

School Newsletter



Naburn Church of England Primary School



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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another great week at school and I can't believe we are half way through the term already!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Thank you for supporting us in our goal to have every child in school every day. Our attendance is still below national levels this week, but we have seen a marked improvement! Thank you so much for your continued support! Missing school means missing out on key bits of learning which can affect children's self-confidence and happiness in school. If you have any worries about school attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher or the office.

STARTING SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2026

We still have a few spaces in our Reception Class for September 2026. If you know of anyone who has not yet applied and still needs a school place, please encourage them to contact our school office so an application can be put in as soon as possible as the deadline has now passed. We can help you to do this!

THANK YOU!

We would like to say thank you to our amazing volunteers who help us in school. They really support us with our reading and creative projects! If you would like to volunteer in school, please speak with our School Office Team.

Have a really lovely weekend.



**Battle winners are
COMMUNITY
Most Valueable players
Issy Georgia Larry
Next Weeks Battle
RESPECT vs
ASPIRATION**

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **MYSTERY PLAYS ARE ON AT ST MATTHEWS CHURCH TUESDAY 3RD FEB AT 2.30PM**
- Please remember to send hats gloves and coats during cold weather
- Acorn class - plea for small cardboard boxes, please, for making moon buggies next week. No bigger than a small shoe box.

Reflection Corner

Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things



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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
20 th March	Comic Relief – NON UNIFORM 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

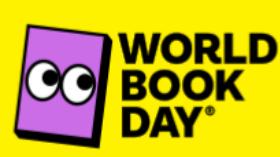
Nut Free

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 . . .**

COMIC RELIEF

MARCH 20th

**Non Uniform to raise money
for this wonderful day**



Aspiration



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Attendance Matters!

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

NCS SCHOOL DAY IS 7.45AM-3.00PM

When a student misses 2 days a month	When a student misses 4 days a month
They miss 20 DAYS a year (10% of the school year)	They miss 40 DAYS a year (20% of the school year)
They miss 30 HOURS of math instruction.	They miss 60 HOURS of math instruction.
They miss 60 HOURS of reading and writing instruction.	They miss 120 HOURS of reading and writing instruction.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by The end of year 6	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by The end of year 6



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.

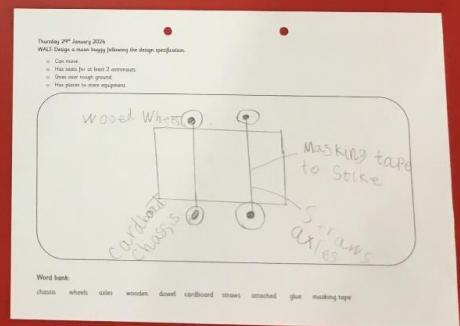
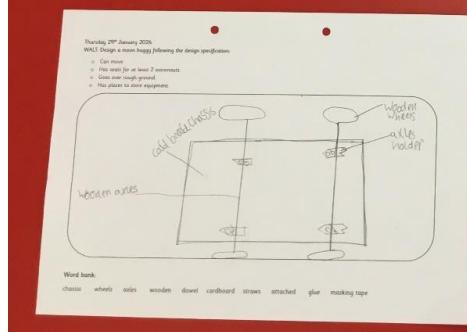
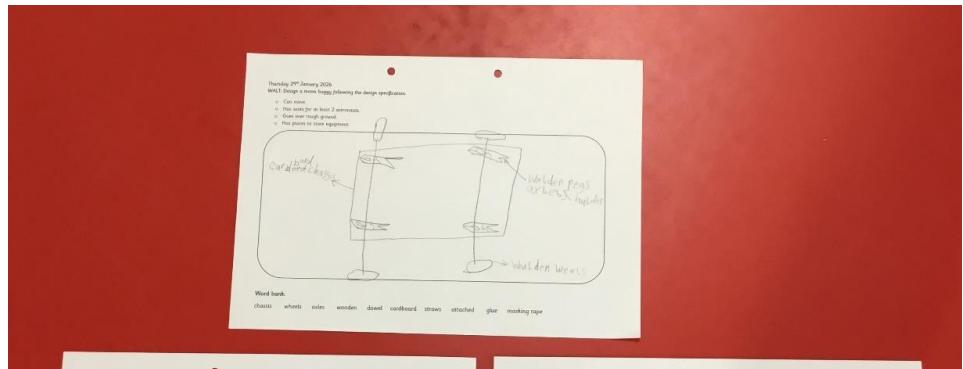
Any requests for other time off during term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A form must also be completed in advance for all term time absences.

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This week in Maths, we have been learning to combine two groups. In pairs, we took it in turns to use the magnetic rod to pick up as many frogs as we could. We counted how many frogs each child had and then counted how many frogs they had altogether.

In D&T this week, we have been designing our moon buggies following our design specification. We thought about the materials that we would need to make the chassis and wheels. We explored different axle holders such as pegs, cardboard triangles and straws to keep our axle in place but still allow it to turn. We look forward to making them next week!



Acorn Class



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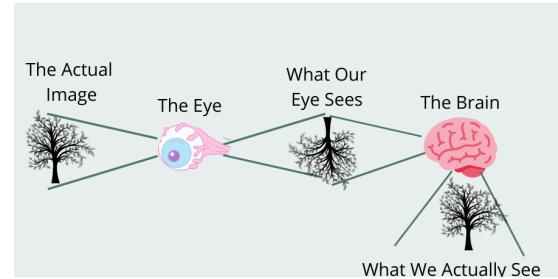
This week, we continued using the text 'Night of the Gargoyles' as a stimulus for English and artwork. The children wrote fabulous descriptions of gargoyles coming to life when night falls and even had the opportunity to sculpt their very own clay gargoyle! A big thank you to Georgy's Mum, Sydney, who came into class again to teach and support the children to work effectively with clay to create their gargoyle visions.



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This week Sycamore started their science topic of 'Light'. The children carried out an investigation into which materials reflect light the best. They set up a box with a light source and a viewing tube and discovered that without light, they were unable to see anything at all. They then switched on the light source and observed which materials made the best reflectors. The children have also discovered that objects are seen because they either give out or reflect light into the eye. Using mirrors, they have observed how the eye lets light in and then learnt about how the eye works.



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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.

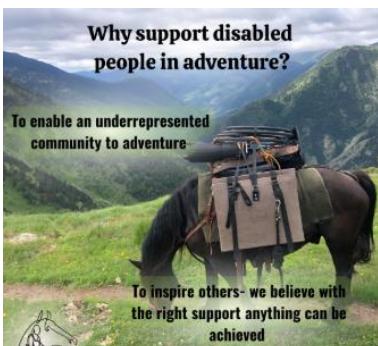
The 'Ride to Independence' expedition is expected to take us 7 days, leaving from Mendoza in Argentina, traversing the Andes reaching heights of up to 4,400m and finishing in Santiago, Chile. We will be following the route used by General San Martin in 1817, when he led the Army of the Andes to liberate 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 4th February 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

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 -
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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!!



SCAN TO BOOK!!!



BOOK NOW, PLACES GO FAST AT ALL VENUES!!

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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