Staynor Hall Newsletter

"Excellence, Belonging, Opportunity & Respect"

Friday 13th November 2026 Issue 9

Weekly Attendance

School Attendance up to 12th November 2026

	Last Week	This Week
Year 1 - 6	**97.67%**	**97.71%**
Reception - Year 6	**97.76%**	**97.81%**

Weekly Attendance by Team 9th- 12th November 2026

Tiny Steps	96.49%
Esk	88.71%
Nidd	96.59%
Swale	100%
Aire	96.49%
Wharfe	100%
Ouse	96.76%
Dove	99.14%
Derwent	95.37%
Foss	99.11%
Loxley	99.54%
Calder	97.66%
Humber	99.57%



A Message from Miss Towler

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our children in Years 5 and 6 had the privilege of attending the Remembrance Day service at Selby Cemetery. The whole event was incredibly poignant, providing a meaningful opportunity for our pupils to pause, reflect and pay their respects alongside members of our local community.

I could not be prouder of how the children conducted themselves throughout the service. They demonstrated tremendous maturity, thoughtfulness and respect, proving to be wonderful role models for our school and representing us all with real dignity.

Many thanks to Selby Town Council for inviting us to take part in the event and for hosting such a moving tribute. It was an honour for our school to be involved in such an important community occasion.

Yesterday we celebrated Children in Need in style and the children (and adults!) went to town coming to school in fantastic costumes. We saw many sets of Pudsey ears and spotty clothes along with bright colours aplenty! More on how much we raised for this very good cause will follow shortly.

Next week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday where the children are encouraged to wear colourful, mismatched, spotty and stripy socks to remind us that everyone is unique. This leads us into anti-bullying week where we will be learning about how our actions have consequences and how important it is for us to treat everyone with care and respect.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope the children have a lovely long weekend.

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher



Important Dates

9th - 20th November
School Council Campaigning

16th November
Odd Socks Day - Anti Bullying Week

17th November
Whole School Flu Vaccination Day

18th November
Year 5 Everybody Dance Event

25th - 27th November
School Council Voting

27th November
Opern Classrooms - 2:45pm - 3:15pm

3rd December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session B & EYFS Christmas Performance - 2pm

4th December
Rock Steady Christmas Concert - 2pm

7th December
KS2 Carols at Selby Abbey - 2pm

8th December
KS2 Pantomime Trip

8th December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session A & EYFS Christmas Performance - 9:30am

8th December
KS1 Christmas Performance - 2pm

10th December
KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30am

11th December
Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

14th - 16th December
Year 6 Residential to Peat Rigg

14th December
EYFS Christmas Party - PM

14th December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session A Christmas Party - PM

15th December
KS1 Christmas Party - PM

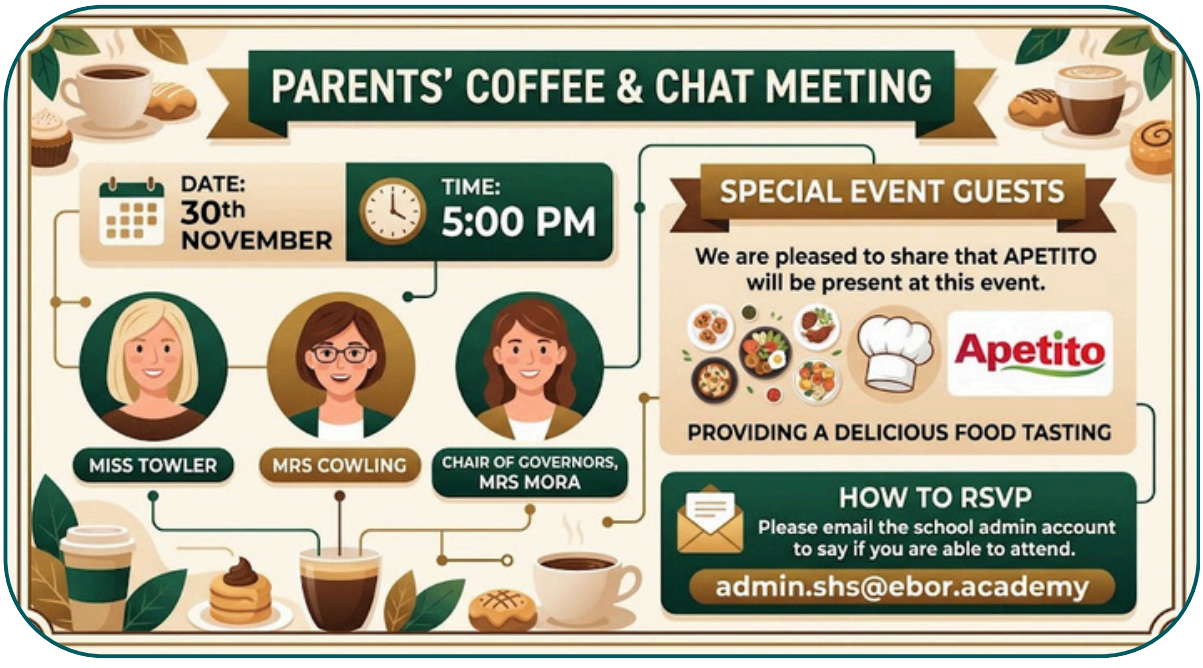
16th December
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party - PM (No Swimming)

16th December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session B Christmas Party - PM

17th December
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party - PM

18th December
Last Day of Term - No After School Club

21st December - 1st January
Christmas Holidays



Vacancies at Staynor Hall

Cleaner (2 Positions Available) - Apply Here

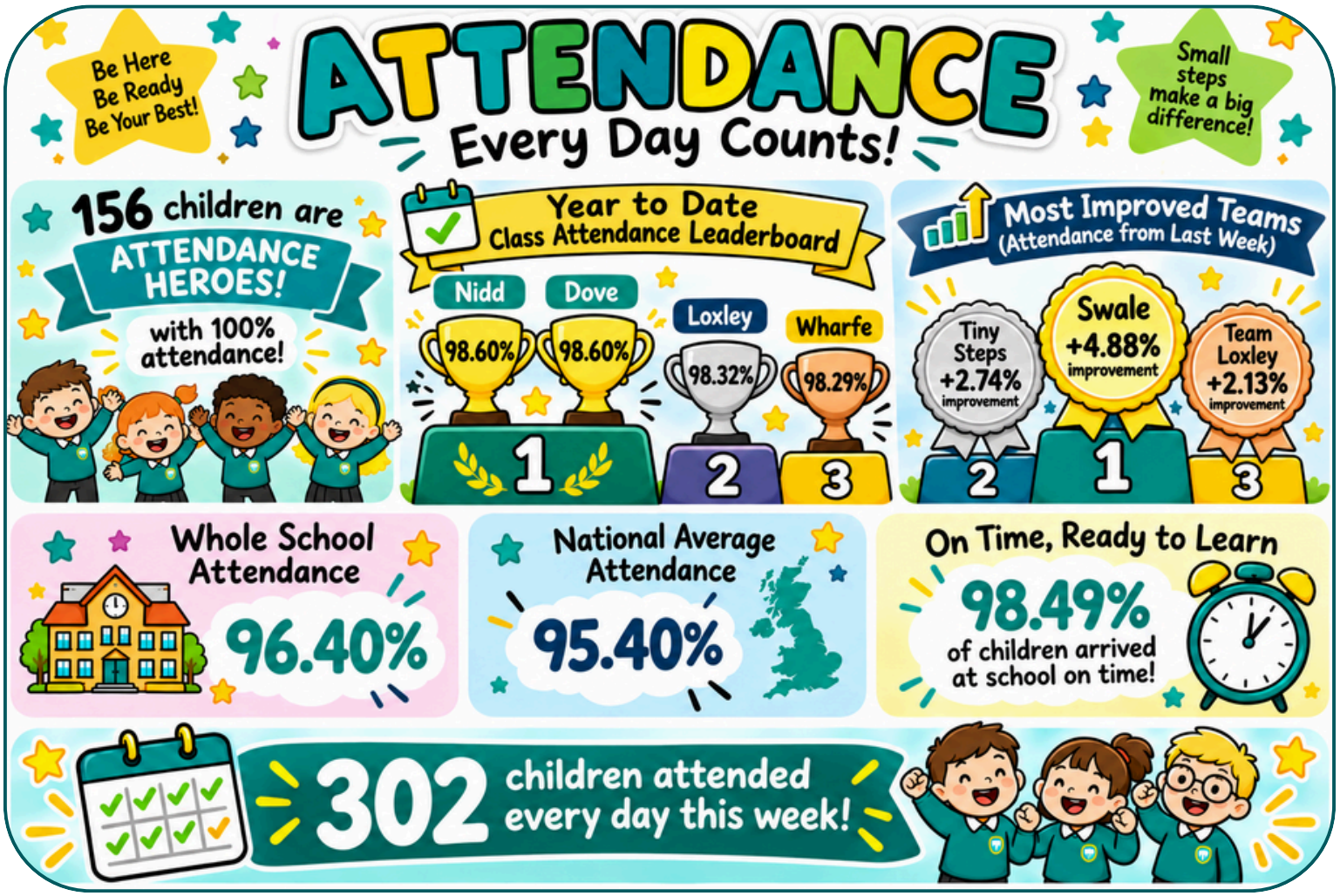
10 hours per week / £13.28 per hour













12 Days of Christmas

We are thrilled to announce the return of the attendance incentive:

12 Days of Christmas!

We are passionate about ensuring every single child grabs every amazing teaching and learning opportunity available, and the best way to do that is to be here every single day!

Get ready for the 12 Days of Christmas Attendance initiative running from the 3rd to 18th December 2026.

While your child should be in School every day (the Government standard is 96%, and we're currently at 97%) we encourage you to make every effort for 100% attendance during this festive period.

Thank you so much for your continuing support in helping your child achieve the excellence they deserve.

Let the countdown begin!



What's Cooking?

This week I have been cooking with Team Foss This ties in perfectly with their learning of prehistoric Britain as this is a similar food to what would have been eaten many years ago. The children had the opportunity to practise their peeling and cutting skills. They also had the opportunity to safely use the hob to cook (boil and simmer) their stew.





The children were involved in many discussions relating to the ingredients and they were able to place them correctly on the EatWell Guide. We also chatted about seasonality and keeping ourselves safe when we are cooking with raw meat. We also chatted about fruits and vegetables and how we eat either the root, stem, leaves or flowers of these plants/trees.





Well done to all the children that have visited cook school this week, your stew looked amazing and I hope you were able to share it at home.



I look forward to cooking with Team Dove next week.

Nursery – Team Esk

We have another exciting week of learning ahead in Team Esk! We will be busy exploring sounds, numbers, songs and, most importantly, learning more about what makes each of us special.

Phonics - Sound of the Week: t

For the rest of the school year, the children will be learning a new sound each week as part of our phonics learning, following the Little Wandle phonics scheme.

We will be focusing on listening to the sound each letter makes and beginning to apply this knowledge by segmenting (breaking words into individual sounds) and blending (putting sounds together) to read simple words.

This week's sound is t.

You can support your child at home by encouraging them to listen for the /t/ sound in words, practise saying the sound, and spot things around them that begin with t, such as tiger, turtle and train.
Little and often is a great way to help your child build confidence with their phonics!

Maths

In maths, we will begin exploring the concept of size. We will do this through familiar stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Dear Zoo, encouraging the children to compare and describe objects using words such as big, small, bigger and smaller.



Topic

We will begin exploring the changing seasons focusing on winter.
We will look at the changes we can see in our outdoor environment and talk about how the weather changes.

We will also discuss what we need to wear and do to keep ourselves warm, comfortable and safe during the winter months.

Key Stage 1 – Aire, Wharfe & Ouse



What another fantastic week we have had! The children have been working incredibly hard and have really enjoyed exploring our exciting new topics!

A little reminder! - Odd Socks Day is on Monday 16th November, so get those colourful, mismatched socks ready! We are also really looking forward to our upcoming School Council elections! We can't wait to see the children getting involved, sharing their brilliant ideas and having their voices heard!



Writing

In English, we will continue to practise our letter formation and handwriting. We will also be writing a non-chronological report all about ourselves, focusing on using capital letters correctly.



Year 1

Next week in Maths, we will be focusing on part-part-whole models. The children will learn how to split numbers into two or more parts and understand how these parts make a whole. We will practise finding missing parts and using our knowledge to solve simple number problems.

Year 2

Next week, we will be focusing on using our number facts to add and subtract, including crossing 10 and working with multiples of 10, while exploring how addition and subtraction are linked and how we can use them to check our answers.

Homework

Thank you for listening to your child read three times at home each week. Regular reading makes such a difference to their confidence and progress. A gentle reminder to please return your child's reading book so that they can receive a new one.
We will also be sending home some phonics sheets or spelling sheets. These are to give you an idea of what we have been focusing on during the week and to encourage a little extra learning at home.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Dove, Derwent & Foss

It has been another busy week in LKS2!

In English, we started our new genre of writing – information texts. The children had a lot of fun thinking about fact, fiction and bending the truth when looking at an information text about school! We then created new actions for our new story map before unpicking the layout and language features further. We are looking forward to having a go at writing next week! In Maths, we got hands on with some scales to start some work on mass which was fun! In Science, the children learnt about the different type of teeth and their functions and enjoyed checking out their teeth with mirrors!



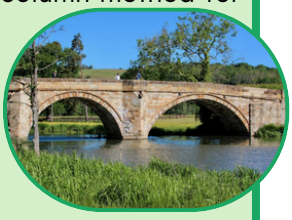
Coming up next week:

Creative Curriculum: We will be looking at the question 'What is there in our local community?'

English: We will be looking at statement and command sentences before planning and writing our own information text about the Staynor Hall Estate.

Maths: We will finish some learning on mass and capacity before starting looking at the formal column method for addition and subtraction.





Homework:

Children have had the opportunity to change their reading books today and should have a new book if needed. Reading records will be checked on a Friday but please can children bring their reading book and reading record into school with them each day (their reading records have their logins in so they might need to use them in the classroom).

Maths homework books have been sent home this week. Children have until next Thursday to complete Workout 2. We will mark them on a Thursday. Please only complete the 'Workout' task stated on the newsletter so the whole class is able to stay in sync with each other.

Upper Key Stage 2 – Loxley , Calder & Humber

What a busy first few weeks that we have had! On Wednesday, as an Upper Key Stage 2 Team, we attended the Remembrance Day Service at Selby Cemetery. The children showed such great respect and made the Staynor Team proud.





Next Wednesday, the Year 5s, who have been involved with the Everybody Dance festival, will be attending the event and performing in front of a large audience. This is a really exciting event and time to celebrate all of the hard work that the children involved have put in.



Curriculum:

English: We will be continuing with our persuasive letter writing unit.

Maths: Y5 – We will be learning about division

Y6 – We will be learning about fractions

Science: The children will be describing the movement of the Moon in relation to Earth

PSHE: Y5 – We will be discussing showing respect for a different culture from my own, including using the appropriate language

Y6 – We will be discussing some of the warning signs of manipulative or harmful behaviour

Curriculum: We will be beginning our new unit: How is the view from our window changing?

Homework:

Please encourage your child to read at least three times each week and sign their reading record. Books will be changed and reading records will be signed every Friday.

Please can your child complete Autumn term: Workout 2 in their Arithmetic Homework books.

Please encourage your child to return their maths booklet to school every Friday morning as we will mark them as a class.

Community News





