



## A Message from the Headteacher

**Christmas Count Down** Our Christmas Countdown has started, school is looking very festive! On Monday Tessa was the first child to find the Christmas pickle! This is a German tradition where a pickle is hidden and the child who finds it receives a Christmas treat.

**Disney Stars** Last Sunday our fabulous school choir took the stage by storm! The choir joined Ripon City Band, who were hosting a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Holy Trinity Church. The choir performed alongside the Ripon City Band and Ripon City Training Band to entertain us with a selection of class Disney songs!



**Christmas Hamper Raffle** Thank you to Alannah an amazing member of our cleaning team for donating a selection of homemade Christmas Hampers. You are welcome to buy tickets when you are attending a Christmas performance. Tickets are £1. All proceeds go towards new playground equipment!



## Diary Dates



### December

- 9<sup>th</sup> Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Christmas Production at Holy Trinity Church 2pm & 5.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Crafts Open Afternoon 2.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity 9.30am & 2.00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church 9.15am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> School closes

### January 2026

- 6<sup>th</sup> School Reopens



## Spotlight on Safeguarding Giving devices safely this Christmas.

Getting a new device for Christmas is exciting - it can open a world of learning, creativity and connection. But it also introduces children to a digital world that isn't always designed with their safety in mind. Setting clear boundaries and protective measures early on helps children learn to use technology in healthy, balanced and age-appropriate ways. Without guidance, young users can stumble into areas of concern: social media platforms that encourage comparison and oversharing gaming chats that expose them to strangers or apps that collect more personal data than you might expect. These risks don't mean children shouldn't enjoy their new devices - they simply mean they need structure and support to navigate them confidently. This month's Spotlight on Safeguarding gives advice to parents. [Click here to read.](#)

## Important Christmas Reminders

- 'The Angel That Nearly Missed It' Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Production All parents and families are welcome! Tickets are not required.
- Christmas Crafts Parents and grandparents are welcome to join their children for an exciting Christmas Craft afternoon.
- 'The Twinkly Nativity' Reception, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance. All requested tickets have now been distributed.
- Christmas Parties Party Dates will be shared on class blogs.
- Christmas Carol Service All families are invited to join us at Holy Trinity Church.
- Christmas Lunch All pupils are invited to Christmas Lunch!

## Class Bloggs

To find out what your child has been learning about this week visit their class blog! These are updated every Friday morning on our website. You can find these on [class pages.](#)



## Community News!



[Click here to find out about events in our community!](#)

## This week's attendance Whole School 96%

Spa 100%	Esk 96%	Wensley 91%
Skell 88%	Nidd 98%	Ribble 99%
Laver 87%	Swale 91%	Litton 97%
Ouse 95%	Aire 94%	Wharfe 98%

## Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child in school please report this to our Designated Safeguarding Staff. Speak to or email [Mrs S Sanderson](#) or [Mrs A Bell-Walker](#)

If you have any concerns regarding Special Education Needs or Disabilities please contact our SENDCo [Mrs J Penny.](#)

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