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Caring, Considerate, Courageous

As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34-35)

A Message from Miss Hammond

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you for your very kind donations of food and toiletries for our Harvest Festival celebrations. All of the items collected have now been donated to York Food Bank, who were incredibly grateful for your generosity. We were truly blown away by the number of contributions we received, and we know that your kindness will make a real difference to so many people in our community who are in need.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, the whole school visited St Lawrence's Church, where Reverend Paul led a beautiful Harvest Service. He commented on how lovely the children sang and how respectful and engaged they were throughout. A special well done goes to Hedgehogs Class, who performed a song they had been learning with Mrs Rampley. They sang with such courage and confidence - it was a truly wonderful performance that made us all very proud.

Earlier in the week, Year 5 took part in an 'It's Your City' walk around York with YoYo. The children listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, and took part in the activities with great enthusiasm as they explored the city and learned more about its history and community.

We are also delighted to share some very exciting news - our school entered a competition with Inclusive Books for Children to win 100 books for our school library, and we won! Our School Ambassadors helped to open the four boxes of books today, and there was so much excitement as they explored the wonderful selection of high-quality titles. These books will soon be added to our school library, and we can't wait for the children to begin reading them.

Today marks our last day in school before the half term break, and what a fantastic half term it has been. I do hope you all enjoy a lovely and restful week, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4th November.

Harvest Service

We're so grateful to everyone who attended the Harvest Service this week, it was a lovely service and the children sang and read beautifully.

Because of your wonderful support, we were able to collect a fantastic amount of food donations to help out the York Food Bank. That will do directly to help local individuals and families in need .

Book Fair

We are hosting a School Book Fair in school from **Monday 17th November to Friday 21st November.** This will be available daily after school in the hall for children and parents to come and browse the books and make purchases to take home.

Also available during Parents Meetings.

Diary Dates

24th October	Break up for Half Term
31st October	Secondary School Application 2026 Deadline
3rd November	Training Day - School Closed for Children
4th November	Children Back to School
7th November	Deadline for Cauliflower Cards to be back to school
10th - 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week 2025: "Power for Good"
10th November	Odd Socks Day - for Anti Bullying week
14th November	Children in Need
17th - 21st November	Book Fair in School - see information on page one.
18th November	Parents Meetings - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
19th November	Parents Meetings - 3.30pm - 6.00pm

We have a new school lunch menu which starts after half term. It has some lovely new choices for the children to try.

Please click this link to see the full menu on our website: https://stlawrencesschool.org/parents/school-dinners/

The menu will start on Week 2.

Attendance from this Week

Owls - 74.4%

Badgers - 96.2%

Hedgehogs - 94.6%

Squirrels - 85.5%

Foxes - 95.8%

Whole School - 90.4%

Admissions Consultation for 2027-28 Entry

In conjunction with the City of York Council, we are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for 2027-28. The consultation is running from 8 October to 21 November and includes the admissions policies and planned number of places (PAN) available at each school in York for entry in September 2027. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please see the admissions page on our website or visit:

https://www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation

Lunch Menu

Jacket Potato option with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo available every day!

Please find our full menu on our school website: http://www.stlawrencesschool.org/parents/school-meals-menu

Week Commencing: Monday 3rd November

Monday	**TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
Tuesday	Pork and Beef or Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy, Apple Crumble and Custard
Wednesday	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Vegan Cottage Pie, Original Flapjack
Thursday	Creamy Chicken Curry with Rice, Mac 'n' Cheese, Chocolate and Carrot Muffin
Friday	Oven Baked Fish Fingers, Tex-Mex Vegetable Fajita, Lemon Sponge and Custard

Week Commencing: Monday 10th November

Monday	Margherita Pizza or Quorn Dippers with Potato Wedges, Vanilla Shortbread
Tuesday	Beef Bolognaise or Vegan Bolognaise with Penne Pasta, Mixed Berry and Apple Crumble
Wednesday	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Apple Strudel and Custard
Thursday	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato or Baked Mac 'n' Cheese, Gingerbread Square
Friday	Oven Baked Fish or Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips, Garden Brownie

Cauliflower Cards - Christmas Design Project

Your child has brought home their artwork for a Christmas design along with an order form to order a range of different products.

The Christmas designs can be professionally printed and purchased on a range of products including Cards, Tags, Wrapping Paper, Books, Gift Mugs and Playing Cards which are new this year!

Orders and payment must be made online using the **Unique Code** located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions and order online using the QR code or the website: **shop.cauliflowergroup.co.uk**

Each order form must be unique so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family you can get extra copies from your school.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by: Friday 7th November.

Don't miss out - last chance to sign up!

To sign up click here
For information flyer click here
Or contact Jen for more details: jenwootten@fmy.org.uk; 07393 147259

THIS OCTOBER IN FULFORD

York RLFC Foundation are running free turn up & play activity sessions.

WHO: Suitable for children aged 5-12 years
WHEN: Tues 28th Oct, 1:30-3:30pm.
WHERE: Fulford Parish Council Playing Field, School Lane, YO10 4LY.
TO BOOK: No need to book, just turn up & play!

GIVE IT A GO WEEK YORK

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