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Issue 3 – Friday 16 October 2026

Hello Everyone!

Can you believe there is only one week left? This half term has flown by, and we are all ready for a holiday - but before we finish, we have one final bit of fun!

Next week is **'Ready, Set, Life!'** featuring a fantastic week of hands-on activities. Please keep an eye out for emails from class teachers asking for jars and containers to bring home creations! We extend a HUGE thank you to the Friends of St Paul's for their generous donation supporting the week, as well as to all our families for your ongoing support.

Our new outdoor library is almost complete and will open right after half term. Thank you so much to the 13 families who have donated towards books on ParentPay so far (raising £128!). Be sure to watch our Instagram during half term for the grand reveal video!

House Point Winners this half term

Well done to Walmgate (yellow) – you are all welcome to come in non-uniform next Tuesday!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will take place at St Paul's Church, 1:30pm next Friday, 23rd October.

You are most welcome to join us, however, due to fire restrictions within the Church, we are only able to invite one family member.

We will be supporting York Foodbank, more details to follow in a letter today.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

A letter and link for bookings will be with you after half term. The dates are Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November.

School Council Updates



Our School Council has been busy in their new roles in the last couple of weeks.

Firstly, we would like to thank the mum's of Susan, Norah and Arwen, for giving up their time to help our new School Council plant some spring bulbs in pots in the playground and also just outside the back gate (thank you too to Norah's mum for the donation of the beautiful terracotta pot). We very much look forward to seeing the flowers bloom in Spring 2027.

Secondly, Mellors, our catering company, had a meeting with the School Council to discuss menu choices and they will be going back to their classes to get more ideas of what their classmates would like to see on the menu moving forward.

Thirdly, the School Council should have brought home their new School Council badge last week and we have ordered their new red sweatshirts this week.

Finally, we will soon be discussing arrangements for 'Children in Need' and details will follow soon...

From The School Council and Mrs Adams



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School Photographs

Individual and Sibling photographs were taken on Wednesday last week. You should now have received 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.

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 25th October 2026**. **Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk**

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk

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.**

Free School Meals (FSM)

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 your child qualifies for '**Expanded**' FSM School will receive funds to cover your child's school dinner only
- If your child qualifies for '**Targeted**' FSM school will receive additional funding towards trips and activities

If you have any queries about FSM, 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

Hi everyone! Just a short update and a couple of dates for your diary as we run up to half-term. We know it's only October but we're looking ahead to Christmas... we know this is a really busy time of year, and we send huge thanks to all of you for helping us to spread the Christmas magic 🌟💖

🎄 Christmas Fair, St Paul's Church, Friday 27th November 🎄

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!





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Friends of St Paul's Community Update Continued...

🎁 St Paul's School Christmas Raffle - donation appeal! 🎁

We are asking for your support with the school Christmas Raffle and would be incredibly grateful for any donations to help make it a success! We are looking for raffle prizes of all shapes and sizes including chocolates, wine, gift hampers, vouchers, toys or anything else you think someone would love to win.

We'd also love to include some unique and unusual prizes! For example,

🎫 Do you have connections with a sports club, theatre or local attraction? Tickets, experiences or merchandise would make a fab prize!

💆 Or maybe you work in beauty and wellbeing. A treatment or appointment voucher would be fantastic!

📖 Are you an author? A signed copy of your book would make a wonderful prize.

Please ask around your workplaces, friends and families - you never know what skills, talents or connections our community might have. Every donation, big or small, is genuinely appreciated and helps to make our Christmas raffle extra special for the children, families and wider community.

If you think you might be able to help please speak to Becca, Sabina, or email fosp.york@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

🎅 Christmas Cards 🎅

To raise some money and hopefully tick off a few Christmas presents, this year we've asked the children to each do a Christmassy design which can be used on cards, mugs, wrapping paper and other things. A huge thank you goes to all the staff at school for making this happen! Soon, your child will bring home their design, along with an order form. Each form includes a unique code (located at the top of the page) that will link your order to the artwork that is attached to the form. Orders and payment must be made online using this unique code. Please follow the instructions on the form to order the items you'd like and then **return both the form and the artwork to the school office by Monday 2nd November**. This is the only copy of your child's artwork, so please make sure it comes back clean and flat so that the design looks its best when printed!

🙏 Thank you 🙏

There will be more updates coming soon on all our Christmas plans, so please watch this space and keep an eye on bookbags and your class WhatsApp's for more information. We know there are lots of messages coming home at this time and we just really wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone in our community for the time and support you give to the Friends of St Paul's Community - it is very much appreciated!



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Diary Dates

School Meals

We will be on **Week 1** of the school dinner menu next week.

October

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

December

Tuesday 8th – Christmas Production (1) 🎄

Wednesday 9th – Christmas Production (2) 🎄

Monday 14th – Christmas Treat Day 🍪

Friday 18th – Christingle Service 1:30pm 🎉

Friday 18th – School Closes for Christmas holiday

January

Monday 4th – Training Day, School closed for children

Tuesday 5th – School reopens

Stars of the Week, 9 October 2026



Class Reception – Ishmael, for being a phonics superstar! You have grown in confidence, and it has been lovely to see you share ideas in class activities. Well done 😊

Class 1 – Flynn, for always bringing incredible energy and enthusiasm to every lesson! Your active participation and thoughtful answers make the classroom a wonderful place to learn.

Class 2 – Casper, for an improved attitude and maturity to your learning – we love seeing this Casper in class and look forward to seeing your progress this year! Well done.

Class 3 – Molly, for always being ready to listen and learn. You set such a good example to others. Well done.

Class 4 – Flossy, for your brilliant effort and attention to detail in your character description of Erik the Viking. Your hard work really paid off! Extra praise for super confidence in daily arithmetic this week.

Class 5 – Heidi, for showing excellent effort and determination to further your knowledge in history lessons; for showing careful observation and technique in art lessons.

Class 6 – Willow, for working really hard in English and being uber helpful and kind to all of her classmates!



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Reader & Writers of Autumn Term 1

A huge well done to all our talented Readers and Writers this half term.

Each Reader will receive a new book, and each Writer will receive a £5.00 book voucher, kindly funded by The Friends of St Paul's.

Remarkable Readers of Autumn Term 1



Class Reception – Arlo, for amazing recognition of sounds in our phonics lessons. You work so hard to blend your sounds and always try your best! 😊

Class 1 – Florence, for your wonderful growing confidence and amazing focus in phonics and reading! You have been going above and beyond to practice your skills. It is a joy to hear you read!

Class 2 – Dorothy, for always having your head in a book. Your effort and enthusiasm is noticed and we know it will keep progressing throughout school.

Class 3 – Molly, for being such a keen reader and for confidently talking about what you have read. Keep it up!

Class 4 – Persephone, for your fantastic engagement during class reading. You immerse yourself fully in the texts we explore, contribute enthusiastically to discussions and share thought provoking ideas. Keep sharing your brilliant passion for reading.

Class 5 – Ada, for showing great enthusiasm for reading – you have been really engaging with our class novel and are a great example to others reading and extending yourself with your own choice of books.

Class 6 – Stan, for offering great inferences about our class book and reading every day at home. Keep it up!

Wonderful Writers of Autumn Term 1



Class Reception – Emilie, for beautiful letter formation. You listen so attentively and try your very best – well done!

Class 1 – Norah, for being a superstar writer this half term! Well done for putting so much effort into every piece of writing and independently checking your work! You have made some fantastic progress.

Class 2 – Mae, for always having such beautifully presented writing across all subjects! In English, you have started to edit your work too. Well done.

Class 3 – Haydn, for trying so hard to include all of the writing skills we have learnt this half term. Super writing Haydn!

Class 4 – Isaac, for your fantastic attitude towards writing! You listen carefully to feedback and use it to improve your work, take pride in your handwriting and ask thoughtful questions to deepen your understanding. Keep up the fantastic work!

Class 5 – Mieszko, for your excellent attitude in writing lessons – you are always eager to try out new vocabulary and find ways to edit and improve your writing. Keep making great progress!

Class 6 – Georgie, for using fantastic descriptive language and always nailing the tone of your writing. Well done!



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Class Reception



Class 1





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Class 2



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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.

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