1&2 and Years 3&4 at Playfootball, Roko, York!!

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# JOIN OUR WEEKLY MATCHES!!



**SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1&2 AND YEARS 3&4**

Join us every week at PlayFootball, Roko, York, for our Little Leagues sessions. Little Leagues is perfect for children who want to play lots of matches and don't want to do a lot of training! We put you into equal teams at the start of the sessions, you then play other teams during the block competing to win the Little League Trophy! Separate sessions for children in different age groups, play matches against your friends every week!! Open to children from all schools and all clubs!!

**3 WEEKS FREE!!**



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