Wigginton Primary School

A message from the Headteacher……..

We hope that you have all had a lovely half term break. The children returned today refreshed and with their usual enthusiasm!

Today we are launching our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle. We decided to make the change after working with the Yorkshire English Hub, which entitled us to funding to support the transition. Although our phonics attainment has been consistently strong, Little Wandle has a proven record of excellent results, which we feel will benefit more children. During our training day before half term, all staff received training on the new scheme.

Children will still have a daily phonics session in EYFS and Y1, along with any children who have not yet passed phonics screening. They will bring home a book that is familiar to them, which will help them develop confidence and fluency, along with a book for enjoyment, which they will need support with.

More information about Little Wandle and advice for parents can be found here.

Staff Update

Sadly, it was officially Mrs Liversidge's last day before half term. However, she will still be very much involved in school life, including some of our Christmas productions. Going forward, Nina Kumin will be teaching music throughout the school.

Parent Survey

Our parent survey from the end of last academic year was shared in the week before half term. If you missed this, the results can be found here.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3rd Nov
Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 5th Nov
Pupil Flu Vaccines

Friday 13th Nov
Children in Need

Tuesday 24th Nov
Parent Consultations

Thursday 26th Nov
Parent Consultations

Friday 27th Nov
Open afternoon
2027 potential starters



Please note that all nuts and chocolate spreads are not allowed in school due to high risk allergies

Lunchtimes Update

Platinum Award 2026 - 2028

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came to our parent/carer play session at lunchtime on Wednesday 17th October. We were very lucky with the weather and it was wonderful to see the children showing their adults around and to hear all the positive talk about our play offerings. Thank you to to everyone who completed the Google response form. We will offer another play session for parents/carers later in the year.

Here are a few photos from recent lunchtimes and some parent/carer quotes:

'It's amazing for the children to have access to all of the equipment and areas. We're so lucky that our children can play, socialise and learn at lunch times.'







I was blown away by it. The variety of provision and how engaged all the children were. It was also so lovely to see all the different ages playing together. My daughter was so confident and happy playing out there which, considering she's only been at school 6 weeks, is phenomenal. I love how the children are able to manage risk so well.







'What we observed this time around is how much OPAL encourages play between different age groups/year groups which is lovely and so beneficial for learning, development, socialising, and having a holistic school community. It really is a perfect level of organised chaos that the children get so much out of. The lunch time play team that support the OPAL culture also do an excellent job - thank you!'

If you think you have anything else that may be of use, please email l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk

Thank you!

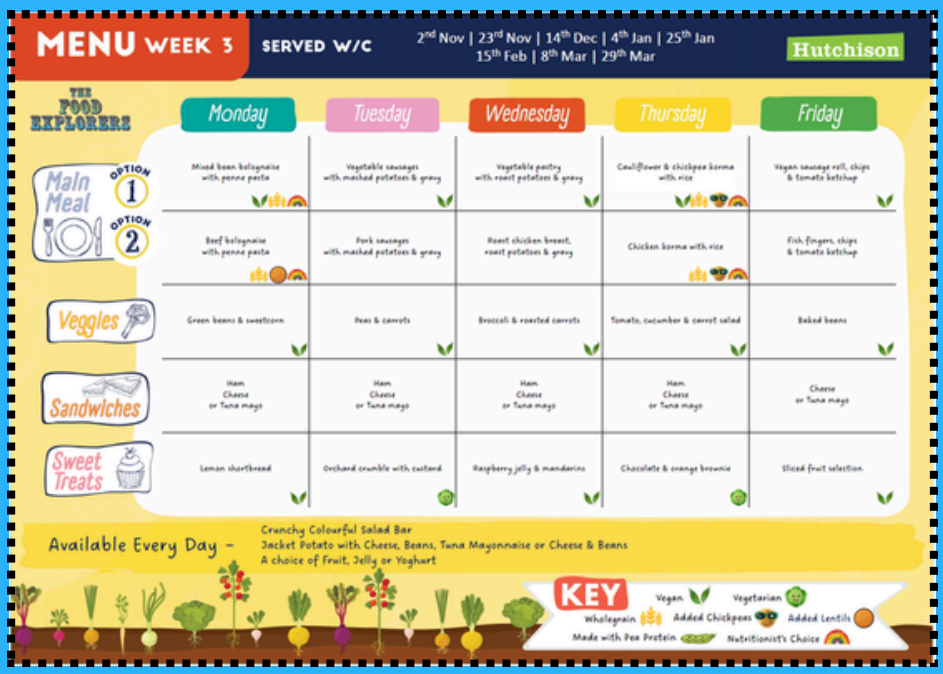
Autumn 2 Lunch Menu

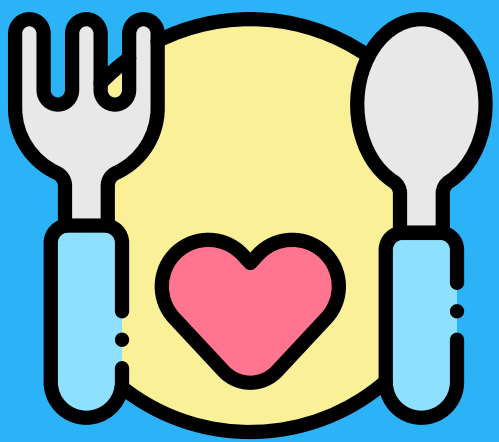


We are very excited by our new school menu, with lots of child-friendly options we are sure the children will be keen to try. Having listened to feedback, we hope you like these changes. Don't forget, children can always ask for a taste first so they can see if they'd like it next time. As always, we have jacket potatoes and sandwiches on offer too!









GOVERNOR NEWS

The Finance and Resources Committee works to ensure that Wigginton Primary School gets the maximum benefit from the funding available. Alongside the headteacher and school business manager, we help shape the annual budget, monitor spending and plan for future costs. We help ensure that funding supports the school's improvement priorities and that decisions provide value for money and make a positive difference to children's education.

Reporting to the Full Governing Body, our role extends beyond finances to staffing, the school's buildings and grounds, and health and safety. We support and constructively challenge school leaders, helping to make the best use of available resources. Together, this work helps keep the school safe, well-resourced and financially secure, both now and for the future.

SPORTS DESK

Ryan, Jacob and Daniel from Ms. Blackmore's class have secured their well deserved team places in the York Basketball u11 team playing for York Eagles. They played their first set of matches this weekend in the Yorkshire League at Leeds University. The boys were up against some tough and very, very tall competition but won all their matches! They showed great resilience and sportsmanship especially as this is a newly formed team playing for the first time together. Well done, boys!



Congratulations to Leon Calpin (yr 4) for competing in his first MF martial arts competition, down in Banbury, during the half term. He came home with gold, silver and bronze medals!. Well done, Leon!

Well done too, to our Y3/4 boys football team, who played in a mini league tournament just before the holiday. Although they did not win, they represented the school superbly, demonstrating a great attitude throughout and improving in every game.



CLICK HERE

After School Clubs Timetable: Autumn 2 2026

Day	Club Name	Open to	Run by	Times	Start date	End date	Cost?	Application Details
Monday	York City Football	Yr 1-6	York City Football Foundation	3.15pm - 4.15pm	9th Nov 2026	30th Nov 2026	£24 (£6 p/wk)	Letter on clubs section of school website
Monday	Kids With Bricks	Yr 2-6	Kids With Bricks & Miss Fluds	3.15pm - 4.15pm	9th November	7th Dec 2026	£28.80 (£5.76 p/wk)	Letter on clubs section of school website.
Tuesday	Play Netball	Yr 3-6	Play Sports	3.20pm - 4.20pm	3rd Nov 2026	8th Dec 2026	£36 (£6 p/week)	Letter on clubs section of website
Wednesday	Total Energy	Yr 1-3	Total Sports	3.20pm-4.20pm	4th Nov 2026	9th Dec 2026	£33 (£5.50 p/wk)	Letter on clubs section of website
Wednesday	Singstars	Yr 2-6	Mrs Liversidge	3.15pm - 4.15pm	11th Nov 2026	2nd Dec 2026	Free	Letter on clubs section of website
Thursday	Total Energy	Yr 4-6	Total Sports	3.20pm-4.20pm	5th Nov 2026	10th Dec 2026	£33 (£5.50 p/wk)	Letter on clubs section of the website

Music Tuition: We have a number of instrumental teachers who come into school to provide music tuition. We currently have provision for Guitars, Strings (Cello, Violin & Viola), Brass, Keyboard & Wind instruments. Please see the School Clubs section of the School website for details or contact the School Office.
http://www.wigintonprimary.co.uk/clubs-extra-curricular-activities/



Congratulations to Team Ouse (the red team), who were awarded the most teampoints last half term. As a reward, all children in Team Ouse will have a non-uniform day on **Tuesday, 10th November.**

Please remember that dogs, whether carried or on a leash, are not allowed on the school playground, except for guide dogs. This policy ensures all students' safety and comfort by preventing allergies or fears and avoiding hygiene issues and distractions. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe and inclusive environment.



Keep Dancing!

Friday 13th November is Children In Need Day. We will be taking part in the 'Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge'. In school we will be learning five or six dance steps each day beginning on Monday 9th November. This will culminate on Friday 13th when we will complete the full 26 step dance together. Children are also welcome to wear non-uniform on Friday 13th November and to wear any Children In Need 'merchandise' that they have bought such as 'Pudsey ears' etc.

We would be grateful if you could make a donation to 'sponsor' your child in the 'Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge' as well as for coming to school in non-uniform via our dedicated Children in Need page on your Parent Pay account. This will go live by the end of this week.

We also have three Year 6 pupils running a bake sale after school on Thursday, 12th and Friday, 13th November. Please do support them.

Thank you for your support

We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded an Asthma Friendly School status by York and Scarborouh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Further details will be sent in a separate letter.





The PTA Annual General Meeting is tomorrow, 7pm at the school. All parents are welcome.

Sadly, if we can not fill the vacant position of chair, the PTA will fold. If this is the case, we will hold an emergency meeting in a couple of weeks to decide on how to distribute our remaining funds and to complete closure of the PTA as a charity. We will also make a decision if we can run any pre-planned events for this Autumn term.

Due to the uncertainty of the PTA's future we have not planned any events for Spring or Summer terms - this includes the Summer Fair. We are really hoping a new chair will be elected so we can resume planning events and fundraising for the rest of the academic year.

We value your support and hope you can join us tomorrow.

On a more positive note, the Halloween disco was a brilliant success and raised £420. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and teachers! Big shout out to DJs Whitelock and Fox on the decks....😉



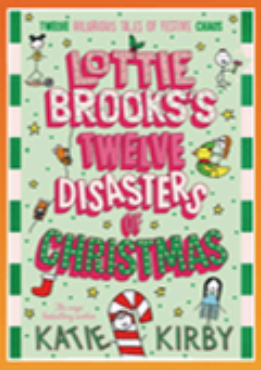
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Every book you buy earns FREE BOOKS for our school*

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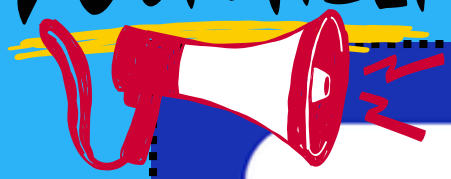
DATE: 3rd-9th November

TIME: After School

LOCATION: Year 3&4 playground

GO ALL IN.

WE NEED
YOUR HELP



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wigginton Primary PTA

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

7 PM AT THE SCHOOL

WE NEED PARENTS / CAREGIVERS
TO ATTEND THE SHORT AGM
TO VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE
NOT ENOUGH VOTES...
NO MORE PTA 🥲

At our Annual General meeting the PTA are seeking to fill the position of
CHAIR and VICE CHAIR
These can be a shared roles. The current outgoing Chair will ensure a smooth transition into the roles

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about any of the roles within the PTA - please get in touch with Jessie on email pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com or message the PTA Facebook page.



PLEASE READ
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As children progress and leave the school so do PTA members! To ensure the PTA can continue we need new members willing to fill positions on the committee as older members leave.

From November the PTA will have vacant positions of CHAIR and VICE CHAIR.

Without replacements the PTA will fold.

Without PTA fundraising there will be no subsidised school trips and no contributions for things like sports equipment, library books etc

Whilst the PTA exists as a charity to fundraise for the school - without the PTA there will be no events such as Discos or the Summer Fair.

The PTA is valuable to the school and pupils. Step up and help it continue!

BBC

500 WORDS

A fun, creative story writing competition.

Opens for entries

Tuesday 29 September – Friday 6 November 2026

No need to worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar!

Prizes for the bronze, silver and gold winners!!

Write a STORY you would love to read



Find out more and enter at

bbc.co.uk/500words

BBC BITESIZE FOR TEACHERS

Admissions Consultation 2028-29

The Coordinated Admission Consultation for admissions in 2028 – 2029 opened Monday 12th October 2026.

This year's Admissions Consultation is being held by City of York Council and some MATs operating within the city between 12th October and 24th November 2026. Multi Academy Trusts may also be conducting their own consultation during the consultation period. The Coordinated Admission Consultation includes the admission policies and planned number of places available at each school in the year(s) of entry.
All documents can be found in their draft (pre-determined) form at www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation during the consultation period.

Parents can provide their response at www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation by selecting the parents, carers, stakeholders and interested parties survey.

Responses are being collated by an online survey. Schools, trusts, parents/carers and any interested parties may all contribute to the Admission Consultation. If you wish to contribute you are invited to go to https://www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation and complete the appropriate survey online.

Any comments received regarding a Multi Academy Trust policy will be forwarded to the relevant Trust, who are their own admission authority, to consider within their own admission consultation. Please be aware that if there are no proposed changes an admission authority may not be holding a consultation.

Following the consultations, each admission authority will formally set ('determine') their admission arrangements for admission in 2028 - 2029 by 28 February 2027. Determined policies will be on the City of York Council website by 15 March 2027 after which objections can be raised.

All documents can be found in their draft (pre-determined) form at https://www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation Determined policies can be found at https://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionPolicies
If you require a paper copy of any document, you can request this from education@york.gov.uk or 01904 551554

Coming Up!

Click here for Class Times and PE Days

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details
Tuesday-Monday	3rd - 9th November	After School	Book Fair	Book fair
Thursday	5th November	Morning	Pupil Flu Vaccines	NHS email to parents
 Friday	13th November	All Day	Children In Need	Community Page
Tuesday	24th November	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations	Whole School Letters
Thursday	26th November	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations	Whole School Letters
Friday	27th November	1.15-2.15pm	Open Afternoon for Potential 2027 Pupil	
Tuesday	8th December	9-10am & 5.30/6pm	Year 3-4 Christmas Performances	To Follow
Thursday	10th December	9-10am	EYFS Christmas Performance	To Follow
Thursday	10th December	5.30-6.30pm	KS1 Christmas Performance	To Follow
Friday	11th December	9.00-10.00am	KS1 Christmas Performance	To Follow
Tuesday	15th December	2-3pm	EYFS Christmas Party	To Follow
Wednesday	16th December	9-10am & 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Yr 5/6 Carol Performance	To Follow
Thursday	17th December	1030-1130	Year 3&4 Christmas Party	To Follow
Thursday	17th December	1-3pm	KS1 Christmas Party	To Follow
Friday	18th December	2-3pm	Year 5&6 Christmas Party	To Follow

