

School Newsletter



Naburn Church of England
Primary School



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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and carers,

We've had another exciting week at school. It feels like time is flying – I can't believe it's already the end of January.

This week we had a visit from Tony at YoYo, the children had a great day creating, acting out and rehearsing their roles in preparation for the Mystery Plays they will be performing at St Matthews Church on the 3rd February at 2.30pm. It's sure to be a wonderful event and it would be lovely to see you all there.

Finally just a reminder that the Big Garden Birdwatch is happening this weekend, a lovely opportunity to get together and spot as many birds as you can. See the next page of the newsletter for a link to where you can take part.

Have a wonderful weekend

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Please remember to send hats gloves and coats during cold weather



Battle winners are

COMMUNITY

Most Valueable players

Georgia Issy Lara

Next Weeks Battle

RESPECT vs

COMMUNITY

Reflection Corner

Galatians 5:22

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, forbearance,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness."*



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Dates for your diary

3 rd February	Mystery Plays 2.30pm in Church
10 th February	Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
13 th February	Break up for half term
23 rd February	Back to School
5 th March	World Book Day
26 th March	Easter Service – 2pm in Church
26 th March	Break up for Easter holidays
13 th April	Back to school
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
22 nd May	Break up for half term
1 st June	Back to school
17 th July	Leavers Service – 2pm in Church
17 th July	Break up for Summer

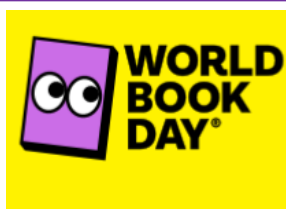
Nut Free

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



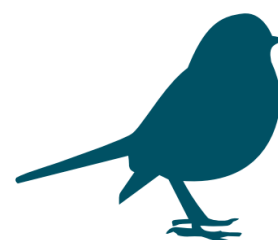
Thursday 5th March – more details to follow . .

Big Garden Birdwatch

23–25 January 2026



Your how-to-guide and tally chart



FOLLOW THE LINK TO TAKE PART

[Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

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23–25 January 2026

Star of the Week



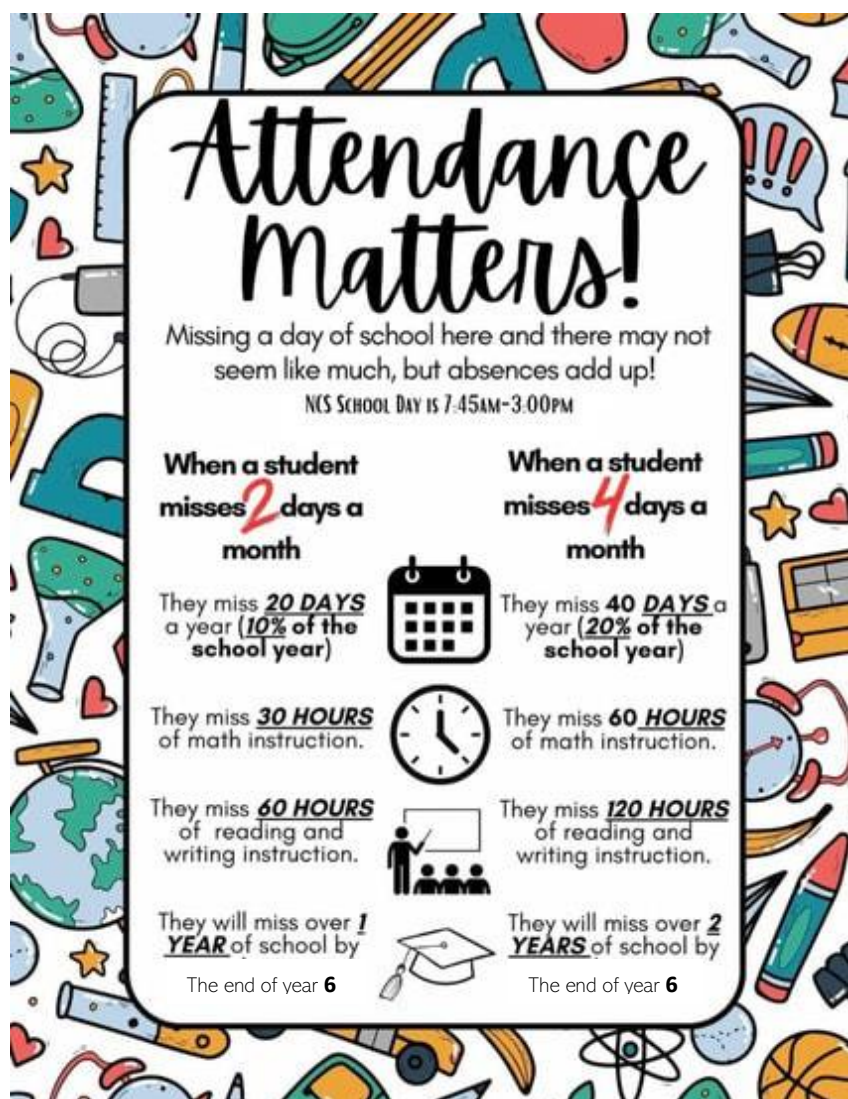
Aspiration

You are invited to
NABURN SCHOOL'S MYSTERY PLAYS

At St Matthew's Church
on Tuesday 3rd February
at 2.30pm



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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.

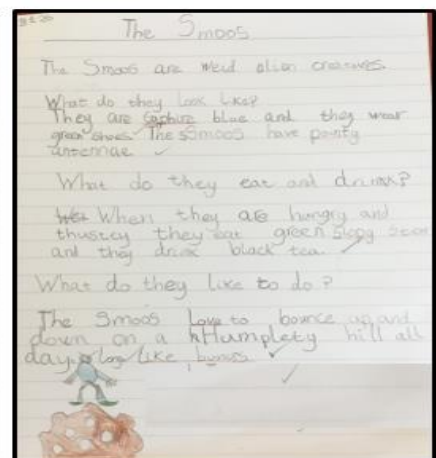
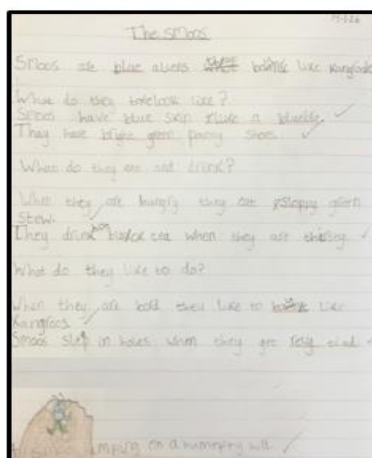
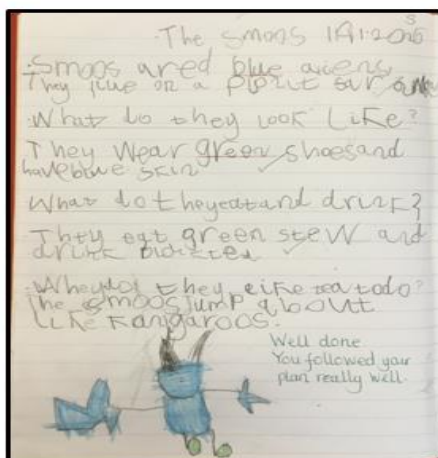
Any requests for other time off during term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A form must also be completed in advance for all term time absences.

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This week, our Reception children have been creating some fantastic 3D aliens using shaping, joining, and lots of imaginative thinking. They showed great confidence as they selected materials and experimented with different ways to build their designs. I am sure you will agree that they look amazing.

Here are some fantastic non-chronological reports about The Smoos, linked to our class book **The Smeds and the Smoos**. The children carefully applied their writing skills, using conjunctions, adjectives, and key features of non-chronological reports to organise their ideas clearly. They completed their work by adding their own illustrations and captions.



Acorn Class

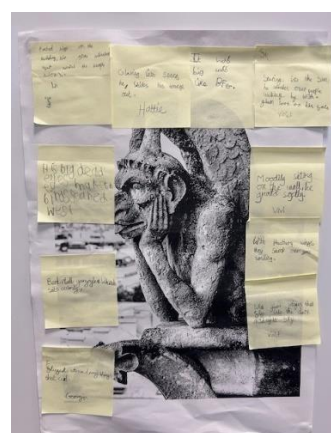
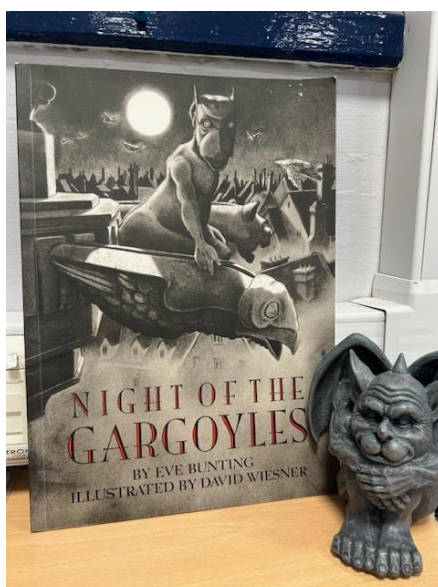
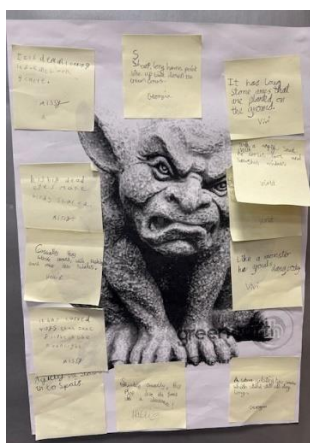


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In Maths, Willow class have used their increasing times table knowledge to explore factor pairs and inverse relationships. We are now able to access Times Table Rockstars at school and, on Wednesdays, children have access to a TTRS lunchtime club. It has also been encouraging to see increased participation in TTRS at home for many children this week. Where children are learning their times tables at home (special shout out to Violet this week!), there is a noticeable positive impact on mathematical confidence. The national expectation is for children to have a solid rapid recall of all multiplication and division facts by the end of Year 4 (and there will be a screening test) so this is a big focus for us in school and how you can help your child at home.

In English, we have read the narrative poetry book called, 'Night of the Gargoyles'. This wonderful text has stimulated our creative writing and the images have inspired us to draw our own Gargoyles. Next week, we are hoping to make our own clay sculpture gargoyles to keep our class pet gargoyle, Geoff, company!



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As part of our Victorians topic, Sycamore have been learning about life in the Workhouse. This week, they took on the role of inmates and made a video diary detailing their lives as children living in the Workhouse: how and why they had ended up in the Workhouse, their jobs, food and punishments. They also learnt about Dr Barnardo and his work to found schools and homes for poor and deprived children.



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Mrs Davies's expedition to the Andes

On the 20th February 2026 my 5 teammates and I will set off on a challenge of a lifetime to hopefully achieve a world's first! My good friend and fellow team member Steph became suddenly unwell in 2019 due to a neurological condition, which amongst other complex symptoms, took away her ability to mobilise. Steph was an experienced horse rider when she became ill, and one of the things that kept her going throughout her rehabilitation was the thought of one day sitting on her beloved horse again.

In 2023 myself and 7 others helped Steph to become the first wheelchair dependent person to cross the Pyrenees from France to Spain on horseback. However, Steph wasn't quite done with breaking down barriers and rewriting the rule book on what a wheelchair dependent person can and can't do. She very quickly came up with the idea of crossing the Andes, again on horseback, where she truly has her independence.

The 'Ride to Independence' expedition is expected to take us 7 days, leaving from Mendoza in Argentina, traversing the Andes reaching heights of up to 4,400m and finishing in Santiago, Chile. We will be following the route used by General San Martin in 1817, when he led the Army of the Andes to liberate Chile from the Spanish monarchy. We will ride the magnificent native Peruvian Paso and Chilean Criollo horses, with pack mules carrying all the kit, camping gear and most importantly Steph's wheelchair.

This is going to be a huge challenge not only for Steph but for all of us as a team. We will be spending between 6 to 9 hours in a saddle a day, coping with rocky terrain, steep slopes, changes in altitude, and extreme weather conditions. We can fully expect to see intense sun, high winds, and snow all in one day. Our bond as a team will be pushed to the limits as we will have to overcome the unexpected challenges presented in these kinds of extreme environments.

To make our crazy dream a reality, it has meant hours of tirelessly fundraising and the end is almost in sight, but we still need every penny to get us over the finish line! We truly appreciate everything donated. Steph and her husband Jon have now set up their own not for profit company, Equine Para-Adventures, to help support other disabled riders to make their 'impossible' dream a reality and have their own adventure. All funds raised above our target will be going towards this amazing cause.

At the end of school on Wednesday 28th January I will be in the playground raising funds for this expedition. I will be running a one hundred square style raffle, where you can buy a square for £1 and if you pick the winning square there will be a great chocolatey prize!! The winner will be announced after school on Friday 13th January.

Here is the link to our short team video, which explains more about us and what we hope to achieve,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fs3zp68rrbo>



Please go to our Go fund me page, if you feel this is something you would like to support further

<https://gofund.me/3ea0e9745>

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YORK

HOLIDAY CLUBS

with TOTAL SPORTS

ARTY/ CRAFTY/ SPORTY/ ADVENTURE/ FUN

The region's No.1 holiday clubs!!

Children aged 5-13 from all schools are welcome!!

8am-5:30pm

Ran by qualified DBS checked coaches!!

Energy Programmes at all venues - 50+ Activity Choices- 2 Choices Every Hour !!!

Football Camps- Open to all abilities and clubs!!

Our award winning holiday clubs will be running this February Half Term at

Archbishop Holgate's

Headlands Primary School

Huntington Secondary School

Manor CE School

offering boys & girls the perfect way to spend their school holidays!!

Join our Energy Programme at all venues - 50+ choices of

arty/crafty/sporty/adventure/fun! activities!!

With 2 choices every hour and your children in specific age groups, your children rule their days with their friends!!

Our activity choices ensure children of all interests have a brilliant day- choose between painting or dodgeball, parachute games or hockey, yoga or football, field games or den building- we have over 50+ activities across the week to ensure your children have action packed energy filled days!!

The choices are endless with our energy programme!!

Our holiday clubs open at 8am with flexible drop off until 9am! Pick up as late as 5:30pm!!

Parents can book in single days or a full week and pay using government childcare vouchers.

OFSTED registered and with 18 years worth of holiday club experience, we also work in over 40+ schools in the area meaning your children may well know our staff team!!

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OUR LOCAL YORK
VENUES!!!

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FOR VENUES!!



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

**FUN, ACTIVE, AWARD WINNING CHILDCARE
THIS FEBRUARY HALF TERM IN YORK
OPEN 8AM - 5:30PM | FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS**

- 50+ ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE WEEK
- ARTY | CRAFTY | SPORTY | ADVENTURE OPTIONS
- 2 ACTIVITY CHOICES EVERY HOUR
- SWIMMING DAYS - CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO
- FOOTBALL CAMPS AT SELECTED VENUES



WE ACCEPT

- ✓ Childcare Vouchers
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare



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**BOOK NOW, PLACES GO FAST AT ALL VENUES!!
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VENUES NEAR YOU!!

YORK

- ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE'S SECONDARY ⚡🏊
- HEADLANDS PRIMARY ⚡
- HUNTINGTON SECONDARY ⚡
- MANOR SECONDARY ⚡🏊

EASINGWOLD

- OUTWOOD ACADEMY SECONDARY ⚡

WAKEFIELD

- QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (QEGS) ⚡🏊

HARROGATE

- HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE ⚡
- ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE ⚡🏊

EAST YORKSHIRE

- POCKLINGTON SCHOOL ⚡🏊🏊
- TRANBY ⚡

CASTLEFORD

- BRIGSHAW HIGH SCHOOL ⚡

WHATS ON AT WHICH CAMP KEY:



ENERGY CAMP - 50+
ARTY/CRAFTY/SPORTY/
ADVENTURE/FUN ACTIVITIES



FOOTBALL CAMP



SWIM DAYS -
CHECK WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFO!

JOIN TOTAL ENERGY THIS HALF TERM!

50+ ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE WEEK & 2 CHOICES EVERY HOUR!!
CHOOSE BETWEEN DODGEBALL OR DEN BUILDING, CRAFTS OR
CAPTURE THE FLAG, PARACHUTE GAMES OR BASKETBALL,
YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS!

SWIMMING ON SET DAYS AT SET VENUES INCLUDED AS PART OF
ENERGY PROGRAMME - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!!



FOOTBALL CAMPS FOR FOOTBALL MAD CHILDREN!!

JOIN OUR FA QUALIFIED COACHES FOR A BRILLIANT HALF TERM OF
FOOTBALL FUN! AT SET VENUES, OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS ARE PERFECT
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES, SCHOOLS AND CLUBS! JOIN US FOR
SKILL DRILLS, CHALLENGES, MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS!!



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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