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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Hopefully next week will be snow free, but thank you to those who sent their snowman pictures in, and thank you for bearing with us whilst we navigated the ice this morning!

Federation St Hilda's Day 2025

This Monday, we celebrated St Hilda's Day together with our friends from Danby School having a special St Hilda's Day service followed by some refreshments and some activities. The infants enjoyed making snakes and ammonite mobiles, Y3/4 carried out a St Hilda themed treasure trail in church and Y5/6 had a St Hilda's Quiz. Thank you to Sister Dorothy for leading this service with the help of some willing volunteers and amazing readers from the children.

FOES Non-Uniform Day

FOES are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November in exchange for sending in an item suitable for tombola or hamper with your child if you are able. Any donations welcomed, our hampers will be packed on the afternoon of Monday 1st December, all helpers welcome. Thank you!

Flu Vaccinations

Due to the weather, today's Flu vaccinations have been postponed to 4th December. Please ensure all consent/ non-consents are completed prior to the date [HERE](#). Thank you.

Next Thursday Activities

Next Thursday, the **juniors only will be swimming** as the infants are on a class trip. Please ensure the juniors are equipped with their swim kits and infants have comfortable shoes, warm coats and a backpack. Please let us know in advance if you are collecting your child from the pool, so we can ensure they have their school bags with them. Thank you.

Year 5 6 Athletics

On Tuesday afternoon, children in Years 5 and 6 went to Whitby School to take part in a Sportshall Athletics event. They teamed up with children from Danby and competed as a Federation team taking part in a variety of different events including relay races, long jump, triple jump and speed bounce to name but a few! Well done to everyone who participated and showed great team spirit.

Adverse weather conditions

Just a reminder that this week we sent out a reminder of our school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions. We are also asking that everyone completes a 'Safe place' form so that we have an alternative place logged for your child to go to should the school need to close during the school day. Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

[Link to safe alternative place for your child](#)

[Link to the school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions](#)

FOES News and Activities

NOW COLLECTING HAMPER AND TOMBOLA GOODIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Donations may be brought in to school or popped in the collection box at the front door.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting for Christmas Fair and Events planning. Please see and complete their form [HERE](#) to let the FOES team know if you are able to help with preparations for the FOES Christmas Fair. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Next meeting - Hamper Packing All welcome Monday 1st December at 2pm.

Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December 3.30pm in school

Raffle Ticket Draw - Monday 8th December

School Term Dates

The list of term dates for the academic year 2025-2026 can be found [HERE](#).

School Dinner Menu

Please click [HERE](#) for the Autumn Term menu. Sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies please could you let us know by completing the appropriate form which can be found [HERE](#).

Diary Dates

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website [HERE](#). This is updated regularly throughout the term.

Swimming - whole school	27/11 11/12
Forest School Infants	18/12
Forest School Juniors	04/12
Flu Vaccinations	4th December
Individual School Photos	2nd December
Christingle Service	4th December 5.30pm for 6pm start St Matthews, Grosmont
Christmas Theatre Trip	8th December

Christmas play performances	16th December 2pm 17th December 6pm for 6.30pm
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

Next week, I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Safeguarding Children Telephone Number

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.**

The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070.

The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child).

Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and other such devices - information

We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to let parents/carers know that children are not permitted to wear or have in pockets/bags etc, Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and such devices under any circumstances either in school or on school trips. This is inline with safeguarding policy. Thank you for your understanding.

Dinners and Breakfast and After School Clubs

Just a reminder of our costs this term.

- Dinners for Junior children - £2.80. (Infant meals continue to be free of charge through a government scheme)
- Breakfast club: £3.00 a day
- After School Club: £2.50 3.30pm - 4.30pm - to include a drink and snack
£3.00 4.30pm - 5.30pm - to include a drink and light tea

Tax Free Childcare - Reminder

Egton School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both Breakfast Club and After School Club as they are chargeable. For more information on how this works, please use the link below. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to pay for your childcare this way so we can keep an eye out for payments.

[Tax-Free Childcare](#)

My Happy Mind

Just a reminder that you are able to access the [Parent App](#).

The children's engagement in our My Happy Mind project has been a huge success in school so far. Accessing the Parent App would help to reinforce the strategies taught in school at home and strengthen the positive habits that we are trying to encourage in our children.

 **Your unique authentication code is: 121610 for Egton CofE VA Primary**

DfE Guidance on reducing the spread of illnesses this winter

The DfE have asked that the following link is shared with parents as new guidance has been issued:

Please see the NHS Guidance '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' Pupils shouldn't miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea or vomiting.

Growing Healthy Information from HDFT

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by Harrogate District Foundation Trust [HDFT] who deliver the Healthy Child programme. This covers the whole county and has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App | HDFT Children's Health Service](#)

Free Inclusion courses for parents

We have been asked to share with you the following link to courses designed to support parents and carers of children with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD. Link [HERE](#).

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

ParentPay Hints & Tips

If you would like to pay for all payment items together rather than individually, there is an option to pay for everything at once! Simply go into each payment item [on one or more children] and click

'Add to Basket' at the bottom of the screen. When everything is in the basket, click on the basket icon and pay for everything under one transaction.

Free School Meal Eligibility

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYC website -[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#).

Updated Guidance from the DfE regarding unauthorised leave of absence

Please be advised that there have been some legal changes to the guidance that schools must follow with regards to unauthorised leave of absences during term time. The penalty amounts have been increased and also the introduction of possible legal intervention. Please see below the information from the DfE.

For unauthorised Leave of absence taken within a three-year rolling period, Penalty Notices will be issued as follows:

- *The first Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *A second Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- ***A third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.***
- ***In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action will be taken. This will include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Legal Interventions to address poor attendance.***

As always, any leave of absence other than illness, must be requested in advance by completing a form to the headteacher. These forms are available from the school office.

Contacting the teaching staff

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Please note that staff emails are only monitored during the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. For anything urgent outside of these hours please contact the admin email.

admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Attendance

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by telephone on **01947 895369** or by email to admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk . If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you.