

Message From Head Of School

Good morning everyone,

We have had a fantastic first week back welcoming all of our pupils back to school after the Christmas holidays. We have heard lots of stories about how they have spent their time with loved ones, learning new skills, trying new foods and having so much fun over the Christmas break.

As part of our work with Terrington Hall Preparatory School, our KS1 and KS2 pupils had their first swimming lesson this week and absolutely loved it! Pupils began developing their swimming skills, their coordination and their water confidence. We are looking forward to our next session on the 14th January and watching the pupils confidence grow.

EYFS have loved exploring seasonal changes experimenting with ice in their outdoor area this week! They continue to build upon their knowledge of changes within their daily learning looking at leaf colours, environments and how animals adapt. I am looking forward to see what amazing work they get up to next week!

Reception places 2025

Just a reminder that the deadline for reception places for September 2025 is the 15th of January. Please find more information and how to apply with the following link: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

Lost Property

Please can we ask parents to check the lost property by Monday morning from the previous term, as it will be removed and added to our additional uniform collection after this day.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Thanks,
Miss India Tordoff
Head of School



PSHE

This half-term in PSHE, we will be looking at the topic: me and my future across key stages.

KS1 children will be looking at their place within their community and the different communities that they are part of. Through this, they will also look at the environment and how they can help protect it.

In year 3 and 4, the children will be learning about communities, their place within them and the way in which they learn from them. They will look at the ways in which they can help the environment through the 3 R's. Finally, they will be looking at human rights and why these are important.

In year 5 and 6, the children will also look at the environment and how it can be protected and how this is funded and facilitated across the country. The children also look at treating others within their lives with respect and what respect means. They learn that prejudice is an unfair feeling of dislike for a person or group because of race, sex, religion, etc and that discrimination is the unfair treatment of a person based on a certain personal characteristic.

If you have any questions about any of the content that is being covered then please do get in touch.

INFORMATION

Attendance - Make Every Day Count

As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils. We realise this is not always possible when your child is poorly, but we kindly ask that if possible all appointments are made out of school time, again we know this cannot always be the case. We are sure you will agree we all want our children to succeed and good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible.

We have seen an increase in requests for holidays and if a child is also off ill during a school year this is having a significant impact on children's learning.

With this in mind, we wanted to point out to you what taking 5 days holiday in term time looks like in our schools.

Maths – 5 hours missed – Maths builds on prior learning each year to help children create that deeper understanding. Although our teachers address gaps in children's learning, making 5 hours up within school is impossible and addressing gaps missed, means time out of foundation subjects.

English – 7 ½ hours missed – English centres around a text in all of our classes. When children miss days they can often miss key parts of the text or the build up to writing tasks or even the writing task itself which in some instances will not be built upon again until the following academic year.

Phonics/SPAG (Spelling/Punctuation/Grammar) – Nearly 2 hours missed – Phonics lessons at the early stages can teach a sound a day and 5 days can mean 5 new sounds missed, impacting both reading and writing. SPAG Lessons can often be linked to English and children can be given the opportunity to use what they have learnt that day in their writing.

Foundation Subjects – Missing a week in a foundation subject misses a stepping stone which are topics that are only covered sometime once in every four years. Practical sessions can be missed which for a lot of children can be very beneficial to their learning.



Free Eye Tests for Children

Did you know that short sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including screen use. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by managing screen use and booking them in for a free eye test. Please see the leaflets attached for more information.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem? Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to take your child for an eye test.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them

An eye test is very important especially if there's a history of early glasses use, childhood eye problems, squint or lazy eye, in your family.

Did you know?
Short sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including screen use. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by managing screen use and encouraging them to get outside often (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- Information on Vision Eye tests: [Humber and North Yorkshire ICB](#)
- Information on Vision Eye tests for families in Craven, West Yorkshire ICB
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - [College of Optometrists](#)
- Children's eye health - [Association of Optometrists](#)

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Has your child had their eyes tested yet?

This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children.

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test.

When should you get your child a free eye test?
Locally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?
Please book your child in for an eye test at an optician, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local optician - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?
Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?
✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to avoid or prevent longer-term eye problems.
✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
✓ They are no longer tested in school.

Inourplace is funded in our area to provide families with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you connect with your children and make sure they thrive. Please find more information here. [Emotional health and wellbeing for parents](#)

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An update on
WELLBEING FOR SCHOOL PARENTS

From inourplace.co.uk
An NHS learning space developed by psychologists

WOW WORK



Miss Skilling EYFS AND NURSERY

This week we have started our new topic all about Animals. Our focus this week has been about woodland animals and the children have been making pictures of hedgehogs using their printing skills. We have also been outside to explore the ice and snow which they have really enjoyed to do!



Mrs Rutherford KS1

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to class after our Christmas break. They have really enjoyed getting stuck in to their learning, writing character descriptions in English, and using money in Maths.

The highlight of our week has been our first swimming lesson!



Mr Marshall KS2

It has been wonderful to welcome the Key Stage 2 children to school after our Christmas break. We have been getting stuck in to our learning already, writing about setting for the Tin Man in English. In Art we have been researching the reasons why people create art and studying the sculpture, 'Superlambbanana'.

Swimming

KS1 and KS2 really enjoyed their first school swimming lessons this week and we were really impressed with their enthusiasm and swimming skills. After an initial assessment, there will be mixed Key Stage 1 and 2 groups moving forwards.

Milton Rooms

We'd love to share some great shows we have coming up during February Half Term here at the Milton Rooms.



RURAL ARTS

UGG 'N' OGG & THE WORLD'S
FIRST DOGG

Thursday 20th February • 2:00pm
[Doors & bar open 1:30pm]

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Wednesday 19th February 7:00pm
[Doors & bar open 6:00pm]

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DIARY DATES

Swimming KS1 & KS2 (Terrington Prep School)	Tuesday 14th January
<u>Best of British Meal (Special School Menu)</u> Chicken Pie Or Cheese & Bean Pasty (V) Mashed Potato Medley Of Vegetables Syrup Sponge & Custard	Thursday 16th January 2025
Young Voices (KS2)(See bulletin for info)	Wednesday 12th February 2025
Valentines (Special School Menu)	Friday 14th February 2025
Spring half –term	Friday 14th February 2025 (Last Day) Monday 24th February (First Day Back)
World Book Day (Special School Menu)	Thursday 6th March 2025
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 18th March 5pm-7pm Thursday 20th March 3.30pm-5.30pm
Easter (Special School Menu)	Monday 31st March 2025
Easter Service (All Saints Church)	Wednesday 2nd April (2.00pm)
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)
Street Food (Special School Menu)	Tuesday 15th May 2025
Summer Half–Term	Friday 23rd May 2025 (Last Day) Monday 2nd June 2025 (First Day Back)
Sports Day (Special School Menu)	Friday 13th June 2025
Leavers Service (All saints Church)	Monday 14th July (2.30pm)
Leavers (Special School Menu)	Friday 18th July 2025
Summer Break	Friday 18th July 2025 (Last Day)

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