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# Wigginton Primary School



## Mr Laycock's Message

Thank you to everyone who completed our behaviour survey this half term. It was overwhelmingly positive and reflected much of what makes us very proud in school. The full survey is attached. We appreciate that for some questions, parents/carers were unsure as it may be something you have not experienced with your child. We also recognise that a few families do not feel that school is calm, or that behaviour is good. There will always be a split opinion on approaches to this. For more information on how we manage and support behaviour, you can see our behaviour policy [here](#). Through our training, staff are well-equipped to recognise behaviours as a form of communication and support children in how to regulate emotions, as well as recognise the consequences of their actions. School is a place to help children learn and learning to manage emotions is very much part of that.

It was concerning that a few parents also referred to bullying incidents. Reports of bullying at Wigginton Primary School are incredibly rare. We would really value any such issues being reported to school so that we can address them. In our previous newsletter, we shared our Anti-Bullying Week focus, where we spoke with the children about what to do if they are worried, as well as what bullying means. We hope to work with all families in such incidences and make sure that the right support is in place.

A number of parents were also keen on more help/support behaviour. We are looking for workshops that we can offer in school as well as continuing to offer online webinars. More information will follow but below are some free courses that are available.

## Upcoming Events

### This Week

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Year 3/4 Christmas  
performances

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
EYFS Wiggly  
Nativity 9.30am  
Christmas Present  
Room in the  
afternoon

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Christmas Jumper &  
Christmas Dinner  
Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec  
KS1 Christmas  
Performance 5.30pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec  
KS1 Christmas  
Performance 9.15am

## Togetherness - free courses for young people and parents/carers

Togetherness brings together trusted, evidence-based online support in one easy to access place. Developed by NHS clinical psychologists in collaboration with practitioners and parents, it offers a wide range of online learning pathways to help families better understand and manage emotional health in everyday life.

York residents can access a personalised page at [togetherness.co.uk/mul/york](https://togetherness.co.uk/mul/york), which features a selection of free, flexible courses including:

- Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your own adolescence (for teenagers and pre-teens)

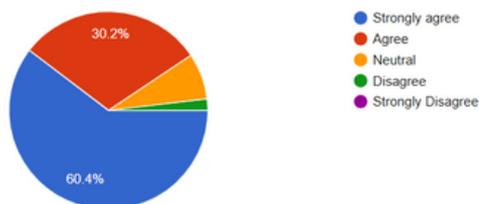
There are pathways for all ages - from pregnancy through to 19 years - supporting parents, carers and young people in understanding child development, strengthening family relationships, and improving emotional wellbeing. All courses are free for York residents using the access code: RAISE.

Attached are promotional materials.

## Behaviour Survey Highlights

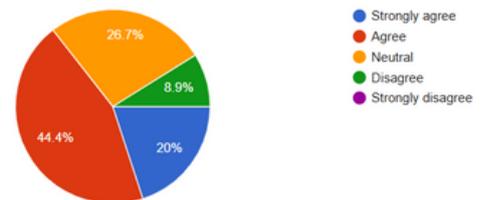
Safeguarding: My child feels safe at this school

53 responses



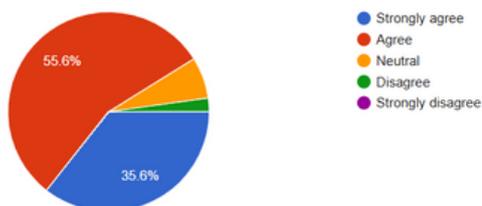
Bullying and discrimination is dealt with quickly, effectively and consistently.

45 responses



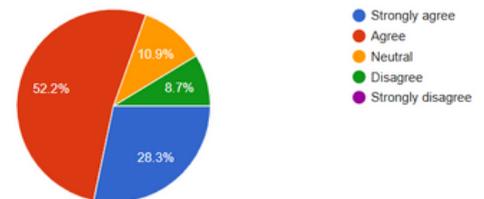
The school has a positive, respectful culture in which my child is well cared for.

45 responses



The school has a calm, orderly environment which helps my child to learn.

46 responses



# WIGGINTON PRIMARY PTA

## Parents Page



### **Christmas Present Room (pupil only event)**

We are delighted to be holding our annual Christmas Present Room **TOMORROW** during school hours only.

It's a really popular event where all the children have the opportunity to choose a gift for a loved one in the "Present room".

Children can bring their money into school, preferably in a named pursed/ wallet or envelope.

There is a maximum £10 per child and gifts are capped at max of 3 per child - so everyone gets a fair chance to buy a gift. Please send in £2/£1 coins, silver coins and small notes as otherwise we run out of change! Sorry we are unable to honour IOU's for this event.

Gifts will range from £1 to £5 and there is a wide selection across the price range for adults, grandparents and children of all ages.

Participation in Present Room is voluntary and as we have gifts from just £1 we hope it is accessible to everyone that wants to join in.

Younger children will be supported by teachers and helpers from Year 6 to make their gift choices and manage their money. They will bring their bagged/ wrapped gift(s) home at the end of the day.

### **Christmas raffles**

Over the next two weeks, the children will be performing their Christmas plays and the PTA will be holding the hamper raffle! There is a Christmas food/drink hamper to be won at EACH performance and two runner up prizes.

Tickets are £1/strip. Please bring small change/small notes if possible. Tickets are available as you enter the hall for the play so please have money ready if you want to buy tickets as it helps the queue move quickly. The raffle is drawn at the end of the performance so the winners can take home their prizes!

### **Sweets and treats**

On the last Thursday and Friday of term the PTA are selling sweetie cones, hot chocolate cones and reindeer food on the year 3/4 playground! The sweet cones were a sell out last year so make sure you arrive a few minutes early to join the queue! If we do sell out Thursday we won't be selling on the Friday.

### **Christmas Wishes**

As the winter term comes to an end we would like to say a huge thank you for the support for all the events and fundraising. It really does make a difference to the school and pupils.

The PTA would like to extend our gratitude to Gill M. for taking up the vacant role of secretary and to Catherine H. for the role of treasurer. We would like to also formally welcome Jordanna K as a new committee member.

**Finally.... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the PTA committee and volunteers.  
Enjoy the festive break!**

# A Face From The Past

I was extremely honoured to announce the winners of the history competition 'A Face From the Past' during assembly. All the entrants had worked very hard on their pieces and should be very proud of their efforts. In January, we shall be creating a display of all the entrants work as they are simply too good to not share with everyone. Big congratulations go to our three winners:

Georgie Lee  
Zion Fletcher  
George Hall

They impressed me with their creativity, care, detail and presentation skills. I hope you have fabulous days out with your prize tickets. You deserve it!

Mrs Fox

Zion  
Fletcher



George Hall

Georgie  
Lee



## Poppy Appeal

We raised an amazing £153.66 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal! Thank you from the Armed Forces community.

# Take a Look

## New Website!



You may have seen that our website changed very recently. We have been working on a more modern, up-to-date website where we can celebrate the children's achievements and provide all the information parents will find useful. It is very early days so expect to see more additions over the coming months!

Thank you again to everyone who voted or shared the poll run by a York mum - Mi Little Bakes on Facebook. We all very much enjoyed the delicious treats that were delivered on Wednesday. We managed to get a photo or two before they were all eaten!



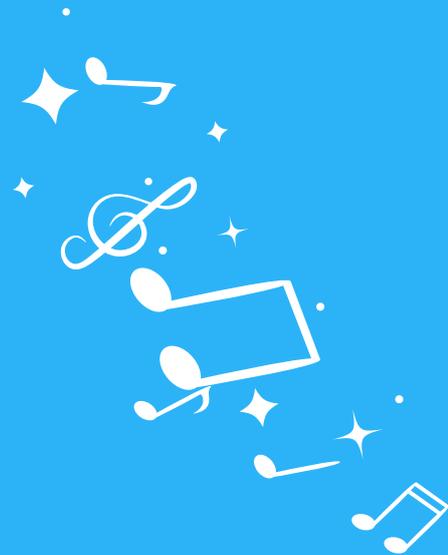


### SINGSTARS WOW AUDIENCE IN EASINGWOLD

A group of superb singstars took part in the Easingwold Community Christmas event on Saturday, and wowed the audience with their beautiful rendition of a wide range of songs, from the raucous 'Mince Pie Calypso' to the haunting candlelit 'I will sing you the stars' and many more. They even performed a joint song with the Easingwold Community Singers, 'Gloria in excelsis', which went down a storm. Their behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the whole evening was fantastic, listening well to all the other performers, and they even accompanied other choirs with their bells, showing great control. These 21 singers represented the school so well, and I would like to thank all the singstars families who brought their children along and supported the event, as well as Mrs Ryding who did a great job of looking after the children during the rehearsal and show. All families who took part should have received an email from me, do check your spam.

Thank you and well done everyone! The next Singstars event is Carols around the tree on Monday 15th December, and Singstars restarts for 2026 on Wednesday 14th January .

Mrs Liversidge



# Stampoutloneliness



The children in Key Stage 2 have been busy making Christmas cards for Age UK. These cards will contribute to the 'stampoutloneliness' campaign this Christmas. Our cards will be sent to elderly people in York and the surrounding areas who may experience loneliness over the Christmas period.



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)



Attendance is a real strength at Wigginton Primary School. We very much aim to make sure that children are enjoying school, having lots of fun in the curriculum and during playtimes, and are keen to be here. We certainly understand that it is inevitable that children will be ill from time to time. As a school we monitor attendance carefully and we are required to track if children are falling into the 'persistent absentee' category. This means that their attendance has fallen below 90%. Each term, we are expected to let families know if this is the case for their child or if they are close to 90%. Our aim is to work with families to support attendance and address any issues that be a barrier. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence however, is likely to lead to a fixed penalty notice, issued by the Local Authority.

## Sports Desk

Congratulations to our Y3/4 football team, who played brilliantly on Friday after school. They played against Ralph Butterfield, winning 10-0 and then against Lakeside, winning 6-2. They will now progress on to the Y3/4 Football Finals to play against other league winners from around York! Most importantly, they played with enthusiasm and were a credit to the school.



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## TURN UP & TAKE PART NATIVITY

WEDNESDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 4PM

Come dressed up or borrow one of our 'Open the Book' costumes, or just sit and enjoy the story and watch the beautiful chaos unfold!



celebrating  
the gift of  
love &  
community  
this Advent





# Christmas Hamper Raffle

FIRST, SECOND AND  
THIRD PRIZES AT  
EACH SCHOOL  
PERFORMANCE



£1 A STRIP OF  
TICKETS

CASH SALES ONLY



Children can bring up to  
£10 in a named envelope/ wallet  
and purchase up to 3 gifts for  
loved ones.  
Gifts range from £1 to £5



## Christmas Present Room

9 December - during school hours

# Coming Up!



Day	Date	Time	Event	Details
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30-2.30pm & 5.30-6.30pm	Year 3/ 4 Christmas Performance	<a href="#"><u>Year 3/4 Christmas Performance</u></a>
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	EYFS Wriggly Nativity	<a href="#"><u>Wriggly Nativity</u></a>
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Hours	Christmas Present Room	PTA News
Weds	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Hours	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	<a href="#"><u>Christmas Lunch</u></a>
Thurs	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.30-6.30pm	KS1 Christmas Performance	<a href="#"><u>Year 1/2 Christmas Performance</u></a>
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15-10.15am	KS1 Christmas Performance	<a href="#"><u>Year 1/2 Christmas Performance</u></a>
Weds	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00-3.00pm & 6.00-7.00pm	Year 5/ 6 Christmas Performance	<a href="#"><u>Year 5/6 Christmas Performance</u></a>
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Varied	EYFS, KS1 & Yr 3/4 Christmas Parties	
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	AM	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.15pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays	
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am	School Opens for Spring 1 Half Term	

# Happy Healthy Holidays

**WHAT:** Holiday football fun course

**WHEN:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

**WHERE:** Millthorpe School, YO23 1WF, 3G

**TIME:** 10-3pm

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

**WHO:** Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



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## How to book:

Please use your voucher code at [www.holidayactivities.com](http://www.holidayactivities.com)

These Free holiday Activities are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active using football as the tool in a FUN, SAFE and SECURE environment.

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**UPLIFTING, JOYFUL SINGING WORKSHOP**

**FOR ALL AGES**

**MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER – 11.00–12.30**

**Catholic Church Hall, Long Street, Easingwold**

**SING YOUR CARES AWAY** in this festive singalong session

**Tickets from £6, family deals and free carer places available**



**To book your place, use the qr code or  
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