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1st December 2023

**School Times:**

8.55am—3.15pm

**Nursery:**

Morning: 8.45-  
11.45am

Afternoon: 12.15—  
3.15pm

**Term Dates:**

Tues 5th Septem-  
ber to Tues 19th  
December

**Remaining PD  
Days:**

Fri 16th Feb

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

**Dear parents and carers,**

Our Reception and Nursery children were wonderful this week, entertaining us with a poem and songs about the nativity! We are very proud of you all!



**Well done to our Y6 children!**

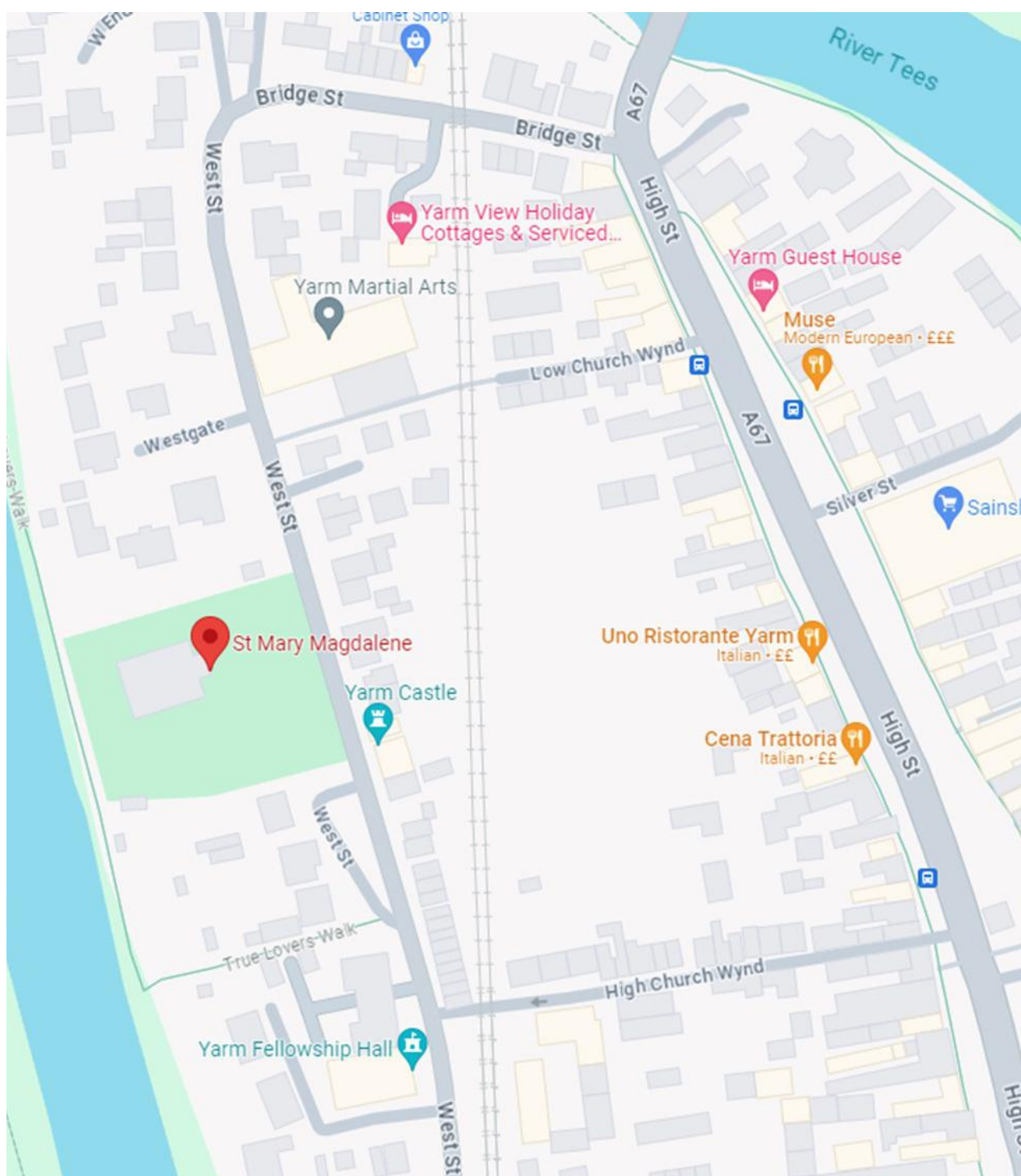
Our Y6 children visited Queen's Campus Stockton on Wednesday morning and took part in the athletics finals. It was a tough competition and they all worked incredibly hard, cheering each other on throughout the event! They each came away with a bronze medal, Well done Y6!



## Christmas Carols at Mary Magdalene Church, Yarm—Mon 4th Dec

We invite you to join us and the Y1 to Y6 children at Yarm Church on Monday 4th December. Children will need to be at the church at 5.45pm please. We should be finished by 6.45pm. All children need to be collected by an adult. The children may come dressed in 'party' clothes/Christmas jumpers for this event.

**Please note** that parking is restricted around the church and that Yarm High Street or car parks may be more suitable.





## **Christmas Parties in school**

The week beginning 11th December, each class will be having a Christmas Party.

Children may wear non-uniform or 'party' clothes on this day.

They can bring with them their own party snacks—we suggest a sandwich, packet of crisps and a cake/biscuit. They can bring an additional drink or use their water bottle.

Please no sweets or fizzy drinks. They will get some sweets at the party.

For those entitled to free school meals, please send an email to [Levendale@levendale](mailto:Levendale@levendale) asking for a party meal, if required. (This is additional to their normal school lunch)

## **Christmas Craft Sale—Tues 5th Dec**

On Tuesday 5th December, at 3.15—4.00 pm, we will be holding a Craft sale in school.

The children are busy making festive items and we will also have a cake stall.

Donations of cakes on the day, would be appreciated!

On this day, we will let the children out, as normal, at home time and then invite you to pop in and see what each class has been up to.



## **Christmas Jumper Day—Thurs 7th Dec**

On Thursday 7th December, for a donation of £1 towards 'Save the Children', children can wear a Christmas Jumper, including one hand-decorated!

A prize will be given to two children in each class for the most original Christmas Jumpers.

This will also be Christmas Dinner Day in school.

If you have any pre-loved Christmas Jumpers that are no longer needed, please send them in to school.



## **Reindeer Walk—Wed 13th Dec**

Our Sponsored Walk in aid of Teesside Hospice will take place on Wednesday 13th December. Children will walk around the Levendale Estate. Early Years and KS1 will walk approximately 1km while KS2 will walk 2km. We would love your child to get as many people to sponsor them as they can. Please return your sponsorship form with the money by Monday, 10th December.





## Supporting our families

We are always keen to support charities but recognise that this can be a financial burden on parents.

We would like you to know that our charity work is entirely optional and children are always included in our events, irrelevant of donations.

Children from low income families are also able to apply to Stockton for Free School meals:

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/2540/Apply-for-free-school-meals>

## Stockton Council: Donate to the Christmas Gift

We have a box in our main entrance for donations for a Stockton Council run charity 'The Christmas Gift.' This is aimed at vulnerable people and families across the borough.

Donations can include:

- Toiletries (sets) and sanitary products
- lip balm
- hats, scarves and gloves
- alarm clocks and other gifts
- chocolates, biscuits and sweets
- \* shampoo and conditioner
- \* socks and slippers
- \* hairbrushes and accessories
- \* toothpaste and toothbrush
- \* hand cream

## National Campaign—The Big Ambition

The Children's commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza, is hosting a national campaign to ensure children have their voices heard, in every part of the country. There is a survey that children or parents can complete:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

**Y6 have been learning about human and physical geography features of the UK and have used IPADS to help with their research. They learnt about different types of settlements and used atlases to locate the different regions of the UK, areas of high land and the main rivers.**





## Achievements

We love to celebrate children's achievements, including those outside of school. Please let us know if your child does something that makes you proud!

A huge well done this week! Fantastic achievements!

Amber D in Y1	Was awarded 'Star of the Week' and a trophy at her dance group, Diva Dance—Well done!
Ali C in Y3	Was 'Man of the match' in his Leven U8s football game at the weekend—Super!
AJ S in Y2	Achieved 'Man of the match' for excellent defending in his Leven U7s game—excellent!
Lilly May D in Y5	Won a rosette and sash as Champion at the Edenthorpe Equestrian competition—amazing!
Freya L in Y1	Achieved her 1st Sho belt in Judo—congratulations!
Charlie E in Y2	Achieved his Stage 3 Swimming Award with Swim England and has moved up to stage 4—Brilliant'

## PTA events

**Christmas Hamper Raffle**—From Monday 28th November and at the Christmas Family night, you can buy a raffle ticket for £1 strip/20p ticket.

**Elfridges**— On Friday 1st December a.m. children can pick gifts for family and friends for £3 each, they will be wrapped for the children.

Prepayment needs to be made, which can be done via the The Levendale School PTA bank account or by sending money into school in a named envelope. Please complete the prepayment form on the letter sent home by the PTA.

**Christmas Family night**—On Monday 11th December 6.00pm to 7.30pm, there will be refreshments, stalls and games and an opportunity to visit Santa. Donations of bottles from Friday 1st December—from Wine to Washing up liquid—appreciated!

Donations of cakes and bakes can be brought into school on Monday 11th December.

**Christmas non-uniform day**—Tuesday 19th December, for a donation of £1.



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## December Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Emmeline B, Esme B, Olivia B, Alistair C, Ava C, Noreen E, Sophia F, Lucas F, Grace G, Lucas G-M, Freya H, Holly K, Sophia M, Matilda M, Aofie P, Christopher R, Adriana R-C, Eleanor S and Alisha S.

## Awards given in Celebration Assembly this week....



### Levendale Goals—Healthy and Safe

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Holly H</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Olivia B</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Olivia G</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Oliver L</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Alice A</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Sam M</b>



### Maths Stars

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Grace G</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Charlie E</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Freddie S</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Sadie P</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Alfie C</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Matty H-R</b>



### English Award

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Matilda T-J</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Seb D</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Sophia R</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Jayati G</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Zoe M</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Reece M</b>



## Attendance

'Class of the week' celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class, across the term, will get a treat they can negotiate with their teacher! **Well done to Year 1 again this week!**

Attendance	Winners
Reception	1
Year 1	3
Year 2	4
Year 3	2
Year 4	1
Year 5	2
Year 6	1

## Times Table Rockstars

A huge well done to our winners this week...



Most improved	Joshua H in Y6
Highest Earner	Ava N in Y5
Star of the Week	Emma A in Y3

## Team Captains

Our team captains counted our team points this week and the winning team were Emerald!

We will keep a score and the winning team each term will get a reward!

Teams	Captains	Winners
Emerald	Ellis L	5
Topaz	Jack P	1
Sapphire	Rosie H	1
Ruby	Benjamin H	2



## Diary of Events

We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

**More information will be provided, closer to the time of events.**

Date	Event
04/12/23	Christmas Carols at Mary Magdalene, Yarm Church, Westgate—Y1 to Y6: children and families 5.45pm-6.45pm
05/12/23	Y4 parents invited to come and watch their Egyptian Dance 10.25-10.45am
05/12/23	Christmas craft sale in school (made by the children) 3.15pm—4.00pm
06/12/23	Y1/2 Christmas performance to parents—2pm and 5.30pm
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day ‘Save the children’ Charity.
07/12/23	Christmas Dinner
11/12/23	PTA Christmas Family Night 6.00-7.30pm
12/12/23	Nursery and Reception party—a.m.
12/12/23	Y3 and Y4 party—p.m.
13/12/23	Reindeer Walk for Teesside Hospice—a.m.
13/12/23	Y1 and Y2 party—p.m.
14/12/23	Y5 and Y6 party—p.m.
15/12/23	Choir ‘Levendale Lyricals’ at Snappy Christmas Event
19/12/23	Last Day before Christmas Break—Non-uniform Day Christmas Jumpers optional!
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Children return to school after Christmas Break





## Winter Gritting Plan



In the event of icy or snowy conditions, the following routes will be gritted, in order of priority.

In extreme conditions, such as a lot of snow, it may be that only priority one and two would be open for access to school.

Please stick to the gritted paths only, in icy conditions.

