



A message from Mrs Robinson

19 Days Until Christmas! **

The countdown to Christmas is on! We're so excited about all the festive fun we have planned. Our Key Stage 2 carol service at St Thomas' Church was a huge success. The children sang beautifully, filling the church with their voices and creating a truly magical atmosphere. We'd like to thank all the families who came to support us. Your presence made the event even more special. Our talented orchestra worked hard to perfect their Christmas carols, and we thoroughly enjoyed their performance.

We were also thrilled to have a special visit from Father Christmas, his elves, and reindeers! The children were amazed and delighted by this magical experience. A huge thank you to the Friends of Haxby Road for making this possible.

We're excited to remind you about our daily snow machine and Christmas carols, running from 8:25 AM to 8:40 AM. To ensure your child doesn't miss out on this festive fun, please remember to arrive at school on time. Punctuality is important for a positive start to the day and helps children settle into their learning. Let's make the most of this magical time together and continue to embrace the festive spirit!

Have a lovely festive weekend. Mrs Robinson



Christmas Attendance Raffle is Back!

We're excited to announce the return of our Christmas Attendance Raffle!

For the next two weeks, every day your child attends school, they'll receive a raffle ticket. Each week, 1 lucky winner will be drawn to receive a **£20 Asda voucher!** There will also be other exciting Christmas prizes up for grabs.

So, let's make sure your child is in school every day to increase their chances of winning!

Be in it to win it!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a Parent Governor to join the governing body of Haxby Road School.

Our school needs enthusiastic and committed people to become governors. Being a governor is important, interesting and satisfying. Governors have the opportunity to express their own views, to listen to the views of others representing the school and its community and to influence our students' education for the better.

If you are interested please email:

p.goodall@ebor.academy

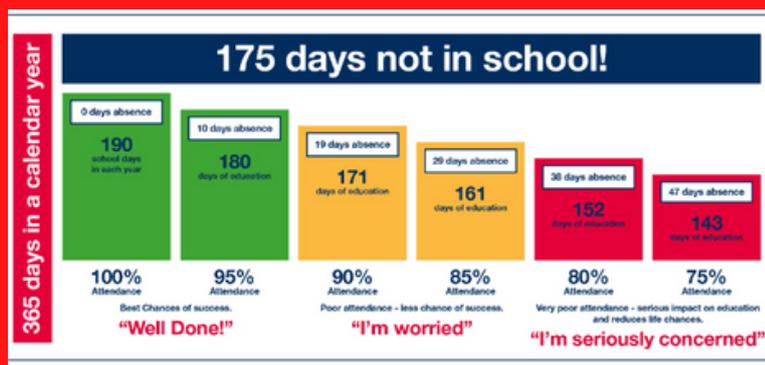
or pop into the office to find out more information.



Our School Target is 98% National Figure 96%

This week our whole school attendance was: 93.87%

- Jubbergate: 87.73%
- Ousegate: 91.00%
- Fishergate: 96.90%
- Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate: 95.00%
- Gillygate: 98.80%
- Fossgate: 93.17%
- Micklegate: 96.07%
- Stonegate: 91.74%



The winning class is Gillygate Well Done!



Online Safety Tip of the Week

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the [National College](#), focuses on [Black Friday and Cyber Monday](#). These events have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains.

While this is generally good news, the resultant retail frenzy can lead people to dropping their guard - especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers.



#OnlineSafety

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Filtering & Monitoring Systems

As a school we have a number of systems and processes that we use to keep pupils safe online. We use a filtering and monitoring system in school called Smoothwall which identifies any searches that may contain inappropriate information. This system works on any device which is logged on with a pupil's school email. Smoothwall is monitored externally at all times and helps us to ensure that the children are safe online. Online

safety is included in our curriculum as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum.

Remember to encourage your children to always tell a trusted adult if they do not feel safe online and to never share passwords or important information.



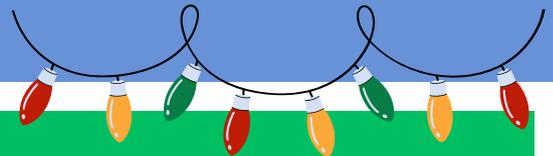
Sustainability Tip of the Week

Post Holidays Waste: Upcycling

To reduce post-holiday waste, extend the life of items and repurpose them. Discarded Christmas cards can be upcycled into gift tags. Donate unwanted or gently used gifts to charity. By making conscious choices and embracing sustainable practices, we can enjoy the holiday season while minimizing our ecological footprint.



#SustainableExcellence



Christmas Events at St Thomas in the Grove

<https://www.stthomaswithstmaurice.org.uk/>

You're invited..... to celebrate Christmas with us

★ **Saturday 30 Nov 2- 4 pm**
Creative Cafe Fair with crafts to buy, activities and afternoon tea

★ **Sunday 8 Dec 7 pm**
our Annual Candlelit Carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

★ **Sunday 15 Dec 4 pm**
Christingle Service - fun for all the family

★ **24 December 11.30 pm**
Midnight Communion

★ **Christmas Day Celebration 10.30 am**



Dates to remember



- **6.12.24:** Choir at the Minister
- **10.12.24 and 12.12.24** Tiny Steps Celebration 9:00am and Nursery Celebration 2:00pm
- **12.12.24:** Christmas Jumper Day. Please use the QR code to donate, attached to this week's newsletter to donate to **Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day.**
- **11.12.24:** Reception Nativity 2:00pm
- **17.12.24:** KS1 Nativity 2:00pm
- **19.12.24:** Christmas Dinner
- **Friday 20th December: School Closes at 12:00. There will be no ASC.**

