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Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's fair to say that Christmas has well and truly landed in school this week and the excitement is building! We have lovely trees up in our classrooms, preparations are well underway for our Christmas Play and as you receive this newsletter we will be in the happy throes of our Christmas Fair! Please watch this space in the coming weeks for information on all of our forthcoming Christmassy Events!

Christingle

Thank you to Rev. Anthony, Rev. Sam and team St Matthew's for a delightful Christingle Cafe Church last night. Lovely refreshments as always and a very special atmosphere. What a lovely start to our Christmas festivities.

Junior Educational Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre

Today, the juniors travelled to York for an educational visit to the JORVIK Viking Centre and DIG. The trip began with a very interesting and informative tour of the DIG which is a hands-on archaeological adventure where young explorers can become archaeologists! Here they took part in a 'Trader's, Looters and Settler's' workshop where they were able to explore and dig using a range of tools to find a variety of artefacts. After a picnic lunch, there was a tour of the JORVIK Viking Centre and an exciting, interactive ride through the reconstructed city of JORVIK. The 360 degree views enabled the children to see how the people lived and the town was constructed. A great day was had by all!

After School Club Monday 8th December

Due to staff training we are only able to run After-School Club until 4.30pm on Monday. Thank you.

Christmas Play Costumes

Your child should have brought home a slip detailing anything that they need for their costume this week. Please could all costumes be in school by Friday 12th December. Thank you.

ParentPay

ParentPay has now been updated and should show current charges for all payment items from 3rd November onwards. If anyone has any queries or notices any anomalies, please get in touch with Mrs Asquith. As before, ParentPay will continue to update each week, usually on a Friday.

KS2 Rugby

KS2 enjoyed the second of three Rugby coaching sessions courtesy of Whitby Rugby Club on Monday. Thanks to Naomi who led the session, we are looking forward to our last session!

Christmas Theatre Trip

A reminder that we are going to the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough on Monday morning and will be leaving school at 8.30am, please can all children be at school with a packed lunch by 8.20am to ensure a prompt departure. Thank you. Unfortunately, we will not be able to wait for latecomers as we cannot be late for the start of the performance.

Christmas Dinner

We are having our school Christmas Dinner on 10th December [next Wednesday]. The dinner will be turkey, stuffing, sausage, roast potatoes, Christmas veg medley and gravy followed by a Christmas biscuit. If your child would like to order one, they can do at registration as usual! Christmas Jumpers may be worn to school for Christmas Dinner Day

FOES Hamper Pack and Draw

Thank you to everyone who came and helped to pack hampers for Monday's draw. We will be drawing the tickets with the children on our return from the Theatre on Monday.

Jesus and Me - Tuesday

Next Tuesday, St Hilda's Church, Egton will be available for the next "1, 2, 3, Jesus & Me" service after school. The service is for everybody but designed to be child friendly. There'll be refreshments straight after school and the service will start at 3.45pm. If you're running late, you can take your refreshments to where you're sitting. There'll be lots of singing, songs with actions, a short Bible story followed by a chat about it and prayers. We won't expect children to sit still, be perfectly quiet or not to fidget. Babies can cry and if they're hungry be fed. Any questions or dietary needs, contact Revd Sam on 07764654788 or sam@swallowbarn.me.uk

Next Thursday Activities

Please note it is our last Swimming session before Christmas next Thursday. Please ensure everyone is equipped with their kits. Thank you.

Santa Claus is coming to town...18th December at 5.30pm

The big man will be making his way through Egton village again this year! He will have a quick stop outside The Witching Post In then head down to Egton Bridge where he will go past The Horseshoe Hotel and along Broom House Lane, before he heads back to the North Pole to get ready for the big day!

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.

Christmas Theatre Trip	8th December
Christmas Dinner Day	10th December
Swimming - whole school	11th December
Christmas play performances	16th December 2pm 17th December 6pm
Forest School Infants	18th December
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 the theatre with both schools on Monday, Danby on Tuesday and Thursday and Egton on Wednesday and Friday.

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).

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.

Adverse weather conditions

Just 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](#)

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](#).

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.