



Weekly Bulletin 30th June 2023

Flourish Awards

Children who have been recognised as flourishing this week:

Nicholas – For outstanding teamwork

Josie - For supporting others at homework club

Annie - For excellent recall of the events from the Great Fire of London

Wraparound Care

Reminder bookings are now open for [July](#) complete the form and return by 25th to secure the cheaper rate.

Forest Schools

We are able to offer classes some additional sessions of Forest Schools this year. Please make a note of the dates below for your child's class. If you are able to help with any of the sessions please let us know.

Date	Class
3 July	Byrd
10 July	Beethoven
7 July	Britten

Pyjamarama 30th June

The Children came dressed in their pyjamas today and have enjoyed the day sharing stories with their friends in the comfort of their pyjamas and have raised vital funds to help make sure that no child misses out on their bedtime story. We finished our day with a bedtime story.

Foss School Disco

Foss will be holding their school disco on 14th July from 5-7pm at St John's Church, Sharow.

Foss Summer Fair



The weather stayed kind for us last week and everybody had lots of fun at the Foss Summer Fair. We would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, children and FOSS members who helped and all the families who came and supported us. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Kendrick for organising the choir performance and Mrs Dixon and Miss Johnson who helped run the stalls. The school children made wildflower seed paper, grass heads, ran a name the teddy stall and bottle raffle stall.

FEAST

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, [visit the FEAST website](#)

There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what’s on!

Class structure in September

We are now able to share with you the class structure for September.

This year there are quite a number of changes both to the structure of the school and who will be in the classrooms. Due to the challenges of the budget, compounded by the loss of Skelton school, the governors have made the decision to teach year 1 and 2 together and reduce the number of classes to four.

There are many benefits to mixed aged classes, and many schools choose to work like this, as we already do in key stage two. Some of the benefits are:

- Increased social and emotional understanding
- Greater ease in collaborative and independent learning
- More positive peer interactions
- Opportunity for older children to serve as mentors and take leadership roles
- Mixed grouping can enhance and nurture deeper thinking and problem solving skills across all subject areas.
- Wider range of vocabulary to be taught and children to learn stronger social and verbal competences. Children can become strong communicators using language often beyond their current year group.
- Increased opportunity to build relationships.

The space in school will also provide more opportunities:

- There will be a designated room for small group work and intervention sessions, that can be fully resourced and set up ready for learning away from distractions.
- The library will be relocated into a room with more space to share our vast collection of books and reading materials, also creating a calm space for reading.
- A music room will ensure that music lessons can take place at any time – not just when the classroom is free. This will enable us to widen our offer of music tuition and encourage more children to learn to play an instrument.

<i>Year group</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Nursery and reception	Mrs Snodgrass
Year 1 and 2	Miss Coventry
Year 3 and 4	Miss Tye
Year 5 and 6	Miss Copperthwaite will be returning later in the year, once her maternity leave comes to an end. The recruitment process for September has not yet closed. We will inform you as soon as we are able.

Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for September and are keen to recruit the right people. If you are able to share these, please do.

[KS2 Teacher \(Part Time\)- Sharow School | North Yorkshire Council](#)

What our staff say about working at Sharow CE Primary School

- Working as part of a close-knit team is just lovely. We bounce off each other, we get energy from each other, we support each other, and we even have time for a laugh.
- The children are fabulous. They are never dull. We enjoy watching how they support each other, mature and work hard to achieve things. The older children are brilliant with the younger ones and there really is a lovely family atmosphere.
- We all need to be flexible as things don't always go to plan but because we are a flexible team - it just works.

Packed Lunches

LET'S GET STARTED...

Lunchboxes are having a tough time. They are getting pricier. Fresh foods go untouched and end up wasted. You worry your child isn't eating enough unless there are only foods they know and love present. Healthy foods take time you don't have to prep. But lunchboxes can also be an easy opportunity to take small, simple, affordable steps to improve your child's attitude to veggies. Let us walk you through it...

School Meal Prices

From September 2023, school meal prices are to increase to £3.56 for KS2 and £2.10 for nursery. For quite some time, the school has been absorbing the rising costs of school meals, but unfortunately this is no-longer viable as we manage an already stretched school budget.

We understand that this may make you reconsider your child's food choices in school and would urge you to check eligibility for free school meals, please click on the following link:

[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#)

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to be entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Cost of Living Support

There are a wide variety of support schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or advise if you are struggling to pay for essentials. [Cost of living support | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Change to the start time

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the school start time consultation. The responses have been reviewed by governors and the proposed start time of 8.45a.m. from September 2023 will be adopted. The end time of 3.15p.m. will remain.

Safeguarding

Parents play a crucial role in the development of their children's water safety knowledge, skills, attitude and behaviours.

Follow the link to the RoSPA website for useful information. RoSPA is a not-for-profit organisation that has worked for more than 100 years to help people recognise and reduce their risk of accidents, at home, on the road, at work and at leisure. Their goal is to enable everyone to live their lives to the full, safely. [Parents - RoSPA](#)

Oral Health e-learning

E-learning for Children and Families Services, Early Years and Health around oral health advice. Additional resources are also provided throughout the session. [Children's Oral Health - e-learning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#)

Out of school achievements

If your child has any out of school achievements, we would love to hear about them. Send pictures and information to admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk

Diary dates

(These can also be found on the website)

12th July

14th July

19th July

21st July @ 2.15

5th September

End of Year Celebration Service 2.15 pm

Foss School Disco 5-7pm

Britten Class Performance of Joseph 6pm

School closes for summer break

School re-opens for Autumn term