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# FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

This week some of our children have been very busy practising their Christmas productions. In classrooms children have also been busy learning, enjoying art and taking part in PE.

Children in Nursery, Ladybird Class, have been reading 'The Leaf Thief' (a laugh out loud book by Alice Hemming), learning about woodland creatures and thinking about nocturnal animals. At the time of writing children are still busy trying to find out who the Leaf Thief is..... perhaps you can help?

In Butterfly class children have been busy talking about road safety, including how to stay safe in a car and how to be safe when walking near roads. Children have also been busy in art painting some beautiful star constellation pictures and having fun creating 'shadow puppets' with their hands.

Meanwhile children in Hedgehog have been reading Drew Daywalt's story book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Children have also looked at different materials and their properties.

Science in Rabbit Class has been all about 'switches' with children making their own switches and incorporating them into circuits. Children have also been busy using their imagination and writing about storms.

This week in Badger Class, children started reading their new class book, the timeless classic 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. In Science children have been busy learning about electricity and making electrical circuits. In History children have been looking at the Anglo Saxons.

On Wednesday, children in Fox Class were joined by Poppy and Hanna from Pioneer Projects for a Lantern Making Workshop. Fox Class have also been busy learning all about Anglo Saxons and electrical circuits.

Finally, in Owl Class, children have been learning all about Vikings and Anglo Saxons; PE is all about Gymnastics, maths about long division and reading about the new Class Book 'Cogheart'.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who made a donation in return for today's non-uniform day. There is still time to add to the 'collection table' which is in the school's Reception area. All donations will be made into beautiful prize hampers by our wonderful FOBS and raffled off at this year's Christmas Fair.

Thank you also to those parents/carers who purchased Christmas Cards, tags, and paper from this year's Art Projects for Schools campaign. As a school we managed to raise £125.48 from commission – THANK YOU. This money will be used to buy new art resources for school.

On Monday, children in Badger, Fox and Owl Class will be taking part in an exciting 'Viking Workshop'. We would encourage parents/carers, if they have not already done so, to consider making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of this workshop via Parentpay. Thank you.

As a quick reminder, can parents/carers of children in our Nursery provision, please remember to return completed Parental Agreements for the Spring Term. The deadline for returning forms was today and, at the time of writing, there are still a number of parents/carers who have not returned any paperwork. Thank you.

This year's Christmas Jumper day will be on the same day as Christmas Dinner. Children are invited to come to school wearing an item of 'festive' clothing over their uniform in return for a £1.00 voluntary donation. Mrs Nelson has announced that all monies raised this year will be sent to Leeds Children's Hospital Fund.

Finally, parents/carers of eligible children should now have received FEAST vouchers for Holiday Activities over Christmas. If you have not received a voucher via your e-mail please contact either the School Office or [hello@northyorkshiretogether.com](mailto:hello@northyorkshiretogether.com)

Have a lovely weekend.

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## Next Week:

### **Monday 27th November 2023**

Creamy Mac 'n' Cheese  
Lightly Spiced Bean and Veg Curry with Rice  
Jacket Potato

Viking Workshop (All Day) : Badger, Fox, Owl  
3.30pm Happy Art Club – KS1 (3/5)

### **Tuesday 28th November 2023**

Nacho Beef Bake  
Cheese and Bean Enchilada  
Jacket Potato

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl  
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog

2.30pm – 3.30pm Stay and Learn (Parents/carers of  
children in Butterfly Class)

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited  
Children (3/6) – **KS1**

### **Wednesday 29th November 2023**

Roast Chicken and Stuffing  
Home-made Cottage Pie  
Jacket Potato

9.00am-10.00am Stay and Learn (Parents/Carers of  
children in Badger Class)

3.30pm – 5.30pm Lantern Making Workshop (selected  
children from Badger Class)

### **Thursday 30th November 2023**

All Day Breakfast  
Veggie All Day Breakfast  
Jacket Potato

10.00am Keyboard Lessons (NYC Music Service)

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

***Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a  
school lunch***

Fish Fingers  
Italian Style Vegetable Lasagne  
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Owl Class FINAL SWIMMING LESSON

9.30am to 11.00am : BABY AND TODDLER GROUP in  
the School Hall

**5.00pm to 7.00pm FOBS CHRISTMAS FAIR in the  
SCHOOL HALL – EVERYONE WELCOME, PLEASE COME  
ALONG AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.**

Children's Christmas Party

Bentham Methodist Chapel have forwarded an invitation  
to all children to join their FREE Christmas Party on Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. There will be  
fun activities, party food and party games. All children  
need to be accompanied by an adult.

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## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

# Your dog and your new baby

If you've a baby on the way, now's the time to start preparing your dog. Gradually introduce changes in your home and routines, using rewards your dog enjoys, to help them cope well with the new arrival.

### Things to start early

- Think about how your walking times or routes might differ and start to introduce changes
- Get your dog used to being by themselves in another room, either with the door closed or with a safety gate
- You could make them their own quiet space away from the main living room.

### When you have baby things

- If you've been given or bought any baby things, set them up as soon as you have them so your dog can sniff and get used to them
- If you have a pram, you could practice with your dog walking alongside it
- Try using a doll as a pretend baby. Praise your dog or give treats when they keep their paws on the ground around the doll
- If you have a phone to play baby sounds on, this can help your dog get used to new noises

### Baby's arrival

- Ask a family member to walk the dog before you bring the baby home, so they're relaxed
- Say hello to your dog first. Then introduce the baby in a quiet room
- Give your dog lots of treats for good behaviour.

### At home with your baby

- Always stay with your baby when your dog is there
- Avoid putting your baby down on the floor or in a Moses basket on the floor
- If you have a crib downstairs, use a safety gate or keep it where your dog won't be able to knock it over.

### Still worried?

- If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
- Visit the [Animal Behaviour and Training Council](#) website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.








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# Apply for free school meals online

If you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, simply login to your [Synergy Parent Portal account](#) and follow the process outlined below. If you have previously applied for school admissions or funding for your two year old you will most likely already have an account. If not, you can easily [create an account here](#).

- STEP 1**  
Enter your National Insurance Number/National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number and date of birth.
- STEP 2**  
Select the child(ren) you wish to apply for. If you have previously applied for a school place for your child they will already appear on the dropdown list. If your child does not appear automatically, they can easily be added by entering their forename, surname, date of birth and gender.
- STEP 3**  
Attach any supporting documentation, if necessary, this could include documents such as a copy of your Universal Credit statement.
- STEP 4**  
A message will then be displayed stating that we will be in touch with confirmation details. The school(s) at which your child(ren) attends will be notified as soon as the application has been fully processed by our team (5 working days). Your child(ren) can then begin enjoying free school meals once the school has received this notification.



If your application is unsuccessful you can then move to a further screen to find out why this may be the case.

If you need help or wish to discuss your application please contact us:  
Phone: 01609 533 405  
Email: [schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk)



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## Had a baby in the last 18 months? Live in North Yorkshire?

We would love to hear from you about your experiences of postnatal care when you arrived home after the birth.

What support did you receive for yourself and your baby?

Take our survey and be part of improving community postnatal care for everyone.

The feedback we gather will be used to produce a report which will be shared with service providers to help influence how services are designed and delivered.

For more information, contact us:



01423 788 128

[hello@hwny.co.uk](mailto:hello@hwny.co.uk)

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# LEGO CLUB

**Bentham Community Library**  
**Every Wednesday in term time**  
**4 - 5 pm | For 6 - 11 year olds**  
*Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult*

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