

Message From Head Of School

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your incredible support at this year's Harvest Festival. Our pupils shared their wonderful work that they had prepared for our harvest festival! KS2 pupils read so clearly to retell the story of the harvest whilst our EYFS and KS1 pupils performed the 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' in their best singing voices. They displayed their harvest artwork around the church to celebrate this important time of year.

It was a joy to see the school community come together to celebrate this special occasion at the church and at the school for our harvest tea. As most of you are aware, we were raising funds for the Kafunjo project and we raised £32.20 at this event. We also have our non-school uniform day coming up on Friday 11th October where we will be taking voluntary contributions.

Kind regards,

Miss India Tordoff

Head of School



Road Closure

Terrington to Ganthorpe from the Thursday 10th October.



Stay and Play

From next week, Early years will be hosting a Stay and play session every Monday from 1:30- 2:30 to invite families and the community into our school to see the learning that takes place. Parents and families of our Nursery and Reception children are welcome to come into school and enjoy spending some time with their children in class. This will give your children to opportunity to show you what they have been learning about each week. People within the community are also welcome to join us in our setting to explore our early years provision.

What's On At Malton Library

Malton Library
Mon 9.30-5 Tues 9.30-7 Weds 9.30-5 Thurs CLOSED Fri 9.30-5 Sat 9.30-12.30

What's on in October

LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

- **'Author Recommends'**
From Monday 30th September for six weeks
Ever wondered what your favourite crime writer reads themselves? Pop in to find out as we share author recommendations for you to try.
- **'Green Libraries Week'**
From 7th-13th October - Did you know libraries host a wealth of information on green issues? Call in to find out about our online resource [GreenFILE](#) and pick up a book from our display.
- **'Get Online Week'**
From 14th-20th October - Gain confidence using IT, learn a new digital skill and join in with our Get Online Week Bingo. See our display and speak to a member of staff to find out more.
- **'Black History Month'**
The first Black History Month in the UK took place in 1987, the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the Caribbean. Over time the event has prioritised black British history and key black figures from the UK, come and browse our curated reading lists and collections to find out more.
- **Trick or Treat- Digital Makery Drop in Event**
Wednesday 30th October 3pm-4:30pm- find out which materials are conducive in our digital makery event suitable for ages 6+
- **Halloween micro:bit Trail**
Saturday 26th October- Saturday 2nd of November, suitable for ages 6+
- **Family Learning Halloween Crafts**
Friday 1st of November 10am to 12 noon. Book direct with adult learning for this fun hands on crafting session suitable for ages 5+

REGULAR SESSIONS

- **Children's Stay and Play Session**, Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st 10.30am-11.30am
- **Junior Code Club***, Monday, monthly 4pm-5pm 7th of October
- **Junior Book Club***, Tuesday, monthly 4pm-5pm 15th October
- **Children's Storytime and Crafts**, Tuesdays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, 10.30am
- **Pins & Needles Craft Club**, Tuesdays 5pm-7pm
- **Advocacy Drop In**, First Tuesday of the month 10am-12 noon
- **IT Help Appointments**, Wednesdays 1pm-3pm, Fridays 12pm-2pm*
- **Lego Club**, Wednesdays 1pm-3pm and Saturdays 10am-12 noon

*Booking essential, please email or phone the library

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WOW WORK

Miss Skilling EYFS AND NURSERY



This week Early years performed at the harvest festival which we enjoyed so much! We are still reading our class text 'The Gruffalo' and played some rhyming games, finding which words rhymed in the book. In maths we have been sorting objects by their shape, size and colour.



Mrs Rutherford KS1



This week we have enjoyed the last bit of summer sun. We took our Geography lesson outside and used hoops to create a Venn diagram. We used our Venn diagrams to compare London and our local area.



Mr Marshall KS2



This week we enjoyed our football matches at Malton against various schools. We joined up with friends from Stillington and worked well together as teams and were very supportive of each other. We also really enjoyed the Harvest Festival and had put a lot of effort into our singing, reading and overcoming our worries about speaking in front of people. Well done everyone!

Kafunjo Project

As part of our diversity project, we have worked closely with the Kafunjo project. As such, we will be raising much needed funds to support them buy food and medical supplies. We will be holding a non-school uniform day on 11th October with voluntary donations welcome.

Any donations to support would be greatly appreciated to support the Kafunjo project. If you would like to learn more about the project, please visit: <https://www.kafunjoprojectus.org/>

INFORMATION

Young Voices 2025

Young Voices are the organisers of the largest school choir concerts in the World, in the biggest arenas in the UK. It is designed to unify children from across the region, boost their confidence and provide lifelong memories for them and their families. EXCITING NEWS! As a federation, we have the exciting opportunity to go to the Young Voices Competition 2025 with the Year 3-6 children in our schools. The arena that we have been given is Utilita Arena Sheffield on Wednesday 12th February 2025. This will be an evening concert and times will be as below: **The cost of this trip is £20, please see ParentPay to confirm to give your consent if you wish your child to go.**

Summary of the day

11:00/11:30am – Children will set off on the bus
Arrival -1:00pm - Venue doors open to school 12:45pm
1:00pm – 2:00pm – Packed lunches
2.00pm - 5.00pm - Rehearsals start
5:00pm-6:30pm – Time to eat and we need to return to our seats by 6:30pm
7.00pm - 8.45pm - Your Young Voices Concert!
8:45pm – The children will go back to school on the bus.
Rough arrival of 10:30pm at the schools.

The children are going to be having a packed lunch and tea. See the bulletin closer to the time on how to order a packed lunch for your child.

Once you have confirmed you wish for your child to go, you will be added to the 'Music Room' where you will be able to access information and the songs/videos for the day. Please see the link below to go to join the Music Room <https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=OTE2MS8xNzI3MjU1NTQ3> Parent information: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/for-parents> Young voices Spotify songs: <https://open.spotify.com/album/oXQu6ofO5OytaX3NNZaA9x>.

Parents can purchase their tickets and choir t-shirts through the YV Teacher Centre shop, before the 31 October deadline (tickets are subject to availability) so that they can be delivered in time for the YV Concert. Payment must be made by credit card. There will be a transaction fee of £1.99 (plus VAT) for parent card payment.

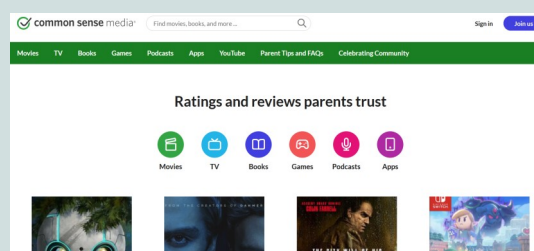
Keeping Stress in Check – Parents Guide

A [report by NHS England](#) in 2023 found that 20.3% of children aged 8 to 16 years had a probable mental health condition. In addition, government data shows that, for the academic year 2023-2024, 20.7% of pupils were identified as 'persistently absent' (missing 10% or more of school).

The team at Dragonfly have kindly put together a *Thrive 365*, **complimentary wellbeing bulletin** to share with our school community, with a **Parent Guide** focused on how to **nurture opportunities to release and relieve stress in children and young people**. Please find this guide attached.

Do you know what your child is seeing and hearing?

We live in a world where our children can have access to so many different things, but what do we really know about the games they are playing, the apps they use or the movies they watch? If you have not heard of this website before, common sense media <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/> is a really quick and easy website to use to give you an insight into age appropriate content for a variety of different things. It breaks things down into different categories so you can see exactly what it is you children are exposed to. Below is an example of the game Roblox with a suggested age of 13 years.



Why Age 13+?	Any Positive Content?
Products & Purchases ●●●●● Players use a currency called Robux and r... >	Positive Messages ●●●●● Positive social interaction is encouraged ... >
Violence & Scariness ●●●●● Cartoony weapons are used in certain wt ... >	Ease of Play ●●●●● Controls vary based on which game is ch ... >
Sex, Romance & Nudity ●●●●● While Roblox has tried to restrain sexual ... >	Educational Value ●●●●● Kids can learn about designing virtual wc ... >
Language ●●●●● Although the company says a safe chat ft ... >	Positive Role Models Not present
Drinking, Drugs & Smoking Not present Words like "beer," "pot," and "drunk" seer ... >	

DIARY DATES

Stay and Play (Come and explore the EYFS area-with your little ones)	Monday 7th October 1.30pm onwards
Sports Enhancement Day (Stillington All Years) (Pack up and consent required on ParentPay) (PE kit required)	Tuesday 8th October
Science Bus (KS2)	Wednesday 9th October
Flu Immunisation	Thursday 10th October
Kafunjo Project (Non Uniform Day) (Voluntary Donations Welcome)	Friday 11th October
Thunk –It–Theatre group Workshop and Performance	Monday 14th October
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 25th October (Last Day) Monday 4th November (First Day Back)
Parents Evening	Tuesday 12th November (17.00–19.00) Thursday 14th November (15.30 –17.30)
Christmas Dinner	Friday 6th December (All children)
Christingle and Nativity (TBC)	Monday 9th December
Christmas	Friday 20th December (Last Day) Monday 6th January 2025 (First Day Back)
Young Voices (KS2)(See bulletin for info)	Wednesday 12th February 2025
Spring half –term	Friday 14th February 2025 (Last Day) Monday 24th February (First Day Back)
Easter break	Friday 4th April 2025 (Last Day) Wednesday 23rd April 2025 (First Day)
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 2nd May 2025 (Last Day) Tuesday 6th May 2025 (First Day)
Summer Half–Term	Friday 23rd May 2025 (Last Day) Monday 2nd June 2025 (First Day Back)
Summer	Friday 18th July 2025 (Last Day)

