



Wigginton Primary School



Mr Laycock's Message

Congratulations to Ouse, who were last half term's team point winners! That means that all members of Ouse (the red team) are able to wear non-uniform on TUESDAY 10th March.



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!

We are very proud of the resilience that children develop at Wigginton Primary School. For some children, knowing how to deal with difficult situations can be challenging but we support these children in learning how to deal with emotions, just as we help children to learn in so many other ways.



Individual & sibling photos will take place tomorrow morning. Please send your child in school uniform with a jumper (branded or non-branded) - no PE kit please.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3rd March
Individual & Sibling Photos

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day
3/4FI Pedestrian Training

Friday 6th March
3/4FI Pedestrian Training

Tuesday 10th March
Non-Uniform Day for Ouse

Thursday 12th March
3/4Fr Pedestrian Training

Friday 13th March
3/4Fr Pedestrian Training

Communication

The children have returned brilliantly after a well-needed rest. If you do have concerns, there are a number of ways that you can get in touch:

For brief concerns, you can speak to the Meet and Greet staff on the door in a morning. This will be passed onto the class teacher.

You are also able to contact the teachers through Seesaw (or Tapestry for Early Years). Please bear in mind that teachers are not looking at this 24/7, and may not see messages whilst teaching or out of working hours. However, they will check regularly and this is usually the best way to resolve matters.

You can arrange to meet with staff after school if there is an issue that needs further discussion.

Our Special Educational Needs co-ordinator, Mrs Davies, is carrying out SENCO duties on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For more significant concerns, if matters have not been resolved using the options above, you can contact the school office via phone or email and this will be directed to the relevant person. Please do not try to use social media for this - getting in touch with school will be the best way to resolve things. **Other children's names should certainly not be put on social media without their family's permission.**

For more information, our complaints policy is also available on the school website under policies.

I know that we are all wanting the very best for the children at Wigginton Primary School and by working together, we can achieve this. We are part of an incredibly supportive community and truly value the partnership with families, and the difference it makes.

Free Parent Webinar!

Date/Time: Tuesday 24th March, 8-9 pm

Free Webinar for Parents: What's Really Going on with My Child's Focus and Emotional Regulation? Delivered by Dr Daniel Weisberg, Consultant Clinical Psychologist
[click here](#)

This session, led by Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Daniel Weisberg, will support parents to better understand their children's focus, emotional regulation and behaviour, offering clear psychological insight alongside practical strategies they can implement immediately. Strengthening parents' understanding in this area can help improve consistency between home and school and reduce relational strain around behaviour. Parents will also be invited to submit questions in advance, helping ensure the session reflects the real experiences of families.



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th 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!

A donation of £1.00 can be made on ParentPay. This money will go towards new books to replenish our book stock in school. You can donate up to £5.00 if you would like to.

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.

Nationally accredited by Eiklan and OCN London



We are proud to be accredited as a Communication Friendly Setting after an extensive training and auditing process. This initiative enhances children's speech, language and communication skills by giving staff the knowledge and skills to support children in their development.



Governors' Slot

Teaching and Learning Committee - what is it and what do we do?
Alex Hughes

In Wigginton School governing body we have the main meeting that all governors attend, then a small number of additional committees who can undertake more detailed scrutiny of a topic which is then shared back at main sessions.

I chair the Teaching and Learning Committee, which focuses on (you've guessed it) the teaching and learning that takes place across the school.

I think of this as the absolute core of what any school does - how it makes sure it delivers the highest quality for its pupils and gives them the best possible chance to succeed.

We will scrutinise data relating to overall pupil progress, hear from the headteacher about how staff are doing, and have a slot from a different subject leader each meeting (I love these sessions as they bring to life all the exciting things our children get up to, from sport to science).

Importantly we also hear about how pupils and staff are feeling, where they believe improvements can be made. We will review questionnaires that you kindly complete on behaviour and the school experience, again with a view to targeting improvements.

Our role as governors is to have oversight of the school and provide healthy challenge to the leadership. It is fascinating and gives me a whole new level of respect for the work that is done to give our pupils the best experience at Wigginton Primary.



It's Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March! Children are invited to wear non-uniform with the emphasis on the colour red. Don't worry if you don't own any red clothes! Non-uniform is fine. Children are also welcome to wear Red Nose Day merchandise. Please donate whatever you can via Parent Pay to support this good cause.

Thank you very much

The School Council





We are accepting donations of children's sportswear. This will be redistributed by York City Football Club Foundation to children in need. This can include shinpads, boots, trainers and hoodies. The Changing Room container is in the school reception area.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0
99%	2 days	18 lessons missed
97%	6 days (more than a week!)	54 lessons missed
95%	9 days	81 lessons missed
94%	11 days (more than 2 weeks!)	99 lessons missed
93%	13 days	117 lessons missed
92%	15 days (3 full weeks!)	135 lessons missed
91%	17 days	153 lessons missed
90%	18 days	144 lessons missed
85%	28 days (over 4 weeks!)	252 lessons missed

Reminder

Parental Engagement Questionnaire

Wigginton Primary School values our relationships with the families we work with and we appreciate that working in partnership with parents and carers is the most successful approach to take in educating your children. This year we have decided to pause, take stock and dedicate time to consider relationships between school and parents: what we do well and what we need to improve. We have worked with the City of York Council and the Parent Carer Forum in York to devise a workable plan which will make a difference. Of course we will be asking for your feedback as to what difference the project has made but for now all we need is for you to complete this very quick poll.

Parental Engagement Questionnaire

We will ask you the same questions at the end of the project and we will share with you details of any new developments which arise as a result of this work.



TAPESTRY

Tapestry have an updated app. Please ensure you have updated this on your device.

WIGGINTON PRIMARY PTA

Parents Page



Fantastic fundraising!

The school disco in February raised £400. A huge thankyou to the teachers that gave up their time to help out. A special mention to Mrs Goff and Mr Frank for their DJ skills. Our next disco will be in the second half of Summer term.

Summer Fair

The PTA annual Summer Fair is on Saturday 13 June this year. While this seems a long way off, planning is already underway as it is a mammoth event to organise!

Volunteers

We will need adult helpers on the day to set up, help on stalls and clear up. If you can spare a single hour to run a stall it means we can have everything open for all to enjoy throughout the day. Does your employer allow you time to volunteer for charity or does it have a matched fundraising scheme? For example, many financial/ insurance employers do matched fundraising and it could really boost our totals so it would be worthwhile to find out!

Interested in helping? Please ping an email to the PTA or speak to your class rep to register your interest.

Donations

We welcome any donations for our games stalls. We just ask all food/drink items are in date until at least July 2026.

- Alcohol in bottles or any new filled bottles (sauce/shampoo/soda etc) for the bottle hoopla
- clean jars for the infamous jam jar tombola filled with anything that fits but things like sweets, party bag bits etc. All sweets or chocolate must be wrapped and no nuts.
- any unwanted gifts such as toiletries sets

Donations can be dropped off in school reception.

Sponsors

We are looking for up to two business sponsors for the fair. This helps us offset some of the initial setup costs for refreshments. In return we publish our sponsors regularly on social media, posters, the fair programme and in the school newsletters. Sponsorship is £100.

The summer fair is our main fundraising event for the year for the school and we hope lots of families come down and enjoy the fun!

PTA Facebook pages (general and parents page)

A plea to interact and share our social media posts please. This helps us spread our news to our families and wider community. Social media reach for non profit pages only works with "likes, comments and shares" so please give the posts a thumbs up as and when you see them!



BIG WALK AND WHEEL

16 - 27 March 2026

 Walk Wheel
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We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

Join in by walking,
wheeling, scooting or
cycling to school
between 16 - 27 March.

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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Lunchtimes Update

Thank you to everyone who took part in and contributed to our OPAL non-uniform day on the last Friday before half term. We raised a fantastic £265 which we will use to order some trollies and carts.

As you will hopefully be aware, **OPAL Bingo** is back! This event was a huge success last year with each class (and some staff!) really entering the spirit and even becoming quite competitive! Each class has an OPAL Bingo card with a variety of items on it, all of which would be a fantastic addition to our lunchtime resources. There is a range of items from small to large and from usual to more unusual! The aim is for each class to bring in as many different items from their bingo card as possible with any class who manages a full house or the class who ticks off the most items winning an extra OPAL playtime! OPAL Bingo will run from **Monday 2nd March to Monday 16th March** during which time any items off the bingo card can be brought in to school. For queries about larger items or anything else you think may be useful to us please email l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk.

OPAL Bingo		Key Stage 2	
Pool noodles 	Litter pickers 	Bats/racquets 	Large pipes /tubes 
Body boards 	Board games 	Fancy dress 	Cable reels 
Pedal go-kart 	Felt tips 	Balls (not footballs) 	Spades 

OPAL Bingo		EYFS/Key Stage 1	
Pool noodles 	Hula hoops 	Ribbons 	Fairy garden items 
Didi car 	Board games 	Toy food 	Cable reels 
Tarpaulins 	Water play items 	Pushchairs 	Spades 

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

Applications have recently opened for the 12th series of Junior Bake off, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent!

Filming would take place from July 2026 and we'd love to see a Wigginton pupil or two on the series! We are happy to taste test the practice bakes!



Carter Jonas Estate Agents
Easter Artwork Competition.
Win a Jellycat Bunny
and
£300 for your school!

We're excited to share that this year Carter Jonas Estate Agents will be running an Easter Artwork Competition, inviting primary school children to let their imaginations blossom by drawing or painting a home fit for the Easter Bunny.

The competition will launch on Monday 9 February and will close at midnight on Sunday 29 March, with the winners announced on Tuesday 31 March.

There will be two prizes - one for over-7's and one for under-7's, and each winner will receive a Jellycat bunny and a £300 donation to their school, either for art supplies or to support a fundraising initiative.

We're really looking forward to running this competition and receiving as many entries as possible.

All entries will be displayed on our online gallery.

Please email or post your entries to the address below.

82 Micklegate, York. YO1 6LF

Susan.linfoot@carterjonas.co.uk



Wigginton Primary PTA is appealing for raffle prizes for our Summer Fair!

Can your business offer a product, service, gift, voucher or tickets?

If you are a local business and would like to support our fundraising please get in touch via our Facebook page or send an email to pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com



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Coming Up!

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Details
Tuesday	3 rd March	9am - 12pm	Individual and Sibling Photos	Information
Thursday	5 th March	School Hours	World Book Day	Whole School Letters
Thursday & Friday	5 th & 6 th March	1.10pm-2.40pm	Pedestrian Training 3&4 FI	Year 3/4 Class Page
Monday	9 th March	Morning	Year 3&4 Martial Arts Workshop	Seesaw Message
Monday to Friday	9 th -13 th March	All Week	Science Week	
Tuesday	10 th March	School Hours	Ouse (Red) House Non-Uniform Day	Information
Thursday & Friday	12 th & 13 th March	1.10pm-2.40pm	Pedestrian Training 3&4 Fr	Year 3/4 Class Page
Monday to Friday	16 th -27 th March	All Week	Big Walk & Wheel	Information
Monday to Friday	16 th -20 th March	All Week	Neurodiversity Week	
Tuesday	17 th March	3.30pm - 5pm	Parent Consultation Evening	To Follow
Thursday	19 th March	3.30pm - 7pm	Parent Consultation Evening	To Follow
Monday-Friday	23 rd -27 th March	School Hours	Spelling Bee Finals	Newsletter 10