

Friarage News!



Friday 5th December 2025



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

The children and staff from Year 1 to Year 6 had a wonderful time on their trip to the Stephen Joseph Theatre to see Sleeping Beauty. It was a fantastic show, and the pupils especially loved the K-POP songs woven into the performance.

One child summed it up perfectly, saying, ***"If I could score it out of ten, I would give it a thousand."***

Their behaviour throughout the trip was impeccable, and we were incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Our Christmas Dinner was also a great success. A huge thank you to our amazing kitchen staff for preparing such a delicious and festive meal for the whole school.

Best wishes
Mrs Cappleman



updates

PLEASE NOTE

Please ensure all young children and non-FCA pupils brought on to site before and after school are supervised at all times.

DATES

15/12/2025

EYFS Wonkey Donkey at SJT

17/12/2025

KS1 Nativity at Queen Street

KS2 Performance at Queen St

18/12/2025

EYFS Performance at Friarage

19/12/2025

School breaks up

05/01/2026

School reopens



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Nursery

Green team

In Art, the children learned how to create a shared piece of artwork using pre-cut materials. They worked together beautifully to make a collaborative Christmas display.

We have been learning about Christmas, beginning to understand why it is celebrated and exploring the story of the very first Christmas.

The children have also been busy making festive decorations, showing lots of creativity and enthusiasm.

We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner, filled with smiles, music and festive cheer!



Reception

Blue team

In Talk 4 Writing, we have had a wonderful week innovating the story of **Stickman**. The children enjoyed changing where he lives and who he meets to create their own imaginative versions of the story.

In Maths, we have been exploring squares and rectangles, learning about their properties, spotting them in our environment, and sorting them in different ways.

Our Nursery Rhyme this week is Michael Finnegan, we have been singing the Rhyme wearing whiskers just like Michael!

We all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas Dinner, full of festive fun and excitement. This week we also welcomed our families into school to take part in Christmas craft activities. It was a lovely opportunity to get creative together and share some seasonal joy.



Key Stage 1

Team Haigh

A fantastic festive week in school. The children enjoyed the performance of Sleeping Beauty and were very well behaved I was very proud of them. They sang along and laughed and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In other exciting news Team Haigh has welcomed an exciting visitor to the class **Ernie the Elf!** He is looking out for super behaviour and is very cheeky . He keeps moving around the class round and getting up to mischief. The children are looking forward to seeing what he gets up to next .



Team Conner & Lowery

This week the children have been busy writing arguments in their Literacy lessons. After practising our debating skills the children wrote arguments, for and against extending play times at school.

We all had a fantastic time at the Stephen Joseph Theatre watching sleeping beauty. The children particularly enjoyed the musical element of the performance and loved joining in with some familiar songs.

The children have also been busy practising their school nativity. We are looking forward to performing for you at the church next Wednesday.



team kelly

Another fantastic and busy week!

In Geography, we have been learning about the water cycle and how rivers are formed. We have done our own research on rivers in England and how they are similar and different.

In Writing, we have been writing our own food reviews based on a disgusting Christmas dinner and we have used some fantastic vocabulary!

On Wednesday, we thoroughly enjoyed watching 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Stephen Joseph Theatre!



Wow what a busy week!

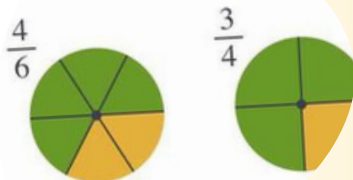
team thorpe / Newens

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In Writing, we have been writing our own food reviews based on a disgusting Christmas dinner!

In Geography, we chose two rivers to study and compare.

In Maths, we have started fractions and have shown some great skills with this! Could you challenge yourself to work with fractions at home using food or objects?



team Stevens

It's been another busy week and the children have continued to work exceptionally hard. On Wednesday, it was wonderful to spend time at the theatre and we all enjoyed watching Sleeping Beauty!

In Reading, we've been reading extracts from Pinocchio, looking at the way Carlo Collodi used Show not Tell and dialogue effectively. Whilst the children have not read the whole book, it has been wonderful to see them taking part in high-quality discussions, drawing on the information they do know to support their ideas.

In Geography, we have enjoyed a mini unit about rivers. This week, the children researched two rivers, comparing the sizes, locations and uses.



Year 5 & 6

team Robinson & Tymon

What a fantastic week we have had! Firstly, we thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Stephen Joseph Theatre. All the children said they loved the performance and Ben even rated it 1000/10! Their behaviour was fantastic and they represented the school beautifully. Well done Team 5RT!

In History, we have been looking at what life was like in Germany after WW1 and how expensive things were.

In DT, we have looked at how computers have changed over time. We couldn't believe how big they used to be!



team Wendon

We have had quite a festive week this week. We went to the Stephen Joseph theatre on Wednesday to watch Sleeping Beauty. We enjoyed singing to the songs and joining in! It was also Christmas dinner and jumper day on Thursday.

In History, this week we looked at what life was like in Germany after World War I. We were shocked to learn how expensive a loaf of bread was!

We also took part in an assembly broadcast by Robert Swan in Antarctica and created a keynote about what we have learned throughout this unit.



team Copeland

We have enjoyed a wonderful penultimate week of the half term.

On Wednesday we went to the Stephen Joseph theatre to watch their amazing performance of Sleeping Beauty. It was fantastic!

Also this week we have been writing diaries as if we are different people. We have used informal language (a chatty style) and considered how the character might be feeling throughout the incident.

In History we have been considering the reasons behind why WW2 started. We have also been busy rehearsing for our KS2 carol concert at Queen Street Methodist Church on Wednesday 17th December at 1:30pm. We hope you can join us next week!



Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

GRADUATED RESPONSE!

In the next few weeks, you should expect a phone call or meeting with your child's teacher if they are on the SEND register.

They will talk you through their targets for the rest of the Autumn term and you will have a chance to discuss your views and concerns.

If you have any worries or would like to discuss things further, ask your child's teacher to arrange a meeting with me.

Best wishes,

Laura Tymon

SENDCO

YOUR SENDCO



Miss Tymon

OUR SERVICES!



We are pleased to continue working with Seaside SaLT (Speech and Language) and Sandcastles Play Therapy services.



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Attendance

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to **Team Tymon/Robinson** on winning week 14!

CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

If your child attends school **every day for the last two weeks of term**, they will be entered into a raffle where one student from each class will be awarded a massive **100 DOJOS** points!

MONITORING

Parents of students whose attendance is below 94% will be receiving letters regarding their child's attendance.

Here is the link for NHS guidance "Is My Child Too Ill for School"

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



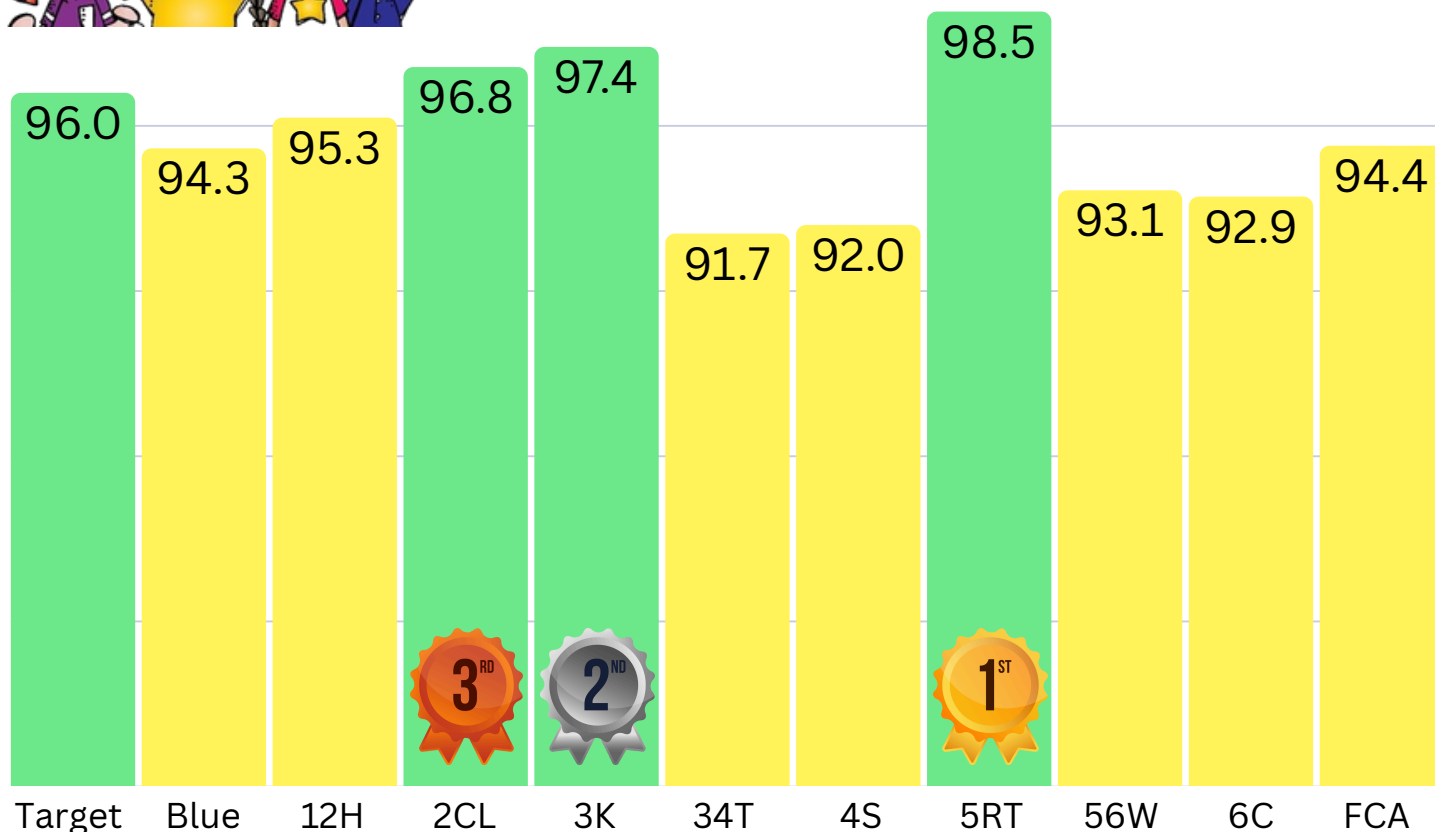
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Attendance Officer



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Friargate, Scarborough

Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost**.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**



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