

A message from Mrs Robinson

On behalf of the entire school community, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your families following the festive break. We trust you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating holiday period. To ensure the continued provision of high-quality education, we commenced the new term with a dedicated staff training day. This valuable day afforded our team the opportunity to engage in professional development, focusing on the latest pedagogical approaches and best practices.

It was a delight to welcome our children back to school on Tuesday. The enthusiasm and eagerness displayed by our children as they returned filled us with joy. Our KS2 choir attended Young Voices at Sheffield Arena on Wednesday and were a credit to the school. Their singing and dancing was filled with enthusiasm. We anticipate a vibrant and productive Spring Term at Haxby Road.

This half term we will be running several initiatives to encourage great attendance from all of our children. We will also be sending our attendance letters to any families where their child has attendance below 90% to invite them into a meeting with our attendance team. This meeting will help us to work together in partnership to improve your child's attendance.

Exciting news this week at Haxby Road as we have launched our new **house point system**! This fun and engaging program will foster positive behavior, teamwork, and school spirit. Children have been divided into houses and compete to earn points for academic achievement, good sportsmanship, acts of kindness and an array of other things. We are confident that this will help us work together to build a strong sense of community and strive for excellence!

The names of the houses are **Terry**, **Rowntree**, **Tuke** and **Craven**! With the school having always sat in the shadow of a chocolate factory and our school culture heavily ingrained within this amazing city, we did not have to look far for inspiration. Our four house names are based on famous figures in the chocolate or confectionary industry who have displayed the school values of trust, kindness and self-belief in order to become inspirational figures of the city of York!

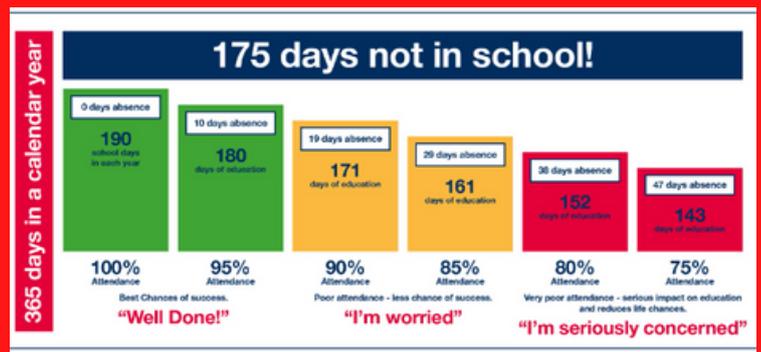


Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Robinson



Our School Target is 98% National Figure 96%
This week our whole school attendance was: 94.89% %

- Jubbergate: 94.32%
- Ousegate: 93.33 %
- Fishergate: 98.28%
- Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate: 97.50%
- Gillygate: 100%
- Fossgate: 91.20 %
- Micklegate: 94.83 %
- Stonegate: 89.67%



The winning class is Gillygate Well Done!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow... Everyday Counts!

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of the Spring Term 2025! As we embark on this exciting new term, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of regular school attendance. Attending school every day is vital to your child's learning, social development, and overall success. When children attend school consistently, they are better able to engage with lessons, build friendships, and develop the skills they need for their future. This term, we are aiming for a whole school attendance target of 96% or higher. To help us achieve this, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child:

- **arrives on time, ready to learn (the school day begins at 8:40am).**
- **attends every day unless they are unwell or have a pre-agreed absence.**

Let's work together to make this a term full of learning, growth, and success! Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the [National College](#), focuses on focuses on '[How to set up parental controls on iPhones to limit content and ensure that is age-appropriate](#)'. The parental controls on iPhones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads, or purchases. Setting limitations on content ratings, Siri and web Searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and vastly reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to unsuitable material and information.

#NationalOnlineSafety



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Operation Encompass

This week our focus is on Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children experiencing the impact of domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (DSL) prior to the start of the next school day when officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. Children experiencing domestic abuse are negatively impacted by this exposure; with domestic abuse identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE). Operation Encompass aims to mitigate this harm by enabling immediate support and thus making the child's day better.

#Safeguarding

