



Good morning everyone,

I hope you have all had wonderful Christmas and new year holidays!

We delved straight back into our learning this week and had so much fun exploring our new topics in EYFS, KS1 and KS2!



### **Swinton Brass Band**

Our weekly music session will begin on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> with Swinton Brass Band for KS2 pupils to learn about different instruments, musical knowledge and how to play as part of a band. If you have not already handed in your loan agreement/consent form to the office, please can this be completed asap.

We also had a query regarding pupils using instruments if they do not have their front four adult teeth yet. We have queried this with Swinton brass band who shared the below recommendations:

### **Learning Brass Instruments and Missing Front Teeth**

It is very common for children to begin learning a brass instrument at the same age they are losing their front teeth, and this does **not prevent them from taking part safely or successfully**.

At beginner level, brass instruments produce sound through the **vibration of the lips using air**, rather than relying on the teeth. While missing front teeth may cause a slight change in sound or comfort initially, children usually adapt very quickly and continue to make good progress.

Our tutors will:

- Encourage relaxed playing with minimal pressure
- Focus on air flow and sound quality rather than force
- Adjust mouthpiece placement where needed
- Use short, well-managed playing activities to avoid fatigue

Any small differences in sound or control are **temporary** and naturally resolve as teeth grow back. Many brass players — including professionals — began learning during this exact stage.

If a child has recently had dental work or experiences discomfort we would need to be informed and playing time can be reduced temporarily and activities adapted, with no long-term impact on learning.

Overall, missing front teeth is **not a barrier** to learning a brass instrument, and pupils are fully supported to participate confidently and safely.

### **Swimming**

We are happy to announce that we will be continuing our KS1 and KS2 swimming sessions each Friday afternoon with Terrington Hall school beginning Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb and 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.. If your child/ren is in KS1 or KS2, please can we ask that you send them with their swimming attire, a towel and clean underwear.

Some children in KS2 do not attend weekly sessions of swimming. However, a session has been booked this half term for a swimming session for these children which will commence on the 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please can we ask that these children bring in a pair of PJ's with either long sleeves or long trouser bottoms to take part in the personal survival skills session.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Thanks,

Miss Tordoff

Head of School



### Miss Skilling - EYFS and Year 1 & 2

It has been lovely to welcome the children back in the new year! In EYFS we have been learning all about woodlands. In KS1 we have been learning about Brazil in Geography.

### Miss Faulkner - Year 3,4,& 6

In KS2 the children have had such a lovely start back after the new year! We have specially had a great time publishing our rhyming poetry which has been amazing to read!



### Parent News -

We are looking for a Kitchen Assistant to serve school meals and carry out cleaning tasks at Foston Primary School.

This role is working term-time only, from 11.30am - 1.30pm.

If you think this could be a role for you or you know of anyone who may be interested, then please click on this link - [Kitchen Assistant](#).

If you have any queries or would like to visit, please contact the school on 01653 618265 and leave your details, someone will get back to you

### Reminder for Nursery Parents

The deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 26, is the 15th January. Applications are required to be submitted via the North Yorkshire Council website.

Please follow the below link for support and how to apply for a Reception 2026 place:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

### PE Kits

Please can PE kits be brought in by all students every Monday and taken home every Friday

### Cold Weather

The children play out in all weathers, and the temperatures are particularly low at present. It is advisable that children should come into school with a hat and gloves as well as a suitable winter coat to keep them warm whilst enjoying some fresh air. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

## Dates for your diary - Terrington

<b>Break up for half term</b>	Friday 13th February
<b>Students return to school</b>	Monday 23rd February

### What should I do if I am worried about a child?

#### How to report your safety concerns

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger from significant harm, dial 999 to report it to the Police.

#### How do I make a referral?

Referrals can be made via the universal referral form or following an Early Help Assessment. Both can be located on North Yorkshire Safeguarding

Children Partnership website:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/forms-and-tools/>

Urgent referrals can be made via telephone to the Customer Resolution Centre on 0300 131 2 131.

or alternatively call the NSPCC Helpline: 0800 800 5000 or email:

[help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk)