

# School Newsletter



## Naburn Church of England Primary School



Newsletter : 116 11.09.26

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

### Headteacher's Introduction

A very warm **welcome back to school** for the start of the new academic year! I hope you all had a restful, refreshing summer break. It has been an absolute joy seeing our classrooms and corridors buzzing with energy, smiling faces, and enthusiasm for the year ahead. It has already been an eventful couple of weeks here at Naburn Primary School, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to our entire community. The strength, kindness, and resilience shown by everyone following our recent challenges have been nothing short of inspiring.

#### Overcoming the Flooding

As many of you know, we recently suffered a significant water leakage which unfortunately resulted in subsequent flooding within the school building. Dealing with unexpected disruptions is never easy, but the response from our community was incredible. I want to say a massive **thank you to everyone for your support, patience, and kind expressions of sympathy** during this challenging time. Your warm words and understanding truly keep our spirits up while we work hard to get everything safely resolved!

#### The Big Weekend Tidy Up

Following the disruption, we held a "Big Tidy Up" over the weekend to get our school grounds and spaces back in tip-top shape. I am absolutely blown away by the turnout. **Thank you so much to all the parents, staff, and volunteers who gave up their precious weekend time** to come into school, roll up their sleeves, and help us clear, clean and restore our environment. Thanks to your hard work, the school is looking wonderful and our children can continue learning in a bright, safe space.

#### A Beautiful New Reflection Area

In the midst of these challenges, we have also had some wonderful news. Our fantastic **PTA** has been working tirelessly behind the scenes, and they have successfully created a truly beautiful new reflection area for our children. This dedicated quiet space will provide a peaceful sanctuary where the children can sit, think, and find a moment of calm during the school day. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated PTA who constantly strive to enrich our school experience. Thank you all so much for your hard work and vision!

#### Every Day Counts: Attendance & Punctuality

As we head into this new term, I must stress the critical importance of good attendance. Excellent attendance links directly to your child's **academic progress, social development, and overall well-being**.

The **Department for Education (DfE)** has introduced strict statutory guidance—[Working Together to Improve School Attendance](#)—which tightens regulations around persistent absence and places a legal duty on schools to closely monitor and manage time off.

- **Our Attendance Target:** In line with national DfE standards, our baseline school target is a minimum of **95% attendance** for every child.
- **The School Day:** As a reminder, doors open at 8:40 am, and registers are taken at **8:55 am prompt**. Children must be in class, ready to learn at this time. Lateness causes disruption to your child's morning routine, and your child misses vital early learning.

We kindly **ask all of our families to help us meet our targets by ensuring your children are on time and in school every single day**.

**If your child is facing any barriers to attending school, please reach out to us early so we can work together to support you. We really do care and are here to support you in any way we can!**

Thank you once again for making Naburn such a supportive and special place to be.

# School Newsletter



## Dates for your diary

|                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October  | Harvest Festival at Church 10.30am |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Break up for half term             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | Back to school                     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | School Photos Day                  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Jumper Day               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Break up for Christmas             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January   | Back to 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"

## Reflection Corner

Proverbs 1:5

"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."



## ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER **HAS NOW CHANGED**

PLEASE NOW RING **01904 233259** FOR ALL ABSENT MESSAGES AND ANY OTHER ENQUIRIES

## PE DAYS

KS1 HAVE PE ON WEDNESDAY

KS2 HAVE PE ON FRIDAY

PLEASE CAN YOU SEND YOUR CHILD ALREADY IN THEIR PE KIT

Thank you



# School Newsletter

## 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



## Supporting Your Child's Good Attendance

You play the most important role in establishing good habits. Here are a few ways you can help us work together:

- **Keep to a Routine:** Establish a consistent **bedtime routine** to ensure your child gets enough sleep and is awake, alert, and ready to learn in the morning.
- **Be Punctual:** School starts at 8.45/8.50am. Arriving on time ensures your child doesn't miss the vital start-of-day instructions, activities, and register, which sets a positive tone for the whole day.
- **Book Appointments Outside of School Hours:** Please try to schedule dentist and non-urgent medical appointments after school or during the school holidays.
- **Avoid Term-Time Holidays:** Family holidays during term time are almost always recorded as **unauthorised absence** and severely disrupt a child's learning.
- **Know When to Send Them In:** If your child has a minor ailment, such as a cold or a slight cough, and is otherwise well, they should still come to school. If you are unsure whether your child is too ill to attend, please contact the school office for advice or consult the NHS guidance on 'Is my child too ill for school?'

### What to Do if Your Child is Absent

If your child is genuinely too ill to attend, please contact the school office on 01904 551075 before 9am on the first day of absence, stating the reason. You must call us **every day** they are absent, please.

# School Newsletter



We've had a fantastic first week in Acorn class!

Our reception children have settled in beautifully and enjoyed being shown around our areas by their new KS1 friends!

Together we made and signed our class charter, a list of expectations that acorn class came up with for how we behave in school. We all took turns signing it too (even the adults!)



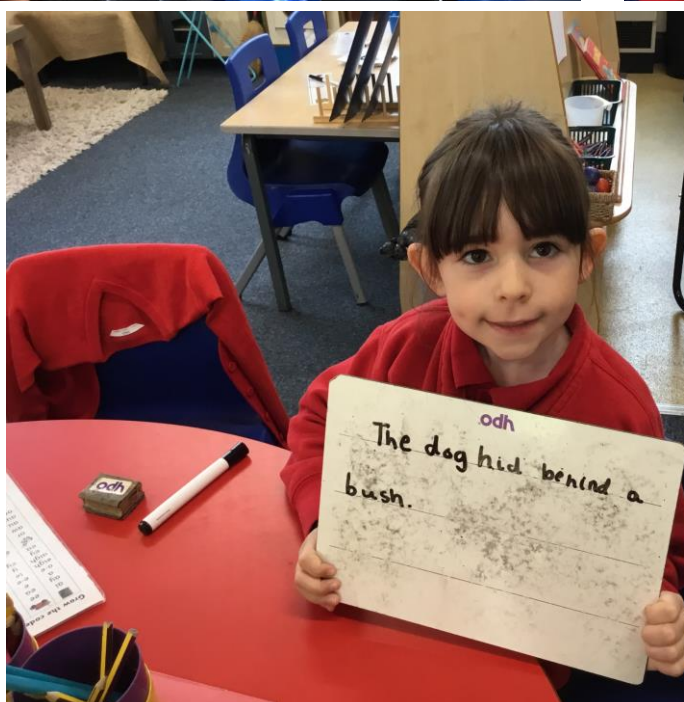
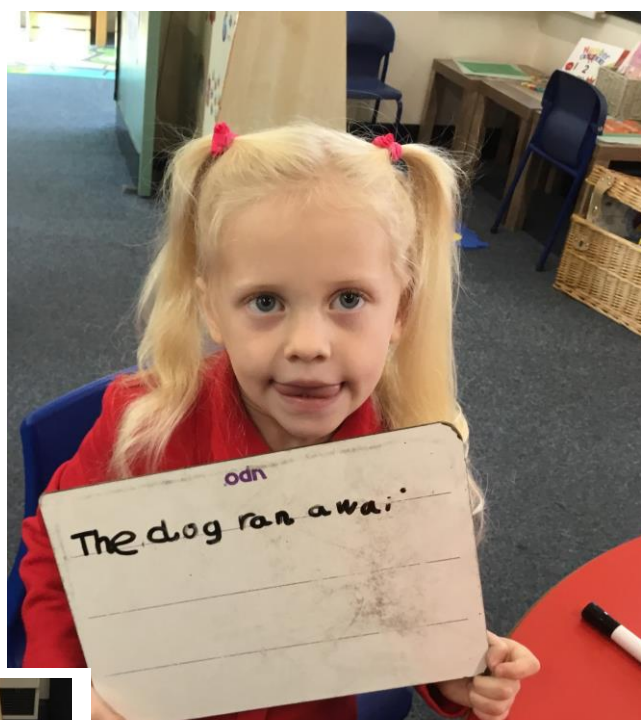
# School Newsletter

Our first KS1 Science lesson was investigating signs of Autumn. We found different coloured leaves, conkers and pinecones in our outdoor area!

Acorn Class



Miss Foers was showing off her acting skills in our KS1 writing lesson, all about describing how a character shows their emotions. Then we had a go at putting our ideas about how our characters would show they are scared into sentences- without using the word scared!

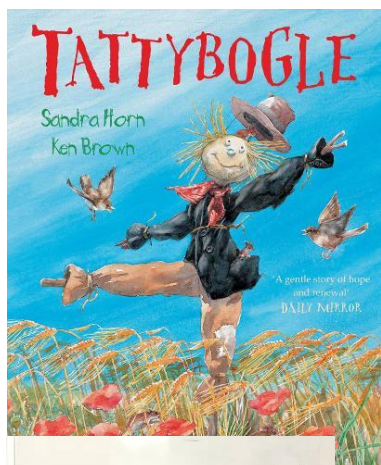


# School Newsletter



Y3/4

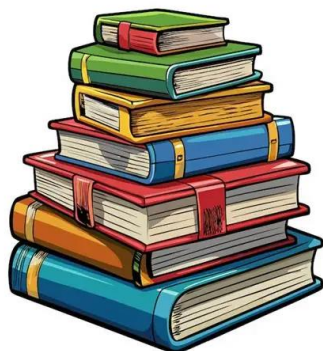
In Willow class this week, we used the wonderful story 'Tattybogle' as a stimulus for our writing. We then drew and made our very own scarecrows!





# School Newsletter

We have had a lovely start back to the new school year in Sycamore. On Tuesday, the children took part in a book tasting cafe. They sampled a variety of genres: fantasy, historical fiction, sci-fi, mystery, horror and graphic novels. It was wonderful to see the children so excited about the different genres and to witness them engaging so enthusiastically when they found 'the one' for them! Some of the new books have been taken home already!



# School Newsletter



## NABURN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026 / 2027

### AUTUMN TERM 2026

**Staff Training. School closed: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

School Open: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

**Half-term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

School Open: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2026

**Staff Training. School closed: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**

### SPRING TERM 2027

**Staff Training. School closed: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

School Open: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2027

**Half-term: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

School Open: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2027

**Staff Training. School closed: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

**Easter Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2027**

### SUMMER TERM 2027

School Open: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

**Half-term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027**

School Open: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027

**Staff Training. School closed: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027**

### ADDITIONAL DATES 2026 / 2027

**Bank Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027**

# School Newsletter



Looking for a fun, safe and nurturing environment for your child ?

For more information

✉ [manager@escrickpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@escrickpreschool.co.uk)

🌐 [www.escrickpreschool.co.uk](http://www.escrickpreschool.co.uk)

**SEPTEMBER 2026 SPACES AVAILABLE**

**Funding Available for Eligible 2-4 Year Olds**

🌈 **Learn Through Play**

📖 **Early Learning Activities**

🎨 **Creative & Outdoor Play**

❤️ **Caring & Experienced Team**

*Run the*  
**INFLATABLE 5K**  
**Saturday 26th September**  
**ELVINGTON, YORK**

**Free entry**

**Run, jump, bounce, slide and fundraise...**  
to raise money for children affected by brain tumours. Click to find out how to get involved.

**More info**

**THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS**  
FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS  
Our Summer Camps run: 20th July - 3rd Sept

Scan below to learn more or contact: 01904 307404  
[york@thelittlegym.co.uk](mailto:york@thelittlegym.co.uk)

**More info**

**Naburn Primary School does not specifically endorse or have any responsibility for these companies, activities or events. They are included for your information only.**