



## Message from Mrs Shaw

It has been a wonderful half term and life at New York does not slow down for Christmas. The usual mix of visitors in to school and educational visits off site have taken place with pupils making us PROUD every day. I am impressed by your children on a daily basis. It is not just their super learning and making academic progress, but what wonderful young people they are. They help each other, if someone drops their lunch tray another pupil will go and help them to pick it up. Older pupils support younger pupils helping them with finding a glove or hat. Pupils talk respectfully to each other and listen to each other. If a pupils falls over others will comfort them. We have a caring and respectful school community both inside and outside of the classroom and I am very proud of that. Typically at this time of year we are rewarded with many festive events. Thank you for your generous donations towards the school fayre and for supporting the afternoon. We were thrilled with all the diorama entries - they always make us smile and of course the Christmas performances. All 3 phases of school performed brilliantly and delighted their audiences. It was perfect to attend the pantomime at the Theatre Royal so soon after our pupils had performed themselves! I know many of them made comparisons. I hope the glue and paint has washed off after Christmas Crafts and you have some interesting decorations to display. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and thank you for supporting all we do here in school. Mrs J Shaw

## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94.1%  
 which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
6th Nov	94.9%	8KR	99.5%
13th Nov	95.9%	8KR	97.9%
20th Nov	95.9%	1SH	97.9%
27th Nov	95.7%	1SH	98%
4th Dec	91.1%	7RH	100%
11th Dec	94.1	8KR	100%



## Rock Steady Assembly

Key Stage 2 participated in an exciting assembly with Will from Rock Steady. He introduced us to the different instruments you might find in a rock band including an electric guitar, electric drums and keyboard and showed us what each of them sounded like. We clapped and sang along to songs from artists including Ed Sheeran, Harry Styles and The Beatles! Children were able to share their knowledge of key vocabulary such as 'pulse,' 'pitch' and 'dynamics' and then the assembly ended with a group performance of 'We Will Rock You' from none other than Mrs Blakey, Miss Reichal and Miss Leckie!



## Guest Assembly

It was lovely to welcome a regular visitor Claire Earl into school to deliver one of her popular assemblies. She entertained us with some super magic tricks and involved pupils in her story telling.

## International Visitors

We were delighted to welcome a group of international students from Northumbria University to visit us. They are studying an MA in Education and a visit to a busy primary school was part of their course. As with all visitors to New York, they were highly complimentary of our pupils who showed respect and were keen to talk about their learning and school vision including our PROUD words.

## Remembrance Assembly

Year 5 held a special whole school Remembrance Assembly on Friday 10th November to commemorate both World War 1 and World War 2. The children shared facts and information about how old soldiers had to fight on the battlefield and the significance of wearing poppies. Each class was invited to place their handmade poppy wreaths on the cenotaph as a sign of respect for the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We then held a 2-minute silence and displayed our poppy wreaths outside the main office for parents and members of our community to view.

# Anti-Bullying Week

## Odd Sock Day

To kick start Anti Bullying Week we all came to school wearing odd socks on Monday 13th November. We celebrated our differences and similarities and talked about the need to treat everybody equally and fairly.



## Nursery

To support Anti Bullying Week, we read the story "This is Our House" and discussed how the children were feeling. During learning time Nursery took part in a sorting activity of kind and unkind scenarios. We also gave good examples of how we can be kind at Nursery.



## Reception

In Reception we read the story 'How to be a Lion' We then 'made a noise' using our voice to be kind to others.



## Year 1

We continued with our learning about Trusted Adults and linked it to this years theme of 'Make a Noise'. We talked about who our trusted adults are, what we might share with them and how.



## Year 2

Year 2 'made a noise' by suggesting ways we could help our friends when they felt upset. We thought of the trusted adults we could speak to when we are upset and also the kind things we could say to our friends to help to cheer them up!

## Year 3

In Year 3, we 'Made a Noise' by clarifying what anti bullying and bullying is. We discussed and identified ways we could prevent and stop bullying by speaking out, getting advice and help.

## Year 4

In Year 4 we talked about the difference between banter and bullying. We looked at different scenarios and worked together to decide if they were examples of bullying or banter. Finally, we identified ways we could 'make a noise' about bullying to stop it happening in our school.

## Year 5

We took this year's theme of 'Make a Noise' and wrote a class poem together, thinking about how we can make a noise about bullying. We talked about what we would do if we saw someone being bullied and we talked about how it can feel. As a class, our poem gave a strong message of working together to stamp out bullying.

## Year 6

In year 6 we read a poem called 'Samantha Jayne' by Gervase Phinn, about a poor girl who doesn't have her basic needs met in life. We discussed how this girl might feel and discussed how this would link to anti-bullying. We spoke about how it would be vital to 'make some noise' in this situation to let her know we care for her and get her any help she needs. We also spoke about how being a bystander in this situation would be just as bad as the instigator because this is when it is most important to speak out to help others.

# Stephenson Railway Museum - Year 3

On Tuesday 21st November, Year 3 were lucky enough to have a workshop hosted by Stephenson Railway Museum. Kirsty joined us to tell us of the invention of locomotive's 'Billy' and 'Rocket' who were created in the 1800's by local engineers George and Robert Stephenson. After finding out about their inventions, we then undertook the role of an engineer, investigating which shaped wheels worked best on the track and stayed there!



## ECO Club

What a special treat for our ECO ambassadors. We were invited along to ride the ELF Express at Stephenson Railway, as a thank you for our hard work helping to develop the sensory garden on site. What an amazing experience for our children and staff!

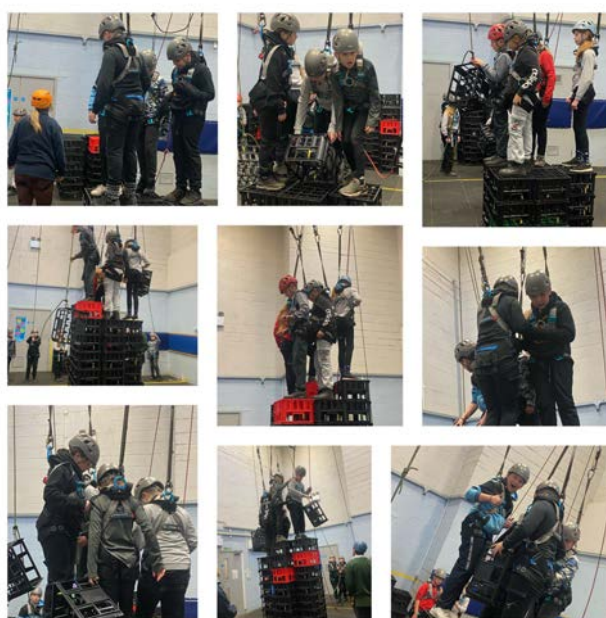
# Robinwood

On 15th November 2023, Year 6 pupils visited Robinwood in Cumbria. When we arrived, we were greeted by the Robinwood team and set off on our walk up the hill to the centre. What an amazing adventure was waiting for us!

During our 3 day stay, all pupils challenged themselves to complete a variety of activities including Zipwire, Giant Swing and Trapeze. New York staff were incredibly proud of the resilience and determination shown by all pupils who faced their fears and supported their teammates throughout our time.

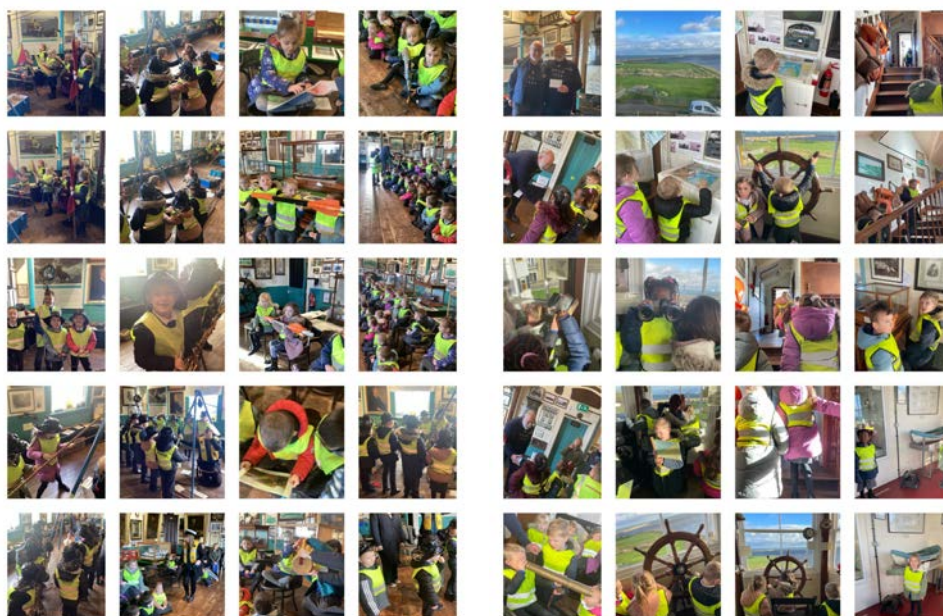
Pupils behaved impeccably, with the night ninjas using 'brilliant', 'excellent' and 'phenomenal' to describe New York pupils! We even developed independence during our time! Pupils had to pack their kit bags, tidy their bedrooms and get dressed and changed each day.

Memories that will last a lifetime; well done to all of Year 6!



## Year 1 at the TVLB

On Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November Year 1 visited the Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade Museum. This linked to our History topic where we have been learning all about Grace Darling and the ship SS Stanley. During our visit to the museum we turned into Honorary Coastguards and completed a rescue mission with 2 teddies. We explored the museum, climbed the watchtowers and looked at how the equipment has changed over time.



## Christmas Fayre

We were very pleased to be able to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year.

Thank you to you all for making donations and staying to support this event. Every penny we made is invested back into school to support our pupils in many ways.

The day was made even more special by the arrival of Santa, his reindeer and snow!



## Year 4 Christingle

On Tuesday 5th December, Year 4 performed in their Christingle at Christchurch alongside other local schools. It was wonderful to hear all of the beautiful singing we have been practising and we were so proud of everyone.

Well done to our readers who were loud and clear.

The service was so well attended by New York and it was wonderful to see so many families supporting this event.

## Year 4 visit to Wallsend Library

On Tuesday 28th November, Year 4 visited Wallsend Library as part of the Northern Children's Book Festival. We enjoyed a talk from Marie Basting, the author of 'My Family and Other Romans'. At the end, we had the opportunity to ask questions and get our books signed by the author.



## Christmas Crafts

It was lovely to welcome our families into school for our annual Christmas Crafts event. We enjoyed making cards, wrapping paper, tree decorations, baubles and angels. Everybody had a smile on their face and it was such a great start to our final Christmassy week!



## Year 4 - That History Bloke

On Thursday 7th December 'That History Bloke' came to visit Year 4 and talk to us about life as a Roman. He told us about the clothes and armour that Roman soldiers would have worn and we had the chance to handle a variety of different objects. Some were quite mysterious and we all enjoyed guessing what they might be! Finally, we learned how to write our name in Latin and played a Roman game called 'rota'. We all had lots of fun and learnt lots about the Romans!



## Year 1 Christingle

On Thursday 7th December our Year 1 children performed a Christingle at our local Church St Aidans. We invited our friends and family along to join us. We wowed them with our knowledge of Christianity and the Christmas story. We sang and spoke beautifully and got everybody into the Christmas spirit!



## School Council

We held our second meeting of the school year on Wednesday 29th November. We started by thinking of ways we can make our school an even better place.

We wrote a letter to Mrs Shaw asking for another set of pegs in the KS2 corridor to help keep them clear. We are hoping to receive a response very soon! We then went back to our year groups and asked for views on what we could use the blue 'tardis' on the KS2 yard for. We will keep you informed with what is decided!

## Reception Trip to Church

Reception took our first visit to St Aidan's church. Rev'd Stephanie read a Christmas story from the Bible about sharing good news, we shared our song 'We've Got Good News' from our Christmas nativity with her and lit her advent candles together.



## Mini Movers!

This half term some of our Nursery friends have taken part in different Physical activities run by our friends at Active North Tyneside. This has included parachute games, moving in different ways, dancing and practising our balancing skills. We also receive a healthy snack after each session, helping to promote healthy eating.



# Christmas Performances

This year each phase of school has performed their own Christmas production. From Bundle of Joy, to Beep Beep Bethlehem to Bethlehem Ballroom. Pupils have rehearsed, learnt lines and songs, followed stage directions and thoroughly enjoyed performing and entertaining. These performances develop speaking and listening skills and support pupils personal development. We enjoy watching pupil confidence grow from their first run through to final performance.

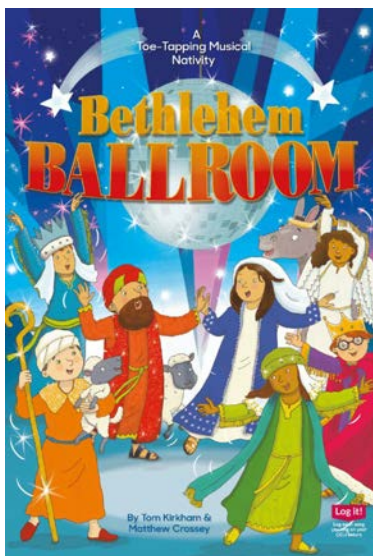
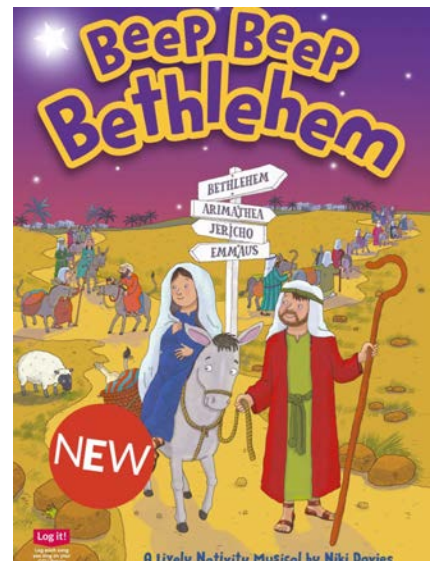


## EYFS

Our Reception and Nursery classes started the performances with the lovely 'Bundle of Joy' and they were a joy to watch and listen to. Such confident speakers and super singers. I know many of you were amazed at how well the children performed. Thank you for all your positive feedback.

## KS1

On Tuesday 12th December our families were welcomed into school to see not 1 but 2 performances of 'Beep, Beep Bethlehem'. Our Year 2 children have worked really hard during this half term to practise their lines, learn new songs and be ready to perform on stage! Our Year 1 children dressed as Kings and Angels and wowed us with their beautiful singing - only last week they performed a Christingle in St Aidans Church. Thank you to all of our families who came to our shows - we really hope you enjoyed it.



## KS2

Wednesday 13th December was the KS2 Christmas performances with Year 6 taking the leading roles in Bethlehem Ballroom. As ever we put our own spin on it and the Blankety Blank sketch was a big hit with our audiences. The singing across the key stage is excellent and hopefully you spotted the harmonies and 2 part songs. Year 6 have particularly enjoyed the preparations for this event and they did not disappoint! The performances were ably supported by Years 3, 4 and 5 along with our KS2 choir members who have had a very busy few weeks!

# Christmas Parties

## EYFS

On Friday 15th December EYFS children came together to celebrate Christmas at our party. It was lovely to have 2YO, Nursery and Reception children all playing traditional party games in the hall, followed by party food.



## Year 1 & 2

On Tuesday 19th December Year 1 & 2 dressed in their party clothes ready to dance the afternoon away. We played lots of party games including Christmas corners, musical bumps and Christmas statues. We danced along to some of our favourite songs before enjoying lots of delicious party food. Thank you for all of your generous food donations.



# Christmas Parties

## Year 3 & 4

On Wednesday 20th December, it was Year 3 and 4's turn for our Christmas party! We dressed in our best party clothes and danced the afternoon away with all of our friends. We enjoyed games such as pass the parcel, collect the snowballs and 4 corners before tucking into our delicious party food! Thank you for all of your generous donations of food.



## Year 5 & 6

On Thursday 21st December it was the turn of years 5 and 6 for their Christmas party. We had our best party clothes on and danced the afternoon away in the hall to Christmas songs. The party games were a big hit, including the snowball on a spoon race and the build a snowman relay. Although I think the favourite part was tucking into our lovely party food while listening to Christmas songs together. Thank you to our families for their donations of party food, it was delicious!



# Music @ New York



## Carols on the Yard

On Wednesday 20th December, families gathered on the yard for our ever-popular Carols on the Yard. We sang some old favourites and some of our new Christmas performance songs. Thank you to all of those who came to watch and support our wonderful New York children!



## Choir at the Victoria Market

On Saturday 9th December, New York choir sang at the Victorian Christmas Market in North Shields. Despite a wet and cold afternoon we had a fantastic turn out from our New York families. Choir members wore a variety of Christmas hats and headbands and we wowed the crowds with our beautiful, loud singing! Well done choir.



# Sporting News

## Year 4 Rugby Festival

On Friday 10th November, Year 4 pupils attended a Rugby Festival at Star of the Sea Primary School. We really enjoyed putting our attacking and defending skills into practice in small sided games of tag rugby. Great teamwork, resilience and determination was shown by everyone.



## Littleton League - Boys Football

On Thursday 9th November the boys Year 5 and 6 football team played two more fixtures in the Littleton League, beating both Percy Main 3-0 and Christ Church 2-0.

AS IT STANDS AFTER ROUND 2

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Collingwood	5	5	0	0	15
New York	5	4	1	0	13
King Edwards	5	4	1	0	13
Christ Church	5	3	0	2	9
Percy Main	5	2	1	2	7
Preston Grange	5	2	0	3	6
St Cuthbert's	5	1	0	4	3
Waterville	5	0	2	3	2
Spring Gardens	4	0	1	3	1
Whitehouse	4	0	0	4	0

## Year 3 Handball

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Year 3 took part in a Handball tournament with other schools in the North Tyneside area. Children applied skills that they had learnt in PE lessons. Year 3 had two separate teams that participated. Team A won 1, drew 2 and lost 1 and Team B won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. Year 3 showed lots of the school's PROUD words throughout the Handball tournament such as Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Respect and Resilience.



Follow all of our sporting events with our NYPS Sport Twitter! @NYPSsport



# Dates for your diary

- Monday 8th January - Children return to school.
- Monday 22nd January - Year 6 trip to Safety Works
- Wednesday 14th February - Valentines Disco
- Thursday 15th February - Book Look
- Friday 16th February - Finish for half term
- Monday 26th February - Children return to school
- Tuesday 5th March - Choir Spring Sing
- Friday 8th March - Enterprise Fayre
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March - Parents Evening
- Monday 25th March - Year 1 Parent Phonic Meeting 9am and 2.45pm
- Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March - Easter Assemblies
- Thursday 28th March - Finish for Easter
- Monday 15th April - Children return to school
- Thursday 18th April - Active Mile Day
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th May - KS2 SATS - Year 6
- Friday 24th May - Finish for half term
- Monday 3rd June - Teacher training day
- Tuesday 4th June - Children return to school
- Monday 10th - Friday 15th June - Year 1 Phonics Screener
- Monday 17th - Friday 21st June - STEM Week
- Tuesday 25th June - Sports Day
- Wednesday 26th June - Book Look
- Friday 28th June - Non-uniform day for Summer Fayre
- Friday 5th July - Summer Fayre
- Saturday 6th July - Shiremoor Treat
- w/c Monday 8th July - Beach trips
- Friday 12th July - Summer Festival
- Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th - Meet the Teacher Transition Days
- Thursday 18th July - Finish for Summer holidays
- Friday 19th July - Teacher training day

## TOP TIP

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