



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th June 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

The weather has finally become a little kinder this week and thank you for ensuring your children applied sunscreen and wore hats for our sporting day on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed taking part in: archery, cricket, football and dodgeball activities on Slingsby Sports Field with staff from Simon Carson's Sports School, our teaching assistants and myself, whilst Mrs Jordan, Miss Secker, Mrs Pearce, Ms Breese and Mrs Martindale took the day to put together their curriculum plans for next year.

Today we have again enjoyed a wonderful day of Quidditch competition between our four school houses. The day began with the 'sorting hat' assembly which decided that Phoenix would become Gryffindor for one special day; Dragon transformed into Slytherin; Pegasus changed to Ravenclaw; and Griffin became Hufflepuff. Our two Quidditch coaches, Cerys and Isobel, commented how impressed they were with the children's behaviour and listening skills; and they all had a great day! During our assembly at the end of the day, awards were given for:

- Best beater award – Octavia
- Best chaser award – Albie F
- Best keeper – Jake
- Best golden snitch – Kitty

The highest points total and winners of our whole-school Quidditch day points total was ...Slytherin! Well done to Dragon house.

I am very pleased to confirm that I have received our final Ofsted report from our two-day inspection on the 29th and 30th April and a copy will be sent out to you all before the end of the week.

Last week's house point scores were: Dragon: 327, Griffin: 341, Phoenix: 305 and Pegasus: 318. Well done to Griffin house for your victory!

Don't forget to wear or bring something green/eco tomorrow to celebrate 'Green Week.'

As always, all the staff of Slingsby CP School wish you a lovely weekend.

Mr. Smith



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School News

- Phototronics collected the school photograph orders on Wednesday. The photos should be delivered back to us next week. For those who forgot to hand in their orders, don't panic as Phototronics have said they will collect any late orders received when they deliver the first lot of orders.
- Class 1 had another great swimming session on Monday. The children showed great confidence in the pool and were also super quick at changing afterwards!
- We are excited to be launching 'Positive Postcards' this half term. When children have produced exceptional work or have gone above and beyond, you may receive a little surprise in the post.
- Tomorrow, we are encouraging the children to wear or bring something green/eco to help us celebrate the national Big Green Week. We have been working hard with Mrs Breckon to submit our Eco Schools application and our wildflowers, trees and bug hotels are doing really well.
- A few letters have been sent out to Year 6 this week! Year 6 parents and carers, please complete the form to provide your consent for the children to take part in the RSE talks, as well as the Crucial Crew North Yorkshire Police event.
- A letter has also gone out this week with details of the Bikeability workshops taking place for Year 6 on 24th and 25th June. Please let us know if you need assistance with any of the equipment required and we will do our best to help.
- Details of Sports Day on 4th July will be emailed out this week. You don't need to worry about last minute purchases of coloured t-shirts this year as we have purchased sports day t-shirts in House colours!
- Class 4 are going on a trip to Eden Camp on Monday. The forecast is set to be sunny again so please ensure the children have sun hats, a water bottle and apply sun cream before school.
- It is the village Church Flower Festival this weekend and the children's beautiful paper flowers are on display. Please pop in to see them if you have a moment.



More Amazing Duck Sales

A couple of our Class 4 boys kindly helped their mums to run the FOSS stall at Hovingham Market last Saturday, to sell ducks for the Duck Race. They managed to raise £127 from ducks sales and raffle tickets. Super work boys, well done (not forgetting the mums too!). We also spotted some Ducks walking around the Slingsby village doing a super job of fundraising for the big day, raising a fabulous £65. Thank you and well done everyone!



ECO Schools Update

Don't forget to wear or bring something green/eco tomorrow to celebrate 'Green Week'. One of our Year 5 ECO School committee members also wanted to remind families that they can use the village

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litter picking resources to help tidy the village. They are located at the entrance to the sports field and at the Railway Street end of the railway track path. Pickers and bags can be used to collect rubbish, then just return the pickers to the station. Equipment has been provided by the Parish Council.



FOSS Update

Krispy Kreme

We will be out on the green with the Krispy Kreme doughnuts for collection at 3.30pm, any collecting at 4.30pm will be in the foyer at school.

Duck Race - Saturday 5th July

Less than 4 weeks to go until our biggest fundraiser of the year! Here are some ways you can help support this event:

Non-Uniform Day and Tombola Donation - Friday 27th June

Wear non-uniform on Friday 27th June and bring a donation for the tombola as forfeit. Donations can be anything that you or your child would like to win as a prize such as toys, games, hair accessories, sweets, or arts and craft items. Please leave donations in the collection tubs at each school entrance on the morning.

Sell as many ducks as you can!

The deadline for duck sponsor forms to be returned to school is Friday 27th June so only a couple of weeks left to sell them! There is a Groovy Moo voucher for the most ducks sold! If you need extra forms please let FOSS know.

Volunteer at the Event

Are you coming to the Duck Race and can spare a couple of hours to help run a stall? Could you run the tombola stall from 1-3pm?

We desperately need some more volunteers to ensure all the activities can go ahead and to make it a wonderful day - please email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk and we can find something suitable for you.

Baking

Can you bake something for our refreshments stall at the Duck Race? Please get in touch with FOSS if you can help.



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Malton Secondary School Open Day - Tuesday, 1st July

Please see the attached flier promoting Malton School's Open Day which is to be held on Tuesday, 1 July. There is also attached an accompanying parent/carer letter for to read.

The Open Day is an opportunity for all parents, but especially those in Years 4 and 5, to experience school life on a normal day. However, because the school will be operating as usual, we do ask visitors to pre-book a slot to receive a tour of the school and hear a presentation from the Head Teacher. Visitors are invited to book for one of 2 sessions using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/hLKVTZjGWj>

- 9.00am tour of the school followed by presentation
- 2.00pm tour of the school followed by presentation

Tours of the school will be led by one of the current Year 10 or Year 12 students, along with a member of staff. Prospective parents/carers and students will be able to view their extensive site and gain a real insider's view of everyday life in school – where lessons take place, what lessons look like, the facilities the school has to offer, including for sport and extra-curricular activities.



Ampleforth College: Information for 2026 Entry

If you are considering Ampleforth College for your child, please see below details about their Development Award programme, Entrance Assessments and dates and deadline for applications for 2026 entry.

Open Morning - Saturday 13th September

Ahead of our admissions process, families are very welcome to join us for our upcoming Open Morning during which guests will hear from our Headmaster, take a tour of the school, enjoy lunch and can join to spectate our Sports fixtures in the afternoon. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to discover what makes an Ampleforth education a Compass for Life; a transformative education which broadens horizons and offers so much more, not at the expense of academics. Details of how to register can be found [here](#).

11+ Development Award Application Closing Date – Friday 9th January 2026

Applications for an 11+ Academic, Drama, Music & Sport Scholarships should be submitted by 9th January 2026. Scholarship brochures will be sent by post later this term, however, digital brochures, application forms and details of how to apply can be found on our website [under Admissions/Scholarships](#).

11+ Development Award Assessments – Friday 16th and Saturday 17th January 2026

On Friday 16th January, children will take part in a series of assessments, activities, auditions, and an interview relevant to the award for which they are applying.

Ampleforth Entrance Assessments – Saturday 17th January 2026

This is for families applying for Year 7 entry in September 2026. Children will sit online assessments in Maths, English and Non-Verbal Reasoning and have an interview with our Registrar. This is an integral stage in the admissions process as successful completion enables us to offer a place. Children will also engage in a range of activities together and experience a flavour of Ampleforth's comprehensive co-curricular programme.

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If you have any questions about the information above, or about Ampleforth College and why we might be a good choice of senior school, please do not hesitate to email kmp@ampleforth.org.uk or call 01439 741081.



Child Welfare and Safeguarding - who to speak to

Details of our safeguarding contacts can be found on our website at [Safeguarding & Child Protection - Slingsby Community Primary School](#). If you have concerns about a child's welfare, please contact one of our school safeguarding members:

- ❖ Mr. L. Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead): headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk
- ❖ Mrs. C. Jordan (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Further advice can also be obtained from:

- ❖ The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on: 01609 533080
- ❖ The Local Authority Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) on: 0300 131 2131
- ❖ North Yorkshire Police on: 101



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