

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Nursery & Reception

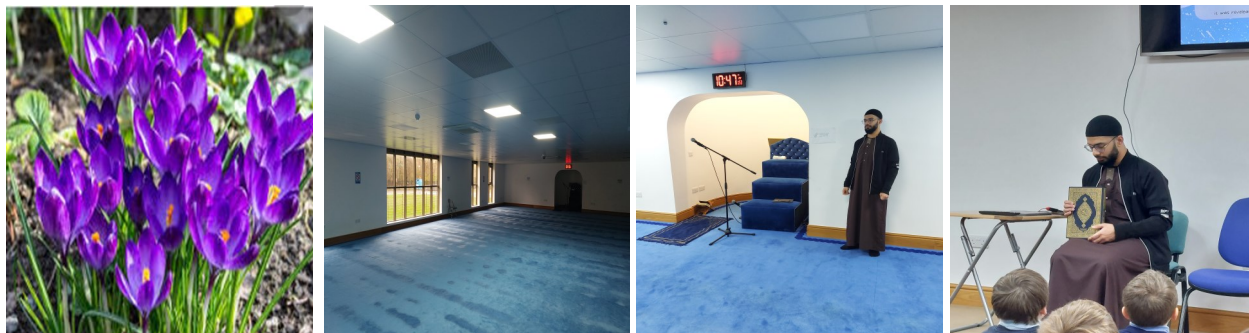
It has been lovely to welcome back the nursery and reception children after the half term and to start our new topic 'On the Farm'. The children have really enjoyed learning about what we find on a farm and all of the different jobs that farmers do. We then became farmers ourselves using PVA glue to stick cotton wool onto our sheep before 'shearing' our sheep using scissors! The children loved this activity and you never know – perhaps some future sheep shearers of the future!



## Year 1 & 2

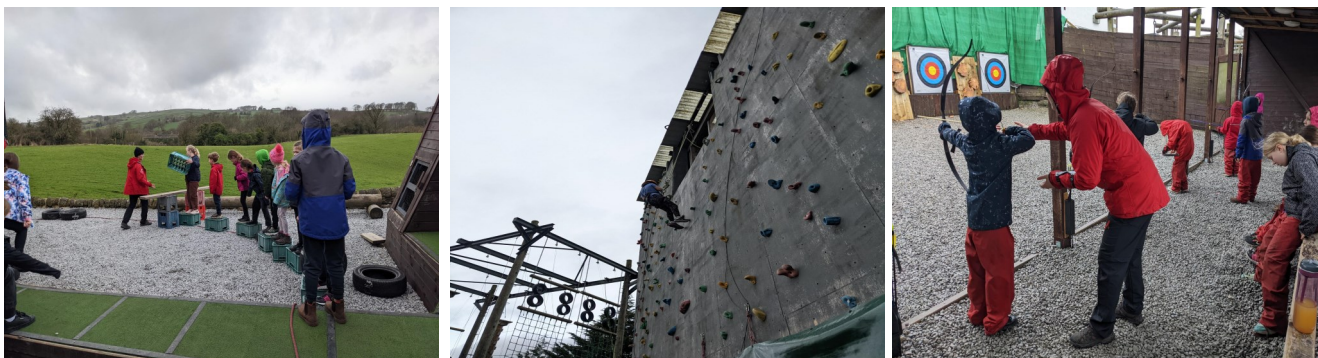
**Mrs Caddy** — On Tuesday we launched our new science topics of plants with a walk around the field and school grounds to spot signs of spring. We noticed that there are signs of spring right outside our classroom with crocuses, buds on the trees and bird song. We also had a treat by joining our KS2 friends for marshmallows in dens the children built with Miss Cooke.

**Mrs Scaife** — Class 2 had a lovely morning visiting the York Mosque on Wednesday. We met the Imam who showed us different aspects of the mosque. We found the patterns on the carpet pointing in the direction of Allah interesting as well as the Arabic writing in the Quran. We enjoyed taking our shoes off when visiting the Mosque too and discussed why we did this.



## Year 3 & 4

Foston KS2 children had an excellent time at the KS2 residential! They took part in many fun activities that improved their teamwork and communication skills. The children also showed incredible bravery in conquering heights in climbing and abseiling, as well as navigating through the dark tunnels of the labyrinth maze.



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## Message from the Head of School

I hope all our families had an enjoyable half term. We have had an exciting first week back to school!

Our Key Stage 2 children had an amazing time on our school residential. In many of the activities, the children had to work together as a team, developing their communication, listening and group work skills. It was lovely to see the children across our federation making new friendships. The children particularly enjoyed rock climbing, the labyrinth, abseiling, archery and orienteering. Thank you to Mr Yip, Mr Marshall, Miss Tordoff, Mr Carlisle and Miss Sidhu who ensured this was possible. For those children who stayed at school, they also completed lots of fun activities to develop the same team building skills. Thank you to Miss Cooke and Mrs Hunter for leading these.

Our dates for diary list has been updated for this half term within the bulletin, please can you make sure these are added to your calendars at home. We have a very busy, but short term ahead of us.

## Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Miss Sidhu will be leaving Foston School due to relocating. Her last day in school will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Miss Sidhu is such a valuable member of our staff team, who is loved by all. She is a kind and wonderful person, who will be missed dreadfully across our federation. We wish her all the luck and happiness in her next ventures. Please can we ask that parents share this sad news over the weekend with the children.

## Nursery & Reception Trip

On the morning of **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** the children in Nursery and Reception will be visiting Stillington Primary School to have a special visit from the 'Purple Pig Company'.

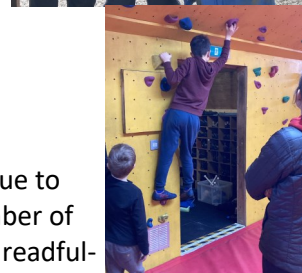
The trip supports our current learning about 'On the Farm' across the half term. To cover the cost of the bus and visit, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£6** which will be added to **ParentPay**. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, these trips are not possible without some contributions being given. Please can parents also provide consent for the trip on ParentPay.

Please ensure children are in school for **8.50am** so we can be ready for the bus. Children should wear school uniform and ensure they have a waterproof coat with them. We will return back to school for lunchtime.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. This year the theme for World Book Day will be linked to our school houses and exploring the different authors that are houses are based upon.

We invite the children to come into school dressed up as a character from a book written by one of the authors: **Lewis Carroll, Dr Seuss, Atinuke and Beatrix Potter**. Whether this be The Mad Hatter, The Cat in the Hat, Anna Hibiscus or Jemima Puddle-Duck. We are very excited to celebrate this day with the children.



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### **Sports Enhancement Day**

On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, children from years 1-6 will be taking part in our Sports Enhancement Day at Stillington Sports Hall. Terrington and Foston children will be travelling on buses to Stillington with adults from their school. This event is held during the school day, the children will return to their school before the end of the school day. Children will get dressed in their PE kits at school. Children in years 1-6 are asked to bring a packed lunch or order one from school. **Please can orders be placed for a school packed lunch by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of February**, this is so our school cook can order items in, choices of sandwiches include:

- Ham
- Cheese
- Tuna Mayo

Reception and nursery children will also take part in some different sport activities at their school including circus activities. Hot school lunches will be available for reception and nursery children if they require one.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, I wrote to let you know there is a vacancy for a parent governor on the FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Board, and to ask for nominations from Foston, Stillington, and Terrington parents.

The closing date for nominations has now passed. As no nominations have been received, the governing board has a responsibility to fill the outstanding vacancy by identifying and appointing a governor to this role.

When making the appointment, the governing board must consider, in the following order of preference:

- A parent of a registered pupil at the school;
- A parent of a former registered pupil at the school; or
- A parent of a child under or of compulsory school age.

If you may be interested in being considered for appointment as a parent governor, please get in touch via the school office.

### **Notification of consultation on school transport from North Yorkshire Council**

I write to advise you that the Council has today commenced a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

The necessary information can be found here on the Council's website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation>, together with an online survey form for your responses to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period.

The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April.

There will be additional on-line engagement events for schools only that will be notified in due course.

Regards

Amanda Newbold

Assistant Director, Education and Skills

**Please see attached term dates for 2024/2025.**

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## Diary Dates

PAFFS Colour Fun Disco	Sunday 25th February, 3-5pm
EYFS Farm Visit	Wednesday 6th March
Stay & Celebrate (parents are invited to look at children's books)	Tuesday 5th March, 3.15-4pm
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Sports Enhancement Day	Tuesday 12th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 12th March, 5-7pm Thursday 14th March, 3.30-5.30pm
Y3/4 Malton Sports (basket ball & netball)	Wednesday 13th March
KS2 Dentist Visit	Wednesday 20th March
Sharing Assembly	Wednesday 20th March, 9.10am Wednesday 22nd May, 9.10am Wednesday 17th July, 9.10am
Easter Service	Wednesday 20th March, 2.30pm
Fantastic Friday—First Aid Training	Friday 22nd March
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Friday 22nd March (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 9th April (first day back)</b>
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Friday 3rd May (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 7th May (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer half-term</b>	<b>Friday 24th May (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 3rd June (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</b>