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Friday 28th November 2025

Caring, Considerate, Courageous

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

A Message from Miss Hammond

The week began with some of our KS1 pupils taking part in the Pathfinder Dodgeball Tournament. We were incredibly proud of their resilience and teamwork. Some of the games were not easy, but the spirit of the group kept everyone going, and their determination paid off as they finished as runners-up! It was a fantastic achievement, and we were equally delighted to see such supportive parents cheering the children on from the sidelines.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome prospective priests who will be taking over from Father Adam at St Lawrence's Church. Our Year 6 Ambassadors greeted them warmly and did a fantastic job showcasing what makes them proud to be St Lawrence's pupils. The visitors spent time in every classroom and were full of praise for how well-behaved, welcoming and engaged the children were. We look forward to finding out who our new vicar will be and will share this with you as soon as we know more.

Next week marks the beginning of December, and with it comes the start of the festive season in school. The week will begin with one of our favourite traditions - decorating the Christmas tree! This always brings so much joy to the children and helps create that special Christmassy atmosphere around the building. We have many exciting activities planned over the next three weeks, from performances to creative projects, and we are very much looking forward to all the celebrations to come.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Hammond

Diary Dates

1st December	Christmas Tree Decorating Day
5th December	Pyjama/Non Uniform Day for Donations for the Christmas Raffle
9th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity - 9.15am - **Nursery and Reception Parents**
10th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity - 2.15pm- **Year 1/2 Parents**
15th December	Christmas Christingle Service at St Lawrence's Church - 9.15am - Reception - Year 6
11th December	Y5 & Y6 Carol Singing at The Lodge Care Home
11th December	ASH Minster Carol Service - 7.30pm
12th December	Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day!
15th December	Christmas Service at St Lawrence's Church - 9.15am
16th December	Y1/2 Trip to The National Railway Museum
16th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
17th December	Y1/2 Class Christmas Party
17th December	Y3/4 Class Christmas Party
18th December	Nursery and Reception Class Christmas Party
18th December	Break Up for Christmas
19th December	Training Day - School Closed to Children
5th January	Training Day - School Closed to Children
6th January	Children Back to School

Attendance from this Week

Owls - 93.6%

Badgers - 93.1%

Hedgehogs - 98.0%

Squirrels - 82.8%

Foxes - 97.7%

Whole School - 93.4%

BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On **Friday 5th December** we will be holding a **Non-Uniform Pyjama Day** this will be in exchange for donating something towards the raffle.

If children don't want to come in pyjamas, they are welcome to come in their own clothes.

Please be mindful of the weather and make sure your children wear additional layers to keep them warm if they choose to wear pyjamas. Children also need appropriate shoes to go outside (no slippers).

Nursery and Reception – Chocolate/Sweets Hamper
Year 1/2 – Craft Hamper
Year 3/4 – International Food Hamper
Year 5 – Baking Hamper
Year 6 – Beauty/Pamper Hamper

The Raffle Tickets are £1.00 each and available to buy on ParentPay (this will show on your child's account, you can buy as many as you want buy entering the amount you would like to spend and checking out) or from the School Office.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 18th December. This will allow us time to hand out the prizes before we break up!

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/prents/school-meals-menu

Week Commencing: Monday 1st December

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	Creamy Chicken Curry and Rice or Baked Mac 'n' Cheese, Gingerbread Square
Friday	Oven Baked Fish or Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips, Garden Brownie

Week Commencing: Monday 8th December

Monday	Ham and Cheese Pasta or Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry, Blueberry Cookie Bar
Tuesday	Beef Lasagne or Cheese and Bean Lasagne, Chocolate and Banana Brownie
Wednesday	Oven Baked Fish Fingers, Vegan Vegetable Nuggets, Lemon Shortbread
Thursday	Chicken in a Katsu Sauce, Vegetarian Bolognaise with Pasta, Apple Sponge
Friday	****CHRISTMAS LUNCH ** see menu below**

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

Main Course:

Roast Turkey Breast, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Pigs in Blankets & Gravy

or

Sage & Onion Pastry Roll, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

(There is no Jacket Potato Option on this day)

Followed By:

Festive Chocolate Cookie

JOIN US ON FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER!

SEND CENTRAL

York SEND Local Offer

DECEMBER 2025 INFORMATION SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN COLLABORATION WITH YORK PARENT CARER FORUM- NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG

Wednesday 3rd December 1pm- 2pm – Supporting your Neurodivergent Child through the Festive Period.

An information session led by the Autism Specialist Teaching Team around how to best to support your child through the festive period when life and routines may look very different over the festive period.

Friday 12th December 2025 1pm- 2pm – an Information Session about Post 16 Education and Employment Pathways

The City of York Council Skills Team will offer an information session on support and pathways that may be available for young people Post 16 in York. The session will include information about the Specialist Learning and Employment Advisor Team (SLEAT) and the support they might be able to offer, as well as information about Post-16 employment pathways such as Supported Internships.

Monday 15th December 1pm-2pm Understanding local support for children and young people with Sensory Processing Differences:

An informal session describing local provision for sensory possessing differences and the Lets Make Sense Together resources. Led by Jayne Young, Ruth Ayres and Emilie Meynell from Children's Therapy Services, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals,

All held at SEND CENTRAL, Children's Centre on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, Water Lane York YO30 6JA Tel: 01904 555076 Email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk

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