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Dear parent/ carer,

It really feels like Autumn has begun this week with some very wet and chilly weather. Please make sure your child has a named coat in school – we do try to get out as much as possible, even when it is wet. It is also helpful if your child has a spare set of clothes and socks in school to change into if they get wet – these do not need to be school uniform; please don't buy anything especially.

RESPECT



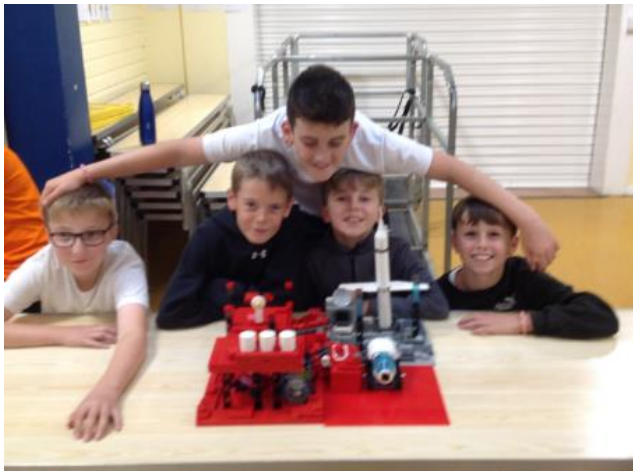
Well done to all of the children demonstrating **RESPECT** this week. Thank you to Nina for always being so **responsible**, Newton for always putting in a huge amount of **effort**, Jessie for always keeping the classroom clean, tidy and **safe**, Xander for always being so **polite**, Ellie for putting so much enjoyment and **effort** into all your learning, Eve for being such a **caring** friend and Eliza

for always being **tolerant** to everything that goes on in a busy classroom – you all make us so incredibly proud.

Census Day

Census day is on Thursday 3rd October. We would encourage as many children as possible, especially those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school meal on this day (you can still send your child with a packed lunch too!) as some of our funding is based on the number of Universal Infant Free school meals we serve. Please book your child's lunch through Meal Manager as usual. Thank you.

Lego Day

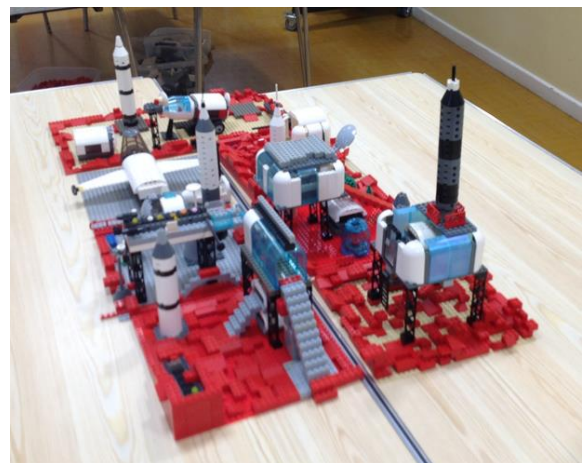
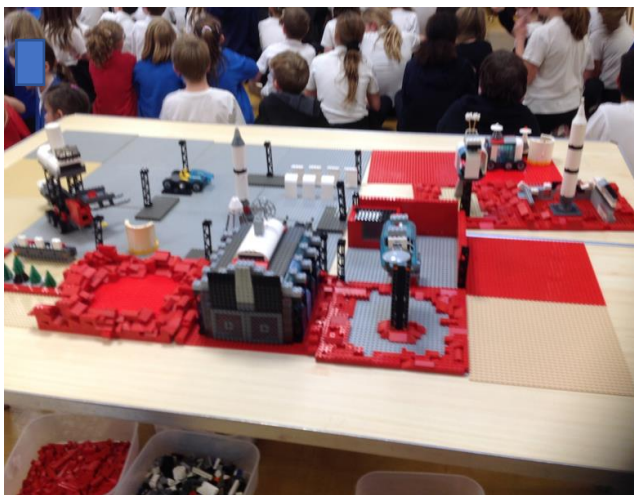


On Wednesday, the whole school got to build space-themed Lego as part of Lego day. Reception had the first session, followed by years 1,2 and 3 in the morning and years 4, 5 and 6 in the afternoon.

Ivy, Jasmine and Nellie told me that it was so much fun! They really enjoyed being creative and using their own ideas to build their masterpieces! It was great when they got see what everyone had made.

Jasmine says it was the best thing that school has ever done for its pupils – high praise indeed.

Thank you so much to Mrs Todd for organising.



Year 3-4 football tournaments for girls and boys



On Tuesday afternoon we took two teams of year 3 and 4 children to the intra-school football tournament. Both teams played some excellent football. We showed great pride and resilience considering we had no subs and one team only had six players. The children played 5 games in a row and we managed to ensure that one of the teams qualified for the finals. Well, done all!

On Wednesday it was the turn of the girls to play in their year 3 and 4 tournament. The girls were on fire throughout! They drew the first game 0-0 to Robert Wilkinson and then went on to beat their next three opponents without conceding a goal and scoring 14 goals! The girls also qualified for the next round by winning the tournament. An amazing achievement!

We are very proud of what all our children achieved over the past few days and we look forward to taking them to the next tournament to see how they get on.

Thank you,

Mr Gargiulo

I would like to add a huge thank you to all the staff and parents who give up their own time to support our children in these competitions – we are incredibly proud of our record at such events and the number of teams we are able to put forward. Here's to another year of sporting success!



Message from the PTA:

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£1 just for downloading the ASDA rewards app +0.5% of your spend every time you shop until 30th November. All without impacting your personal ASDA cashpot.

Asda is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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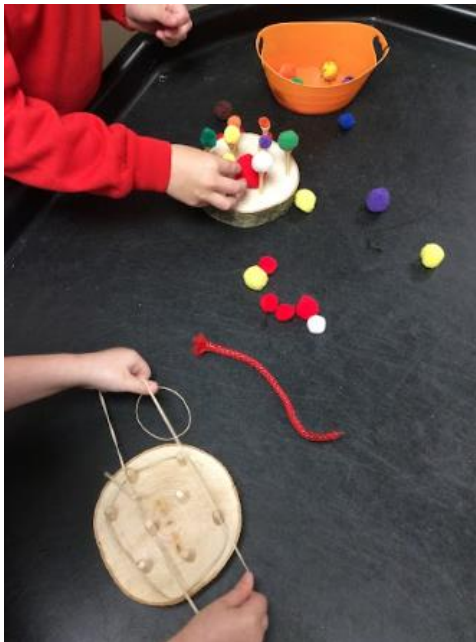
Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. We are aiming to spend our donations on improving the library facilities in school.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news to family & friends and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

Reception have been working hard to develop their fine motor skills this week!



Please spread the word ...

Reception Open Evening

We will be having an open evening for new starters in reception 2025 on Tuesday 12th November between 4 and 5pm (flier to follow).

It will be a drop-in event where families can see our amazing EYFS area, meet staff and ask questions. They will also have an opportunity to have a tour of the school and sample some of our delicious school dinner desserts.

Reduced pupil numbers have had a significant impact on our funding over the last few years so we would really appreciate it if you spread the word about this event.

We also have spaces in most other year groups in school. If you know of anyone who is considering a move into the village, please encourage them to get in touch. We would be more than happy to show them round, have a chat and welcome them to our wonderful school!

Apply online

Primary school admissions

Apply by: **15 January 2025**

If your child was born between 01 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, apply online now for a Reception place to start school in September 2025.

- Log onto: york.gov.uk/ParentPortal
- For more information visit: york.gov.uk/PrimarySchoolAdmissions

The flier features the York Council logo, a school building icon, and an illustration of hands holding a smartphone. The background is dark blue with a white city skyline at the bottom.

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

October 2024	
Harvest Services	Tuesday 8 th October 2024 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2 <i>If anyone could help us walk to and from school we would be really appreciative.</i>
Parent Consultations	Teachers will be available on 2 out of the 3 dates, to be confirmed nearer the time. Tuesday 22 nd October (until 7pm) Wednesday 23 rd October (until 6pm) Thursday 24 th October (until 6pm)
Last day of half-term	Friday 25 th October
November 2024	
School re-opens for pupils	Monday 4 th November
Year 6 Trip to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall and Castle Museum	Tuesday 5 th November
Open Evening for New Starters	Tuesday 12th November
Individual Photos – Phototronics	Wednesday 13 th November
December 2024	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 nd December
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December 2pm Wednesday 11 th December 2pm
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 th December
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 th December (Needs to be confirmed but if it does happen this is the likely date)
Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome	Friday 20 th December 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2024

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Links/ Attachments:

- Talking to your child about online safety <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>
- Parent/ Carer Forum Newsletter