



The Huntington Buzz



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Christmas Wishes

As we approach the end of a busy and joyful autumn term, it is wonderful to reflect on the festive spirit that has filled our school over the last few weeks. From musical performances to community visits, our pupils have truly embraced the magic of Christmas.

Highlights of our Festive Calendar

Our youngest learners enjoyed a special trip to the Methodist Church to participate in their Christmas Tree Festival. The children worked hard to decorate a beautiful tree, which was then kindly donated back to the school. It is now brightening up our hall for everyone to enjoy!

Year 6 visited Garth Court to share some festive cheer with the residents. It was a wonderful event, and our pupils represented the school beautifully as they sang a selection of traditional carols. The residents were delighted by the performance, and it was a heartwarming bridge between generations.

Our Rock Steady performers brought some high-energy "Rock and Roll" to our Christmas celebrations! The concert was a fantastic showcase of talent, and we were thrilled to share their hard work and musical progress with the school and parents.

The Early Years children took a special trip to the local post box to ensure the letters they had written to Father Christmas made it safely to the North Pole.

Pupils across KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a delicious traditional Christmas lunch. A massive thank you goes to our incredible kitchen team and lunchtime staff for preparing the food, and to the teaching staff who helped serve the meals to make it a special occasion.





A huge well-done to EYFS and Year 1 for their spectacular production of Baarmy Bethlehem. The singing, dancing, acting, and costumes were truly wonderful. It was a joy to see the children perform with such confidence and festive spirit.

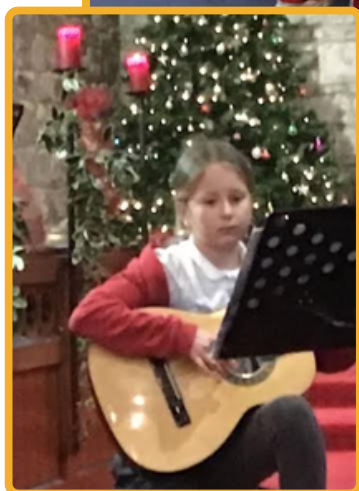
Our dedicated school choir had the honor of taking part in the annual Archbishop Holgate Minster Service. Performing in such a grand setting is a significant achievement, and their voices sounded magnificent.

We had a very special visitor this week! Santa stopped by to deliver books to EYFS and KS1. This was made possible by the generous funding from the Friends of Huntington Primary Academy (FOHPA) - thank you for your continued support.

Our Year 5 children led a beautiful Christmas service at All Saints Church, which featured some truly wonderful performances from our talented school musicians. There was beautiful singing and reading and it was lovely to come together to celebrate Christmas in such a nice setting; our thanks go to Reverend Ben for his warm welcome and for hosting us.

Every year group celebrated the end of term with their Christmas parties, filled with games, music, and laughter.

On behalf of all the staff at Huntington Primary Academy, we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a restful New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school, refreshed and ready for the spring term.





ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Huntington is committed to providing a welcoming environment where every child belongs and feels part of our team. Thank you, parents and carers, for ensuring your child attends school as much as possible! We also appreciate you keeping us informed when illness requires a rest day. As part of our commitment to attendance, each week we display the class attendance percentage and award a small trophy to the winning class.

Below is the half-term data. Congratulations to the winning classes, highlighted in yellow! (Note: The school week runs Friday–Thursday for this data.)

	w/c 7th Nov	w/c 14th Nov	w/c 21st Nov	w/c 28th Nov	w/c 5th Dec	w/c 12th Dec
Oak - Early Years	91.07%	88.21%	91.26%	92.5%	97.14%	96.79%
Willow - Early Years	95.71%	94.29%	98.93%	97.5%	97.83%	92.86%
Hazel - Year 1	91.67%	97.32%	95%	92.33%	97.67%	97.33%
Rowan - Year 2	84.81%	95.93%	95.19%	97.78%	95.93%	94.44%
Elm - Year 2	76%	90.48%	96.8%	97.21%	99.61%	98.46%
Chestnut - Year 3/4	91.25%	91.25%	94.95%	97.19%	93.71%	93.44%
Hawthorn - Year 3/4	96.77%	96.45%	91.26%	97.06%	96.45%	97.42%
Yew - Year 3/4	94.67%	97.67%	95.29%	96.98%	95.64%	93%
Beech - Year 5	91.6%	98%	96.39%	96.75%	95.33	94.19%
Birch - Year 5	96.41%	92.68%	95.97%	97.97%	99.2%	98%
Aspen - Year 6	96.55%	95.63%	94.36%	93.44%	87.5%	91.88%
Holly - Year 6	89.69%	88.75%	93.13%	92.81%	90.54%	88.68%

Guitar lessons?



Mark Currey BMus (Hons), ATCL
is the guitar teacher at Huntington Primary Academy.

For information regarding guitar lessons
please contact him at:



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Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday football fun course
WHEN: Friday 2nd January 2026
WHERE: LNER Community Stadium, YO32 9AF, 3G
TIME: 10-3pm
REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided
WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York

How to book:
Please use your voucher code at
www.holidayactivities.com

These Free holiday Activities are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active using football as the tool in a FUN, SAFE and SECURE environment.
If you would like any further information or to book in ADVANCE please contact inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk



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Thank You

We raised £223.83 for the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies before Remembrance Day.



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Next draw

1d 8h 56m

Sat 20 December 2025

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 5th January 2026 - Training Day - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - start of term - School open to pupils

Wednesday 7th January 2026 - Year 1 - Visit to Askham Bryan

Tuesday 13th January 2026 - Year 4 - Swimming begins (10 week program)

Wednesday 21st January 2026 - Lord Mayor visit to the school

Wednesday 21st January 2026 - Year 6 - Visit to Huntington Secondary School to see

Pantomime

Monday 26th January 2026 - Year 6 - Visit from the PCSO

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Year 5 - Space Dome visit in school

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February - School closed for Half Term

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Happy New Year!