



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th July 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

It has been an incredibly active week!

Our Year 6 Leavers had their end of primary school treat day to Flamingo Land and Florios last Thursday kindly paid for by FOSS fundraising. They all had a great time and I was very impressed with how 'together' and supportive they were of other; for several of them, it was their first ride on a full-size, high-octane roller-coaster. All showed good manners at Florios and they are a credit to the school. Today, Year 6 also enjoyed their leavers' picnic lunch at Slingsby sports field with Miss Secker and myself – followed by a short game of tennis.



The Year 6 SAT results were released by the DfE this week and letters will be sent out with results on Monday. We are extremely proud of all they have all achieved during their time at Slingsby School and we look forward to celebrating them next Friday at the leavers' assembly.

Sports Day got off to a great start with everyone in good spirits. Special thanks also to Matty Hood and our super ex-pupils for helping the races run smoothly. I think you'll all agree that the children looked great in their coloured House T-shirts which were kindly funded by FOSS. Sadly though, as seems tradition, the weather and wind gusts worsened and we had to call it a day sooner than we would have liked to, but we finished the cross-country event today with the help of Matty. Thank you to all our

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families to come to cheer on the children. The winning house shield will be awarded in celebration assembly on Friday!

The fantastic annual **DUCK RACE DAY** followed the next day, and I would like to say a massive 'THANK YOU!' to Mrs Reeves, Mrs Shipley and the rest of our wonderful FOSS team for their time, dedication, hard-work and commitment in organising, setting up and delivering such an amazingly successful event last Saturday. I would also like to thank the many additional members of our school community on the day for giving up their time to help set up and run stalls and sell food. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community that raise funds to ensure we can do so much more in school: we certainly do not take this for granted! Please see the FOSS update below for the incredible grand total raised.



Tonight, is our annual **SLINGSBY'S GOT TALENT** entertainment evening. The doors will open 20 minutes before the start of the show to allow for support of the FOSS stalls, with the show starting at 6pm. To ensure all families have the same opportunity to see their children performing - including those volunteering with FOSS – we will be restricting seating to two people per family of the performers on the front six rows: we appreciate your cooperation and fairness in ensuring two members of family for each performing pupil can have a good view! A programme of the evening's performances will be available and FOSS will be serving refreshments during the interval. We very much look forward to enjoying the talent of 2025.

Finally, I am delighted to confirm that we have achieved the **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, with Distinction!** Full details are below and we are hugely proud of all that has been achieved this year under the mentorship of Mrs Breckon.

Last week's house points were will be added to this week's total, as last Friday afternoon was sports day so no celebration assembly took place. The House with the most points this year will be announced in our end of year assembly next Friday in the Village Hall.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend. Mr. Smith



School News

- Class 1 had their 6th and final swimming lesson on Monday and the St Albans Centre staff have fed back to us that Class 1 have been particularly wonderful to teach. Well done Class 1!
- Mrs Massey and Miss Hope met with Castle Howard's Estate Manager on Monday to talk about our outdoor spaces and how we can work together with our landlord to develop them into spaces we can utilise all year round. Watch this space for some great improvements.

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- Mrs Martindale attended a Firm Foundation in Reading and Writing course on Tuesday.
- There was a Full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday evening where they discuss progress towards this years school development plans and projects for the next academic year.
- A full school Fire Drill was carried out on Wednesday morning and all the classes left the school building to line up on The Green in a sensible and timely manner. Well done everyone!
- Malton School Science Bus visited Class 4 on Wednesday afternoon. The class have previously dissected a flower in class so Mrs Free specifically looked at seed dispersal and recapped on parts of the flower.
- Teacher end of year reports are well underway and will be handed out to parents/carers next week.
- A reminder to Year 6 that they need to be in school early tomorrow morning for their Crucial Crew workshop at Scarborough TEC College. Please ensure you are in school **by 8.30am** for an early departure. The Crucial Crew event is vital in encouraging good citizenship to assist in reducing accidents, injuries, anti-social behaviour and crime, as well as protecting young people through education and awareness.
- We are looking forward to our last settling in/moving up session tomorrow afternoon.
- A lost property table will be outside all next week, so please take a moment to look through for any clothing that might be yours. Anything unclaimed will be donated to FOSS for their pre-loved stock.
- Our Beach Day next week will be an end of term highlight. Please remember to check the letter sent out on 26th June 2025 with details of all the children need for the day.
- We hope to see you all at our end of year assembly next Friday, 18th July, at 1pm in the Village Hall where we will celebrate our Year 6 leavers and announce the House winners. The children may leave early after the assembly at approximately 2.15, but please allow all classes to walk back to school first from where they can be collected. School will close at 3.30pm for the holidays, and there will be NO SPORTS CLUB next Friday.
- We currently have a one-year vacancy for a full time ATA with Early Years experience starting in September. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact the School Office.



Parent Pay

Please check your Parent Pay accounts and pay any debt on account before the end of term. There should be very little now that clubs are paid for and booked in advance, however, there are some accounts still carrying payments owed for wraparound care and school lunches.



FOSS Update

Thank you to everyone who came to the Duck Race and supported the event raising over £4000 for school! A huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard behind the scenes and on the day with special thanks to Paul Cottrell and Andrew Pern for their time and generosity running the BBQ, and to Wendy O'Connor, Andrew Pope, Edward P, and Thomas M for chaperoning the duck race.

Congratulations to Molly M. who wins the Groovy Moo voucher for selling the most ducks!

Thank you also to everyone who supported our refreshment stall at Sport's Day which raised £130.

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End of year donation

We have had a fantastic year of fundraising and are thrilled to share that FOSS's end of year donation to our wonderful school is **£12,000!** This is our highest ever contribution and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone that has supported our fundraising events this school year, through visiting our events, volunteering and donations, your support is very much appreciated.



ECO Update

We are very pleased to tell you that you that Slingsby Community Primary School have been successful in achieving an **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction!** We will soon be receiving our Eco-Schools Green Plaque which we will proudly display in the entrance hall.

We must recognise and give a massive THANK YOU to our school governor and ECO Schools Lead, Mrs Breckon who has put all the hard work in behind the scenes, all on a voluntary basis. Mrs Breckon has done a sterling job all to inspire and encourage the future generation to safeguard our planet.

"We were delighted to hear about the great success of your terrific project to both revamp your school grounds by creating a garden area for each year group but also taking part in a superb community effort to rewild an area near your public playing field with The Slingsby Parish Environmental Group. It is wonderful when a worthy Eco project brings the whole community together and, even better, produces a facility that will enhance it for years to com. Also fantastic to hear that you planted saplings from the Woodland Trust as well. A really lovely biodiversity effort here.

We were equally impressed by the excellent range of Eco-themed trips and promotion events that you carried out, from visiting the North York Moors to learn about habitats, to working with Castle Howard to decorate their charity Xmas tree and working with the Environment Bank nature recovery firm on their Bog Hall rewilding project at the CH estate – some really fantastic work.

Also, brilliant to hear that you had hosted various themed events such as Cut your Carbon, The RSPB Big Birdwatch, the Big Battery Hunt, Earth Day and Big Green Week amongst others.

We also loved hearing that your pupils were still inspired enough to appoint energy monitors and host a 'switch-off' campaign with a brilliant talk from 'Power Down Pete' the Carbon Champion, campaign to reduce the use of paper and single-use plastics at your school and even organise a terrific book swap event – some superb initiatives here od which you should be proud."



Richard Shephard Music Foundation - Summer 2025 RSMF Music Holiday Clubs

9:30am – 3pm on Weds 23rd July at Crayke CE Primary School, YO61 4TZ, or 9:30am – 3pm on Mon 28th July at Ryedale Folk Museum, YO62 6UA.

No experience is necessary and all abilities are welcome to attend. The day will be free and breakfast, lunch and snacks will be included. Please let us know in advance if your child has any dietary requirements. If you have any questions or queries please do get in touch via Email: info@rsmf.org.uk or Phone/Text/WhatsApp on 07845 878642.

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To book, please use the link: [Summer 2025 RSMF Music Holiday Clubs — Richard Shephard Music Foundation](#)



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)
- ❖ Mrs. R. Welch (Safeguarding Governor)

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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