

School Newsletter



Naburn Church of England
Primary School



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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week. The highlights of this week, for me, were the Nativity performances by Acorn Class. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the children learn their lines and lyrics. Thank you to all parents for helping the children to do this. The hours spent rehearsing certainly paid off! Well done Acorns - you were all amazing!

It was great to see the vast array of Christmas jumpers this week too. Many thanks for the donations that will go to the Save The Children charity.

Don't forget that all are welcome to join our Christingle Service on Thursday 18th December at 2pm.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Durham.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **ORANGES** needed for Monday ready for **Christingle**
- **NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK**
- Raffle tickets on sale for Christmas Hampers
- Guess the number of sweets in a jar
- **WEDNESDAY** is Christmas parties' day so come in your party clothes!
- Christingle service in Church at 2pm



Battle winners are

ASPIRATION

Most Valueable players

Cairo Phoenix Georgia

Reflection Corner

Luke 2:8-9

'And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them...'



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Dates for your diary

15 th December	Bring in ORANGES for Christingle
17 th December	Christmas parties – non uniform
17 th December	Christmas dinner in school
18 th December	Christingle service in Church at 2pm
18 th December	Last day of school



Nut Free

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school, it is **REALLY** important that no nuts are brought into school – this includes products that contain nuts and products that "may contain traces of nuts"

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE HOLD OUR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT 2.50PM

ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME – WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE

Attendance Matters!

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

Naburn school day starts at 8.55am

When a student misses **2** days a month

They miss **20 DAYS** a year (10% of the school year)

They miss **30 HOURS** of math instruction.

They miss **60 HOURS** of reading and writing instruction.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by The end of year **6**

When a student misses **4** days a month

They miss **40 DAYS** a year (20% of the school year)

They miss **60 HOURS** of math instruction.

They miss **120 HOURS** of reading and writing instruction.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by The end of year **6**

Attendance Ladder



Absence Reporting

Please can we remind parents and carers that all absences must be reported daily to the school office before 8:50am, giving a clear reason for absence.

A message can be left on the school answerphone at any time. For cases of ongoing illness you must contact the school every day, otherwise this could be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Any unavoidable medical appointments, e.g. hospital appointments, must be reported to the school office in advance, and a form completed.

Any requests for other time off during term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A form must also be completed in advance for all term time absences.

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Acorn Class



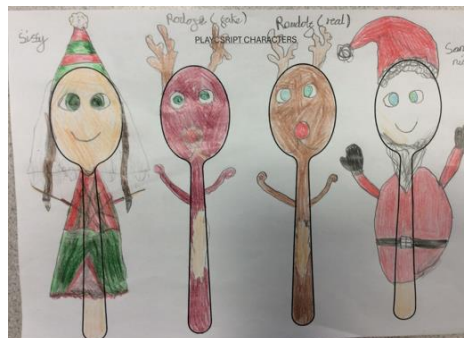
What a busy week we've had! The children did us all so proud with two great Nativity performances! Who knew we had so many young stars at Naburn Primary School?! They have all worked so hard to memorise their lines, learn the words to each song and to remember their cues! Thank you to all parents who have helped support your child with learning their lines and providing costumes and props.



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This week, Willow class have been looking at the conventions of writing playscripts. Working in pairs, they have written short Christmas plays and made their character puppets. Next week, the children will edit their playscripts and showcase their puppet shows!

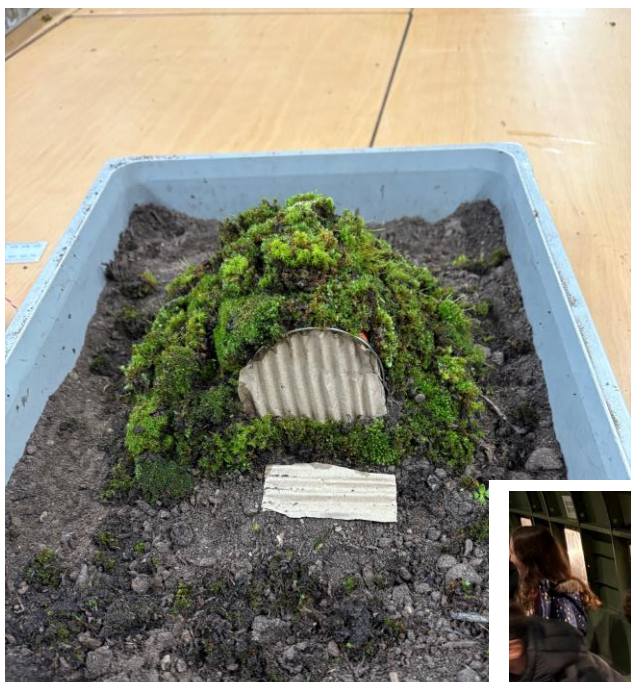


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Sycamore are pleased and relieved to confirm that ALL Lego occupants of the Anderson shelters survived both the rain and the heavy bombing. The shelters may not look quite as perfect as at the beginning of the week, however they fulfilled their purpose and withstood the elements and the air raid.

We continued our World War Two topic with a trip to Elvington Air Museum on Thursday. The children became paratroopers, explored a Halifax Bomber and learnt about life on the Home Front. We learnt a lot and had a brilliant day!



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Homework Breakdown

Reminder

Rationale

Starting with evidence from research, our aim is to provide a relevant and manageable amount of homework that is achievable and aspirational, and also inclusive.

We believe that our improved homework expectations reflect our vision of valuing and respecting everyone as an individual with their own unique qualities.



Spelling

Reception

Children will receive a key ring of tricky words which will gradually be added to as they progress through their Little Wandle phonic journey. We would like your child to practise reading the words until they can read them automatically. For some children who need further practise of recognising graphemes and their phonemes, a sheet will also be provided. The sheet explains the pronunciation and picture card for each phase, in the order they are taught.

Spellings of 3 CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) spellings will be sent out in Autumn term 2 which will be based on what the children have learnt in Little Wandle Phonics that week.

KS1

We will send 5 weekly spellings home a week as a list. These will be based on what the children have learnt in Little Wandle Phonics that week. To consolidate their learning and encourage the practise of spelling these words, we have sent home a 'spelling activity menu' with games and strategies for your child to choose from.

KS2

We will send spellings home weekly that follow a particular spelling rule we are teaching in class. This is explicitly taught 3 x a week for 15 minutes, and also consolidated and woven into subjects across the curriculum. To consolidate their learning and encourage the practise of spelling these words, we have sent home a 'spelling activity menu' with games and strategies for your child to choose from.

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Whole School

We will no longer test spellings. We believe this can be humiliating and unsupportive of some of our children. We recognise that children learn in different ways and at different speeds and believe that with the right support, in a psychologically safe environment, our children will flourish and achieve.

In addition to this, we also identify the spellings mistakes that are made consistently in their own writing and encourage our children to use the correct spelling independently. These are personal to your child. Through the use of a 'word wall' in their books, they are independently able to access and correct these common mistakes.



Reading

Reception and KS1

You can have a huge impact on your child's reading journey by continuing to practise reading at home. There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home.

A reading practice book

This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry - your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Little Wandle reading books will be sent home once a week on a Thursday. Our expectation is that you read 5 times a week for 5 - 10 minutes. Please write in your child's planner when they have read to you.

A sharing book

Your child might not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters and explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

KS2

To encourage reading for pleasure and also reading for meaning, our expectation is that children in KS2 will read aloud to an adult for 15 minutes, five times a week. Children will then write the date and page number they have read to, in their planner. At the end of the week, children will be asked to summarise what they have read so far to their teacher or in their planner.

We understand that, at times, children may choose a book that they are not enjoying. We are very happy to have a discussion and choose a different book with your child – our aim is to encourage a love of reading in every child!

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Maths

Reception/KS1

To build your child's maths confidence we have invested in Numbots. This is an online platform that helps children learn how to add and subtract, improving their fluency and recall. Practising for 3 minutes a day, four times a week can gradually help your child to build a solid, conceptual understanding of number sense. We will send home your child's log in details.

KS2

We will send home times tables to practise. We believe that learning these unlocks so many other areas of maths and helps our children to overcome any barriers. We have written their TT Rockstars username and password in their planners and will also send it out to you via email. The ever-popular TT Rockstars battles will re-commence in school too with a certificate awarded in Celebration Assembly on Thursday afternoons.

Whole school activities for home

We send home a menu of activities that children might want to complete at home to further or consolidate their learning. We link these activities to our school values and our topics, as we know that some children enjoy extra challenge. We would love to see any completed activities and encourage children in all classes to share their homework and achievements with us. In addition to this, there are educational sites listed on our website to support learning and homework expectations/menus are available on our website on the Class pages.

Many thanks for your continued support to make sure every child thrives at Naburn Primary.



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Guess the Number of Sweets

The PTA will be doing guess the number of sweets in the jar. They will be at the gate at pick up time to take guesses and collect money,

It's £1 per guess and proceeds go to the PTA fundraising. If people could bring the correct change that would be very helpful please!

Here is a spoiler picture :-)



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Christmas Hampers

The PTA have 2 raffles running to win AMAZING Hampers for Christmas, one for adults and one children . They will be at the gate at pick up time all next week to sell tickets



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Did You Know?

We have relaunched TTRockstars and Numbots in school. Every child has a log in, find this in their Reading Record, and as well as being able to use this resource in school, they can also enjoy playing at home. Simply type TTRockstars into your search engine and log in with your child's log in.

Every week there are rewards for the most valuable players of the week – Well done to Cairo, Phoenix and Georgia for winning this week!! and every week there is a different battle between houses – this coming week Community and Respect will battle it out. Who will be victorious??



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NABURN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025 / 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Staff Training. School closed: Monday 1st September 2025

School Open: Tuesday 2nd September – Friday 24th October 2025

Half-term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

School Open: Monday 3rd November – Thursday 18th December 2024

Staff Training. School closed: Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

Staff Training. School closed: Monday 5th January 2026

School Open: Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026

Half-term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

School Open: Monday 23rd February – Thursday 26th March 2026

Staff Training. School closed: Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

School Open: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May 2026

Half-term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

School Open: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026

ADDITIONAL DATES 2025 / 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Staff Training. School closed: Monday 20th July 2026