Friday 12th December 2025

Newsletter

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Headteacher Awards

Sofia Beatrix Thomas B

Metacognition

Alfie Lucy Polly Liliana

Writing

Thomas B Leyna

Presentation

Lizzie

A message from Mrs Wood

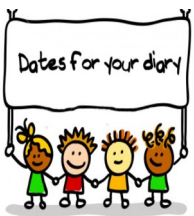
A huge well done to Snape children for what was a wonderful and memorable Nativity; a unique script written by Mrs Paylor. There was great support from parents, carers and other family members - many thanks! I am very much looking forward to the KS2 Carol Service at St.Mary's next Thursday.

As you will see in the class sections, Christmas Dinner on Tuesday was a highlight of the week - it was great to see children, staff and governors dressed in Christmas Jumpers, tucking into what was a wonderful Christmas Dinner - many thanks, Miss Gilpin, we are lucky to have such a wonderful cook!

Last week, as part of our continuous self-evaluation and school improvement, our adviser from the local authority spent a day reviewing our approach to teaching diversity, British Values and the protected characteristics. Miss Cave was incredibly impressed with the standard of teaching across all classes, how we weave these key areas into our day to day offer, and how articulate children across the age ranges were. What we offer is a positive reflection on the ongoing dedication and hard work of all of our teaching staff.

Sadly, it is not long until we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Paylor, who leaves at the end of this term, but not before we take the time to celebrate all that she is and thank her for all that she has contributed over the years at STW during a special assembly today - tissues at the ready!

Finally, I would like to thank staff for all of their continued hard work and dedication, and parents/ carers for their continued support. Wishing you all an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Wednesday 17th December - Pantomime Trip (AM), all pupils
Thursday 18th December - Snape Christmas Crafts, 9.30am
Thursday 18th December - TW Christmas Carol Service, 6.00pm at St Mary's Church
Friday 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term, school closes
Monday 5th January 2026 - Teacher Training day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th January 2026 - School re-opens for pupils
Friday 13th February 2026 - School closes for half term holiday
Monday 23rd February 2026 - School re-opens for pupils
Friday 27th March 2026 - School closes for Easter holidays

Sunflowers and Robins Class

What a busy term we've had in Robins and Sunflowers! One of the highlights was our Santa Fun Run - what a joyful event! The children had a brilliant time, and we were delighted to see so many parents joining in the festive fun. We've also been busy practising our lines for the Christmas performance. The children have worked so hard, and we can't wait for you to come and watch them perform - it's going to be magical! Another special moment was our Christmas lunch. The children absolutely loved it and said it was the best school dinner they've ever had! We have to admit, it was the quietest lunchtime we've had all term - everyone was too busy enjoying their delicious meal. Thank you for your continued support this term. We wish you all a very merry Christmas!

Snape Team.





Owls Class





In Owls we are definitely on to our countdown to Christmas! We need to give a special mention to the super singers who attended Bedale Christmas festival last Saturday to sing to the market goers as they shopped! They all came dressed in their best Christmas outfits and sang their hearts out, cheering everyone up on a very wet day. Some of us also got a bit wet during our Science last week! We were investigating water resistance and made different shapes to drop into the water. We timed them to see how quickly they reached the bottom of the tank. We had our Christmas lunch on Tuesday. We were sorry the Snape children couldn't join us, but we had a great time and really enjoyed the food. Everyone in Owls would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Red Kites Class

What a fabulous Christmas Dinner we had today here at Thornton Watlass. It was absolutely delicious - a huge thank you to our lovely cook, Miss Gilpin, for providing our festive feast. 🎄 🎄 🎄





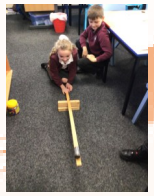






We have been enjoying lots of hands-on experiments in Science this term learning all about Forces.









Tom said, "*We have done lots of experiments this term and I never really know what the lesson will be about before we do it but it is always a surprise and something I look forward to.*"

House Points

House Point Weekly Totals

	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
21.11.25	69	60	70
05.12.25	74	62	59

Autumn Term Running Totals

Sycamore	674
Beech	715
Oak	778

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Santa Run Snape



Thank you for all your sponsorship and support at the Snape Santa Run. We didn't let the horrible weather dampen spirits! A total of £264 was raised!







Singing at the Bedale Christmas Fayre

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Well done to the school choir for singing beautifully at the Bedale Christmas Fayre. What a lovely community event to be involved in. Thank you parents, for bringing your children along.

Safeguarding



As we head towards the Christmas break, we would like to remind parents/ carers that support is available should anyone have concerns over the safety or wellbeing of a child.
The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) website contains very useful signposting for parents/ carers:
https://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/