



**Robert
Wilkinson**

PRIMARY ACADEMY

October Newsletter

Our school continues to be a busy and thriving place. Some visitors from Ebor Trust came to spend time in the school this week and commended the children's positive learning behaviour and the quality of their work. We are still a school waiting for our Ofsted visit and would love your support by giving feedback on the [Parentview](#) website (please click the link).

We hope you all have a restful half term.

STAFFING CHANGES

As we wish Mrs Tiffany goodbye on her maternity leave today and Mrs Sharratt at the end of the first week back after half term we would like to update you on our staffing changes. Mr David and Mrs Tiffany's class will be covered by Mrs Parker who is already known to the children. Mr David will teach on Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Parker teaching Thursday and Friday. In Snowdrop class we will be welcoming back Mr Kirk who was a student with us a couple of years ago. Mr Kirk will be spending several days alongside Mrs Sharratt and Mrs White during the week commencing 6th November. We know you will join us in wishing our two teachers well as they begin their maternity leave.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We would love one or more volunteers to help our school librarians run our library at lunchtime. If you could spare 45 minutes on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday lunchtime please see the office staff. Thank you.

Of course we are also always on the lookout for parent volunteers in school to help with swimming!

END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you to everyone with your patience regarding our end of day arrangements and collection changes.

BOOK FAIR!

Thank you so much for supporting the Scholastic book fair in school last week. We raised a whopping total of £1,988.73! It was fantastic to see so many children enthusiastic about choosing and reading books. We also now have lots of reward money to spend on new and popular book choices for our class book areas. Thank you again!



**School Crossing
Patrollers needed
in your area now!**

**Together we
can make our streets safer**

Crossing patrol vacancies are at an all time high.
Are you free for an hour a day? If so, you can support road safety in your community, whilst earning around £10.90 per hour up to 8 hours per week.

Visit the council's website to find out how you can play a part in your community.
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolCrossingPatrols
Or, for a chat about the role, call Neil on 07852883906

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

If your child would usually wear their PE kit on a Monday please can you make sure they bring the top half of their school uniform. The photos are head and shoulder shots so sweatshirts will be fine.

WELLBEING IN MIND

We are pleased to announce that we are being joined in school by some new staff from the Wellbeing in Mind Team. They are part of an NHS initiative to support schools with their Mental Health offer. As we already have a strong Wellbeing Team here at RWPA we are excited that the team will be working alongside us to help us increase capacity and drive forward our Mental Health support for all children in school. The team would like as many of you as possible to complete a parental survey in order to capture your views at this time. Alongside these surveys we will also be completing baseline surveys with members of staff and some of the older children in school next half term. Please use the link below to complete the survey - the answers will go directly to the Wellbeing in Mind Team who will then anonymise all responses and use these to help inform an action plan going forward.

Please can you complete the survey by 10.11.23.

Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy – Parent Surveys

<https://forms.office.com/e/HhdF0U3w2r>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You have told us that early notice of school events is appreciated so we are working hard to make this a reality. Here are some of the dates for the new academic year. More will be added as they are confirmed.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Friday 27th October	Craft and bake sale outside the old school entrance at 3.20pm. School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 6th November	Children return to school INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 8th November	Flowers classes visit the theatre
Wednesday 15th November	5-6pm New starters evening for reception intake of 2024
Friday 17th November	Flu immunisations Non-uniform day - Donations for the tombola - Xmas Fayre

Friday 24th November	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Thursday 7th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 8th December	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 12th December	Carol Concerts for Key Stage 2
Wednesday 13th December	5-6pm Trees Nativity Performance
Thursday 14th December	2-3pm Trees Nativity Performance
Friday 15th December	Christmas Discos
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens for Spring term
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 19th February	School opens
Tuesday 27th February	Parents of KS2 to look at their child's books in the white and brown halls. Parents of KS1 to look at books in classrooms.
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Week commencing 11th March	Parent teacher appointments
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 8th April	School opens for summer term
Friday 12th April	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Week commencing 13th May	Key Stage 2 SATS tests
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 3rd June	School opens
Monday 10th June	Class photos
Wednesday 12th June	6-7pm New Reception Parents meeting
Friday 14th June	Sports Day
Friday 21st June	Back up Sports Day
Monday 24th June	New classes announced
Friday 28th June	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Week commencing 1st July	SPORTS WEEK
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Year 4 Trip to Murton Park
Tuesday 16th July	Reports to parents Year 6 performance

Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 performance Graduation
Friday 19th July	School closes for Summer holidays

We have also added these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Best wishes
Donna Bedford

Headteacher

DON'T MISS THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Good afternoon schools,

We have a treat for you all during October half term, 25% off bowling and/or golf with us at Hollywood Bowl and Puttstars York 😊

Simply input the code 'SPOOKYBOWL25' at checkout of your booking before 11:00 to receive 25% off your booking 🎃

Enjoy your half term and happy Halloween 🎃