

## Newsletter

19th December 2024

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### Christmas Tree Festival

The children did some amazing wreath decorations.

It was lovely to hear that so many families visited the church to see the Christmas tree festival. Thank you for your support.



#### Dates

Mon 6th Jan	Back to School
Weds 8th Jan	Robins going to the woods.



The children have been busy with their Christmas activities over the last few weeks. They have really enjoyed being creative and messy with the craft materials!

The Pre-school session on Friday 20th December will take place in the morning between **8.45-11.45 this will also include the afternoon session.**

The children will be joining the nursery for the singing and the entertainer.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children will be partying on Friday 20th December (we will divide in to groups) and we also have a disco planned. The children are very welcome to dress up party style but please bear in mind we will still be using outside areas as usual, so practical clothes and shoes are still needed.

We will also have Alison an entertainer coming along to play fun musical games and dance with the children

We are asking parents to provide their child with a small selection of party food in a named lunchbox. **(NO NUTS PLEASE).**

**On this day there will be no 30 hours or Yorkies. Please pick up your child promptly at 12.00pm**



We would like to say Goodbye to our lovely Beatrice a keyworker in Ladybirds.

Due to family circumstances Beatrice will be leaving tomorrow.

The Ladybird parents have been aware of this.

We would like to assure all parents the Ladybirds transition process has already began and the children are happily settling into their new groups.



When we come back after the Christmas break. The Robins group will be visiting the woods for a 4 week session. This will be every Wednesday starting on the 8th Jan.

We provide a snack and some hot chocolate in the woods. Please can you send children in appropriately dressed clothes for the woods. Please remember welly boots. (we do have spares)

### **Primary School Applications**

The deadline for applying for Primary School places is the 15th January 2025. Please click on link below and apply online if your child is leaving Nursery to go to Primary School in September 2025.

[Apply for a primary school place - GOV.UK](#)



We would like to say a Big Thank you to all the parents that placed an order for the Christmas fundraiser. We made a whopping £173.00 profit for the school.

### **Note from the Headteacher**

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first term and are very nearly in 2025- how time flies when you're having fun! The children have had a very busy term. Some highlights included a trip to St Mary's Church, a visit from our Grandfriends at Milford Lodge and our wonderful Christmas Fair.

On behalf of us all, I would like to thank the Friends of York Road for their efforts with organising and running the Christmas fair- it's not an easy task but a very worthwhile one, bringing our community together and raising funds for the school. We made a whopping £285.00

They are always looking for more volunteers- please do come forward if you feel you can support.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to share some positive feedback with you from the local authority following monitoring visits to the school. Andrew Boyles (our School Effectiveness Advisor) commented that 'children are able to sustain deep levels of involvement' at York Road due to the high quality teaching that takes place and that there are 'consistently high expectations' for children. Natasha DaSilva (Early Years Advisor) said 'the school show commitment to inclusion.... Individual voices and opinions are valued... which helps provide a feeling of belonging'. I am very proud of the feedback we have received as it reflects the hard work and commitment of the staff team and parents and the eager and enthusiastic children at York Road. Areas we are developing include thinking about how we display books for the children to access and how we position resources in the classroom.

As we look forward to the Christmas holidays, I hope you and your family enjoy a well-deserved break filled with joy, rest, and special moments. We are excited to continue our journey together in the new year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Antonia Robinson

