

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th December 2025

Autumn 2 Term

Hello everyone

As we head into the final stretch of this festive term, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening at Leavening over the past two weeks.

Firstly, a huge thank you to Mrs Isaacs and her amazing team for organising such a successful and well-attended Christmas Fair. It was a joy to see so many families and friends coming together. We are also very grateful to Miss Templeman for preparing such fantastic games for the children to enjoy, and to Mrs Stockill for enabling our choir to shine so brightly with their joyful Christmas hits — what a brilliant way to get into the festive spirit!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented us in the Small Schools dodgeball tournament — coming 2nd out of 10 schools! A tremendous achievement that reflects their teamwork, resilience and determination. Well done, everyone!

Our strong community values have been shining through too. Conkers Class have been making Christmas cards and decorations for residents in our local residential homes — a thoughtful gesture that reminds us of the importance of spreading joy beyond our school walls.

Another festive highlight has been our Christmas Craft Afternoon. Thank you to all staff for the hard work and creativity that makes this such a loved annual Leavening tradition — the atmosphere was magical!

Meanwhile, Oak Trees class embraced the Icelandic tradition of Jólábókaflóð with a cosy book swap, snuggly outfits and a warm drink in hand. What a special way to celebrate reading for pleasure.

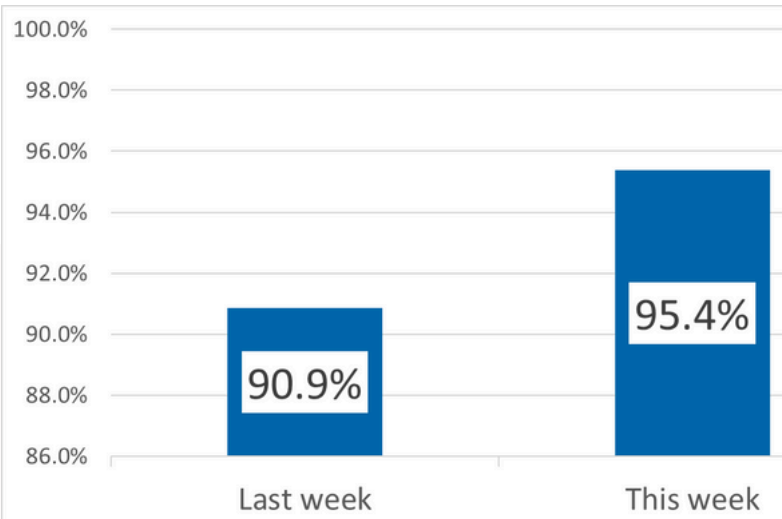
With more exciting events still to come — including community carol singing, the movie afternoon, Christmas lunch and parties, and of course our much-anticipated Christmas play and panto visit

Reminder this is the last week for extra curricular clubs- NO clubs next week — we are looking forward to a wonderful last week and a bit together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our small but mighty school. I wish all our families a merry, restful and stress-free Christmas when it finally arrives. You all deserve it!

Together We Can  
Mrs S. Mitchell

School  
Attendance



## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas production performances at

**9.30am & 2.30pm-new time**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>**

Rock Steady Concert 9.15am

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>** Pantomime visit  
(Conkers & Oak Trees)

REMEMBER PACKUPS-  
(no lunch provision at school)

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup>** Christmas lunch  
& FOLS Movie night

3.15pm-5.15pm

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>** Christmas parties

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** Village carol singing .  
All welcome.

Meet at school 1.55pm.

(Last day of term)

### JANUARY

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>**

Training day (closed to pupils)

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup>**

Term begins

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>**

Deadline for applications to  
start Reception 2026

### Pop-Up Library Dates:

**22nd January**

**12th February**

### PE Change of dates for Oak Trees class:

17th December (Weds)

### PARENTPAY REMINDER:

**Please clear any balances  
by the end of term.**

Should you be experiencing  
any difficulties with this,  
please contact school ASAP.



## Our Safeguarding Team at Leavening CP School:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Mitchell**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Bennett** | Our Safeguarding Governor is: **Mrs Isaacs**

## ACORNS HIGHLIGHTS



Acorns Children, along with children in Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic time planting onions and garlic in the allotment last week!



# OAK TREES HIGHLIGHTS

## **Christmas Craft Afternoon: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

We loved welcoming some of our families into school for the Christmas craft activities. We had lots of fun letting our creativity flow. The children were super supportive of one another and created some fantastic art work! It was a pleasure spending the afternoon crafting with them!



## **Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Tournament: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

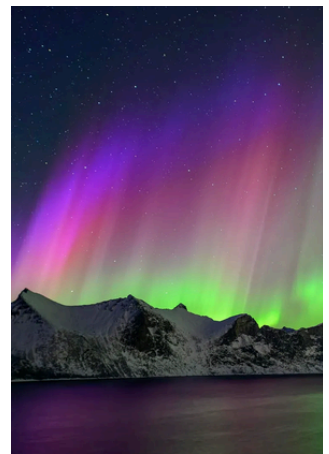
The year 5 and 6 pupils attended the dodge-ball tournament as part of their PE enrichment. As always, the children have been a shining example of being good sports people and represented our school. We are super proud of the effort they put in and extra proud of the result of 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Great job team!



## **Jólabókaflóð**



In Oak Trees Class, we celebrated something really cool called Jólabókaflóð. It's an Icelandic Christmas tradition where people give each other books and then spend time snuggled up reading. We wrapped our books in brown paper and wrote a little clue on the front to hint at what the story might be about, then we swapped them with our friends. We got to enjoy hot chocolate or warm milk while listening to audios of traditional Christmas stories. We even made our own bookmarks inspired by the Northern Lights! It was such a cosy and fun way to share our love of reading. 📖🌟





## **TREE-MENDOUS!**

Our Christmas tree in the school hall looks brilliant thanks to the hard work of our Year 6 children. Great job, everyone!



Our school children joyfully came together to create a beautiful Christmas tree for the Leavening Church Christmas Tree Festival.

With creativity, teamwork, and festive spirit, they carefully decorated the tree with colourful ornaments, sparkling lights, and handmade decorations that reflected their holiday cheer.

Their enthusiasm and dedication brought warmth and charm to the festival, delighting everyone who visited and showcasing the wonderful community spirit of our school.





# School Reminders

## Christmas Parties: Thursday 18th December

Please bring food in on the day (for ALL classes including Nursery) as follows:

**Boys** - to bring **sweet** items

**Girls** - to bring **savoury** items.

Nursery children who do not usually attend on a Thursday are welcome to join Acorns' party.

Please let us know in advance for planning 😊

**It will be non uniform/Christmas party clothes ALL day, across ALL classes on this day.**

## Sleeping Beauty Pantomime: Wednesday 18th December

Children in Conkers and Oak Trees classes will be going to see the pantomime show at York Theatre Royal on Wednesday 18th.

**If you have not yet paid- please do so urgently via ParentPay.**

**Should you experience any problems or have difficulty with payment, please get in touch.**

Children should **wear uniform** as usual and bring a **packed lunch and water bottle** to school.

**NURSERY CHILDREN NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH TO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY AS THERE WILL BE NO HOT LUNCHES AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.**



## Training day: Monday 5th January 2026

Please note the above date will be a training day (staff only).

**School and Nursery will reopen to children on Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

**Reminder that all children need warm coats and appropriate winter clothing for playtime!**

## Inspire/Aspire (Careers) week: 12th January-23rd January 2026

We will be holding our annual Inspire/Aspire Fortnight in the new year. During this time, we would like to warmly invite parents/carers and family members to share with our children the jobs they do or interesting hobbies that they have. This can in person or via a pre-recorded video.

**Please sign up here by 15th December: <https://forms.gle/4Deoy8dvSLtpQf4BA>**





## 🎄 FoLS Christmas Fair Success 🎄

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Fair. The turnout was truly amazing, and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends enjoying the festive stalls and sharing such a lovely time together.

A special thanks goes to our dedicated parent volunteers and teachers, who generously gave up their free time to help before, during, and after the fair. Your support made the event possible.

We are also grateful to Mrs Stockill for preparing a merry list of songs for the choir and organising such joyful singing — it really added to the festive spirit. Finally, a big thank you to Sue Schofield, our Early Years Governor, who kindly donated her stall takings to FOLS.

Together, we raised an incredible **£300!** This achievement reflects the strength of our community, and we couldn't have done it without you.

## ☀️ Stay and Play - A Wonderful Six Months ☀️

### Message from Mrs Isaacs

Wow — what an amazing six months! What began as a small idea has grown into a truly wonderful success. I want to thank everyone who has joined our little Stay and Play sessions, and to those who have helped spread the word.

Please keep sharing, as we'll be back in the new year!

It has been such a joy to see children of all ages (our youngest was just 8 weeks old!) making new friends, while parents enjoyed a chat and a cuppa.

We know many of our little ones will be starting nursery in the new year, but we hope to welcome you back — along with some new faces — when sessions restart around 12th January. Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!**



## **Rocksteady Concert**

We're excited to invite parents and carers to our Rocksteady Concert on **Monday 15th December at 9:15am** for those pupils who have been involved with the band lessons this term. Our talented pupils will be performing a lively selection of tunes featuring singing, guitars and drums. It promises to be a fun and joyful morning, and we would love you to join us to support our young musicians!

## **'Noisy Nativity' Christmas play: Friday 12th December**

### Morning Performance

Parents/carers can come to school straight from drop-off. There will be refreshments available before the play begins. Any donations will go towards Friends of Leavening School. The play will start at 9.30am.

### Afternoon Performance

**NEW TIME - The play will start at 2.30pm (running time: 30mins)**

The middle doors to school (opposite the hall) will open at 2.20pm.

Parents/carers are not to arrive before this time please.

Do not come to the main door- use the middle doors only.

The play will finish at 3pm. Staff will take children back to class for usual home time routine and parents will wait in the playground.

Please note that, due to capacity restrictions, attendance is limited to two family members per performance.

## **FOLS Movie Afternoon: Weds 17th Dec 2025. 3.15pm-5pm**

Children in Conkers and Oak Trees class are invited to this event. The cost is £5 per child, which will include a drink and a snack.

### **The film choices will be:**

**Nativity (PG) or Arthur Christmas (U).**

Once you have paid via ParentPay, you **MUST** use the link below in order to give consent and to select the film choice for your child.

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER CHILD.

<https://forms.gle/8HTB6Q9621qgddaC8>

**Thanks for your support!**



**What's Happening @ Malton Library in**

**DECEMBER**

**Stay & Play - Mondays | 10:30am-12:00pm**

**Story Time - Tuesdays | 10:30am-12:00pm**

**Festive story & crafts every Tuesday in December**

**Craft Club - Tuesdays | 5:00pm-7:00pm**

**IT Assistance from our IT Buddies  
Wed & Fri (by appointment only)**

**LEGO Club - Every Saturdays | 9:30am - 12:30pm**

**PLUS**

**13th & 20th December - Christmas lego - (7yrs+ only)  
Come and make your own lego christmas tree decoration!  
10AM - 12PM**

**Dungeons and Dragons Club - 20th December  
10:15am-12:15pm**

**Mon 9:30-5:00 Tue 9:30-7:00 Wed 9:30-5:00 Thurs Closed  
Fri 9:30-5:00 Sat 9:30-12:30**

**Keep up to date with all events and activities on our Facebook page**

***malton.library@northyorks.gov.uk 01609 534565***





**Our government funded Feast places are now available to book for our Christmas holiday sport activity days! 🌟**

**If you are eligible you should have received your booking information via your child's school, if you haven't yet received the information please speak with them and they will help you out.**

**We also still have places to book via our class for kids booking system using the link below.**

**<https://malton-community-sports.classforkids.io>**



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