



St Paul's C of E Primary School

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Issue 2 – Friday 2 October 2026

Hello Everyone!

September has flown by, but we finished the month on a high with a flurry of fantastic events! Thank you to all the parent helpers who supported our Food Festival trips, and to everyone who attended our Phonics Stay & Play- we love welcoming families in to let the children show off their hard work. You may have also noticed that our new outdoor building is nearly finished, and we hope to open it for the children next week!

A massive thank you to FOSP for kicking off the year with the Sausage Sizzle. The funds raised go directly toward enrichment activities the children love. There is plenty more fun ahead in the coming weeks, so please check the details below - especially a reminder that school photographs are taking place this coming Wednesday!

School Council Elections

Well done to all the children who prepared and delivered their speeches for School Council, you all did very well.

Congratulations to the following children who have been successfully voted in to their new role as School Councillor for their class.

Each School Councillor will receive a red school jumper according to their size later this term.

Class 1 – Ami & Finn

Class 2 – Cosima & Casper

Class 3 – Henry & Reuben

Class 4 – Mats & Aurora

Class 5 – Isla & Ariel

Class 6 – Erik & Nell

School Council –

Calling all budding gardeners!

School Council's first venture will be planting some spring bulbs to brighten up the playground for the springtime. We would like to ask therefore for any donations of potting compost, ceramic or wooden plant pots and a variety of spring bulbs to be brought into school by Wednesday 7th October. We also would appreciate a few volunteers to help the children with this potting. If you are interested, please contact the office to express your interest.

Many thanks, Mrs Adams

School Photographs

Our school photographer, Nicole, from Tempest, will be with us on Wednesday 7th October.

Please can ALL children come to school in their school uniform, no PE kit required. PE will be activities that can be done in uniform for one day.

During the morning Nicole will take all individual and siblings in school photographs. Within a few days you will receive a link by email, this will be sent to the **primary contact only** for all pupils. For any parents who wish to also receive the link, please contact the school office to arrange this. If you would like to place an order, you usually have up to 2 weeks in which to select the option of FREE postage to school.

Flu Vaccinations – Whole School

Vaccination UK is attending our school for flu vaccinations on Wednesday 10th November. Vaccination UK will contact the primary contact for each child in school directly for consent.

Please complete your consent by the end of October, thank you.



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Free School Meals

Checks of whether your children can get Free School Meals will be done each year now.

If your finances change or you think you may be eligible, please follow the link for more information and a quick and simple check on the parent portal listed for our school:
<https://www.york.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>

If you have any queries about Free School Meals, please speak to the school office or City of York Council email:

businesssupportschoolservices@york.gov.uk
or call 01904 551554 and select option 3.

Friends of St Paul's Community Update

Sausage Sizzle and Scarecrow Trail

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Sausage Sizzle last Friday and the Scarecrow Trail over the weekend. It was a really lovely community event and lovely to see so many St Paul's families out and about! Altogether, the events raised a combined £892 - enough for two coaches for school trips, or to pay for the children's Christmas treats, which is absolutely brilliant. This is all down to you all and we couldn't thank you enough!

Christmas Fair, Friday 27th November

We know it's only October but we're starting to plan for this year's Christmas Fair! If you'd be interested in finding out more about what will be going on there or helping to organise it, we will be having two community planning meetings on  Thursday 22nd October and

Thursday 12th November

- please pop these in in your diaries and come along to get involved! Our community events couldn't run without support from you all and we really appreciate any help anyone feels they can offer. Just drop us a message through our Friends of St Paul's Community WhatsApp using the QR code or catch us in the playground!



Diary Dates

School Meals

We will be on **Week 2** of the school dinner menu next week.

October

Wednesday 7th – Individual & Sibling

Photographs (**all children in school uniform**)

Wednesday 21st – Year 5 & 6 trip to Harrogate Show ground

Friday 23rd – Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church 1:30pm

November

Tuesday 3rd – Class Reception trip to NRM

Tuesday 10th – Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 10th - New Starters 2027 Open Evening

Friday 13th – Children in Need, more details to follow

Tuesday 17th – Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 18th – Parent Consultation Meetings

Monday 23rd – Christmas Craft Afternoon

Friday 27th – Friends of St Paul's Christmas Fair



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Stars of the Week, 25 September 2026



Class Reception – Joseph, for putting incredible effort into phonics and completing challenges with great enthusiasm 😊 Well done.

Class 1 – Vit, for putting in an incredible amount of effort into phonics this week and being a brilliant role model in Class 1! You are a star!

Class 2 – Eden, for fantastic effort in your learning. We love seeing the progress you are making and your hand up lots more!

Class 3 – Jaidon, for making a fantastic start to Class 3 and working really hard. Keep it up!

Class 4 – Luna, for being so enthusiastic and knowledgeable during our chocolate workshop! You shared your ideas confidently and showed great interest throughout. Well done.

Class 5 – Elin, for taking a really active role in our history and science lessons – sharing great ideas and understanding with the class. Well done.

Class 6 – Olivia, for working really hard in science and being super curious in history! Well done.

Stars of the Week, 2 October 2026



Class Reception – Lola, for always being ready to learn, trying her best in every challenge and being super kind to her classmates.

Class 1 – Ada-Mae, for showing amazing enthusiasm in every lesson and going above and beyond to practice learning all week. You are a superstar!

Class 2 – Amelia, for a fantastic attitude to your learning – you are a role model to Class 2. Your biography this week particularly impressed us!

Class 3 – Rebecca, for working hard on her stone-age presentation. Good work!

Class 4 – Alvaro, for showing such enthusiasm for your learning and being so supportive of others in Class 4 especially in our Roman Numerals work this week. Well done.

Class 5 – George, for great learning in our topic lessons – sharing your ideas and understanding about friction, gravity and air resistance, and insightful research into ancient China.

Class 6 – Isaac, for working so well with your group in science, recording fantastic information in history, and always trying your best!!



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Class Reception



Class 1





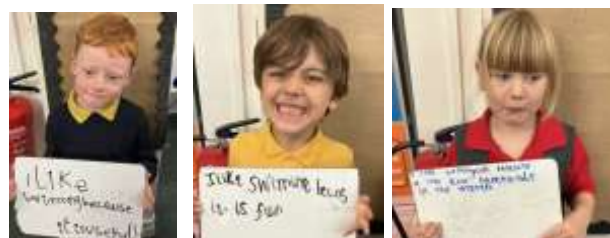
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Class 2



Class 3





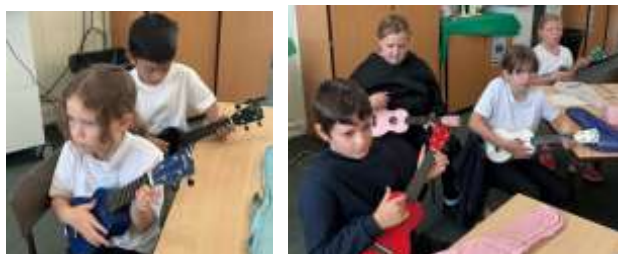
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Class 4



Class 5





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Class 6



Notices

Stories Unleashed:
A Half Term of Creativity, Characters & Imagination

October Half term at York Explore

Packed with fun, interactive experiences, this programme invites children to discover stories in ways that work for them.

From Gruffalo adventures and spooky draw-alongs to magical theatre and inspiring young writers, there's something for everyone to enjoy, whether they're already book lovers or simply curious to try something new.

Most activities are FREE of charge.

Scan to find out more or book an event

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OCTOBER HALF TERM MULTI-SPORT CLUB

📍 **ACOMB** MONDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 30TH

📍 **ST GEORGE'S (CENTRAL YORK)** WEDNESDAY 28TH

📍 **HEMLAND (EAST YORK)** THURSDAY 29TH

£30 PER DAY!

25% SIBLING DISCOUNT

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK!

VISIT IGNITESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO!

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FAMILY MATTERS YORK AUTUMN 2026

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: EARLY YEARS
15 week online course! Helping you to understand your child's emotions and behaviour, to set loving limits, boost their self-esteem and strengthen your connection with them.
Begins Monday 14th September Online Via Zoom
7.15 - 9.15pm

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY
15 week course! Helping you to understand the emotion of anger and to learn positive strategies to support your child's emotions, reducing conflict and lowering the temperature in family life.
Begins Thursday 24th September @ SEND Central, Kingsway North, Clifton, York YO30 6JA
10am - 12 noon

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES
12 Online workshops! Support for parenting in the digital age, exploring topics such as the challenges of gaming, online risks and safety, and how to set boundaries.
Begins Wednesday 7th & 14th October Online Via Zoom
7.15 - 9.15pm (please attend both sessions!)

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM
16 week course! Giving time to share and learn more about Autistic behaviours, finding ways to better support your child's needs and behaviours.
Begins 5th November @ SEND Central, Kingsway North, Clifton, York YO30 6JA
10am - 12 noon

SIGN UP **ALL COURSES & EVENTS ARE FREE!**
www.fmy.org.uk info@fmy.org.uk

PLAYDEN'S OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 26th
AUTUMN LEAF WEAVING & OUTDOOR AUTUMN TREES

TUESDAY 27th
CONKER SHARLS & VISIT FROM THE REPTILE ROADSHOW! (2-5PM)

WEDNESDAY 28th
FLYING BAT CRAFT & SENSORY WITCH COULDRONS

THURSDAY 29th
POP-UP PUMPKINS & SPIDER WEB COOKIES

FRIDAY 30th
PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION & TRICK OR TREAT BAG DESIGNING

CASH 2.00-25.00 £30.00 PER DAY

THE ANNEX, OUR LADY'S CHURCH OF MARTYR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAMILTON DRIVE YO34 6NW
CONTACT US: TEL: 01753 983458 EMAIL: playden@the-playden.co.uk

●●● WILDCATS Girls football ●●●
Come and join our fantastic York RI AFC Wildcats sessions for all girls aged 5 - 11 to enjoy the beautiful game ⚽

Come along and:
● PLAY FOOTBALL
● MAKE FRIENDS
● HAVE FUN!!

Every Tuesday 6:00pm-7:00pm, at York R.I Football Club
Or message here for more details ●●

Brownies Girlguiding

Girls have non-stop fun, learning and adventure for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, girls roll up their sleeves and get stuck in: growing vegetables, getting crafty, inventing games, earning dance badges and finding their voice.

Location: Holgate Methodist Church

Day: Tuesday or Thursday

Time: 6.30-8pm (Tues) or 5.30-7pm (Thurs)

Contact: Rachael W (Tues) browniesyork@hotmail.co.uk
Rachael J (Thurs) 12thholgatemethodistbrownies@gmail.com

Join a local Brownies group: girlguiding.org.uk/joinus





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Music opportunities with York Music Education

York Music Education offers individual instrumental and vocal lessons at York Music Centre, alongside a wide range of groups and ensembles. These include activities for complete beginners through to York Youth Orchestra, giving children and young people opportunities to begin learning, make music with others and progress as musicians.

We also operate York's well established citywide instrument hire scheme, supported by City of York Council. Instrument hire is available to schools and individuals and is not limited to those who attend York Music Centre or receive lessons through York Music Education.

Families can find out more and register their interest at www.yorkmusiced.org.uk.

Chorister Experience Day

Saturday 7 November, 2.30pm - 6:30pm

Does your child love singing?

Join York Minster's Music Department and staff from St Peter's School, York on Saturday 7 November and become a chorister for a day. Children will meet at York Minster at 2.30pm, where they will have the chance to explore life as a York Minster Chorister through fun, child-focused activities. They will learn simple songs with expert music tutors, have a go on the Cathedral's Grand Organ, and even try on a cassock, before joining a rehearsal with the Choir of York Minster and singing at a service of Choral Evensong.

There will be an opportunity for parents to attend a question-and-answer session about being a chorister, before attending Choral Evensong at 5.30pm to hear their children perform.

All children interested in singing are welcome to attend, no prior experience is required.

This event is recommended for children in school years 2 and 3.

Pre-booking is required for this event. Please follow the link here for further information and the booking form:

<https://www.stpetersyork.org.uk/-st-peter-s-junior-school-and-pre-school/chorister-experience-day>

We look forward to seeing new faces there!