

Weekly Wrap-Up

Friday 19th December 2025

Important Info

Week commencing 05.01.26 - Menu Week 2

Please ensure all KS2 dinner money accounts are in credit before we return to school on 5th January.

Please ensure that any changes to your child's address, medical information or dietary needs or any changes to your contact information are communicated to school. You can email us on info@newbyandscalby.org.uk

School will be closed to pupils for a Staff Training Day on 9th January

Diary Dates

Dates For Your Calendar

Spring Term

For the future

05.01.26 School re-opens after Christmas Break

06.01.26 5S Swimming Lesson

09.01.25 School Closed - Staff Training

Term dates for 2026-27 will be shared in the new year once we have them confirmed by the trust.



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update from the head

Hello everyone,

I sit writing this newsletter full of pride and happiness with how this week has gone. In what can sometimes be a hectic and unstructured week, the whole school community has handled itself impeccably.

The kindness and care from parents, children and staff has been wonderful and goes to show what an amazing and special school we have.

The carol concerts, at school and at church, were simply fabulous to be a part of, with excellent support in each and every one. The Christmas lunch saw members of the Newby and Scalby Friends and Governors join the children and staff for our festive feast whilst listening to winter songs and watching the flickering log-cabin fire (courtesy of our new hall screen). The Nativity was an incredible production too, with some stars of the future shining brightly and impressing all that saw them. Massive thanks to the Early Years staff team for their dedication and clear theatrical flare in putting this together.

I look forward to welcoming the children back in January for another exciting term. We will be back on the 5th but will have a staff training day on Friday 9th. Children will not be in on that day. Please see the letter, sent today, from the Trust that details the logistics around the forthcoming uniform change. This will take place after the Easter break. Thank you, as ever, for your incredible support!

Mr Wriglesworth

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Winners**

Team Aspiration



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Class OE & OS



The 'Nativity Special' featuring our Nativity picture will be out in the Scarborough News next Tuesday, December 23rd.

First of all we would like to say how proud we are of all the children for the Nativity performance on Monday, they have worked so hard and they blew us away - well done EYFS!

This week we have been busy innovating the story 'Stick Man'. The children retold their stories with such confidence - they all did such a fantastic job!

We have loved learning about Christmas celebrations around the world and comparing them to how we celebrate Christmas in our country. We noticed lots of similarities but we found learning about other traditions very interesting!

Your children have been working hard to make Christmas cards, calendars and have even sewn a bauble for you! Please check their book bags as these are coming home on Friday.

We hope everybody has an amazing Christmas - we are looking forward to seeing the children in January 😊



Year 1

Class 1A & 1M

We have had a jam packed last week of term that has been full of the Christmas Spirit.

We have been continuing our Elf of the Shelf recount writing. We have especially focused on verbs and past tense. To do this we made an obstacle course in the hall and thought about our actions.



It was lovely to see lots of our grown-ups at the carol concert, we loved that you could be part of it. A huge well done goes to our 4 fabulous readers.

Finally, If you look in bookbags you should find some festive cheer and sparkle as we have been busy making Christmas cards and decorations for our loved ones.

We hope every has a restful winter break and we look forward to seeing the children's lovely smiley faces in January.



Year 2

Class 2CM & 2S

It has been a busy, exciting and creative last week of term for us. In art, we used graphite pencils and charcoal sticks as a medium for drawing and explored smudging with different materials to see what effect this had. We were inspired by artists Frank Auerbach and William Kentridge's drawings of buildings and produced a final art piece - a detailed sketch of St. Paul's Cathedral.

We have also completed our Design and Technology this week, cutting out nets to create our own 3D houses. We joined materials to attach the roof to the base and then decorated them to look like houses from 1666.

We finished our reading lessons and loved doing a book review about 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We really enjoyed this story and were all pleased Plop overcame his fear. We also completed our 'hot write' in English and wrote our warning stories using features from our toolkit to add description.

Thank you to those able to join us for our Carol concert on Wednesday, it was lovely to see so many of you! We look forward to seeing everybody after the Christmas holidays. 😊



Year 3

Class 3M & 3S

We have had a fantastic final week this week fitting lots in to finish off. We have been busy with our hot writes during writing this week and wow! The children have done a fantastic job, they have been great to read. In maths, we have been focusing on division with remainders using the formal method.



We have finished our iron age houses this week, the children loved designing these thinking about joints and materials carefully. It was great to see so many unique designs.

In history we gathered all the information we have learnt for the term. It was great to hear how much the children have remembered. We were super proud of the children going to church for the first time this year. They walked to and from church beautifully and showed respect in church. Well done everyone.

We hope you all have a fantastic break and look forward to seeing all the children in 2026!



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Year 4

Class 4GR & 4SR

Year 4 have had a brilliant week this week. We have finished our 'Hot write' defeating the monster story this week. The children were brilliant at remembering to use speech to show what the character was doing or feeling. This really added to the readers experience. In reading, we have enjoyed looking back at some old television adverts and thinking about the stories or poems within them.

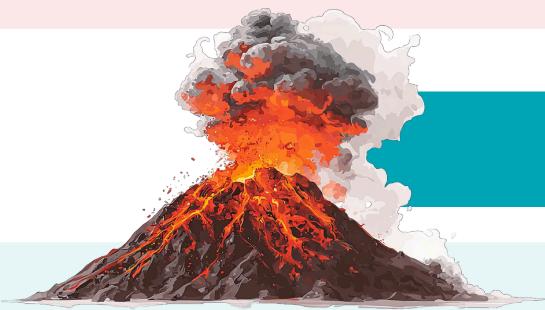
We have also began researching and learning techniques for joining wood in DT- butt joints, diagonal braces and gussets have been designed and replicated to create some amazing bug hotels.

We are super proud of their respectfulness and enthusiastic singing in our carol service. A special well done to our readers!

Merry Christmas from the Year 4 team. We hope to see you all refreshed in January and ready to take on a new year with new adventures.



Year 5



Class 5BW & 5S

Year 5 have made it to the end of a jam-packed term and have worked their socks off until the very end. They finished their 'Hot Writes' for their defeating a monster story, taking extreme care to include all of the features that we have been discussing (similes, metaphors, alliteration, noun phrases and more!) We are very proud of their final pieces of writing.

They were desperate to conclude 'Who let the Gods out?' and asked lots of questions: would they save Home Farm? Would Elliot's mum be cured? All was revealed on the last day!



In Geography, they have continued their work on volcanoes and earthquakes and have started to present everything that they have learnt this half term.

There was lots of enthusiastic singing at the Carol Service on Tuesday, and lots enjoyed clapping along to the new song, the 'Christmas Hokey Cokey!' The term was ended with fantastic Christmas parties - lots of dancing, games and Christmas joy!

We hope all the children have a very restful Christmas break and come back ready and recharged for their learning in January.



Class 6B & 60

Our last week of term has arrived and we are finally finishing our amazing Black Powder story! Tom is racing against time to save the King from the gunpowder plot! Will he be able to stop it and save his father? The children have all been hooked on this story!

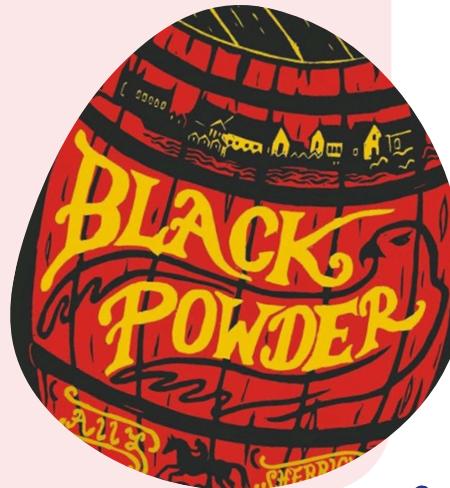
In our writing we have finished our Fantastic Beasts unit and written some diary entries based on the characters from Black Powder exploring both formal and informal writing.



We all had an amazing time at church on Monday singing lots of Christmas songs and the teachers were so proud of how well they behaved, being super role models for the rest of the school! Well done.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful break from school over the holidays.

Recharge your batteries to start fresh in January!



Attendance

Attendance matters.

Coming to school on time, every day is vital to achieving the best possible outcomes as well as learning good habits which will benefit everyone in the future. Below is this weeks' attendance.

EYFS

Miss Elliott	96.2%
Miss Scott	98.7%

Year 1

Mrs Allenby	96.8%
Mrs Tipple / Mrs McGuinness	97.6%

Year 2

Mrs Clayton / Mrs McGuinness	98.3%
Mrs Stubbings	95.2%

Year 3

Mrs Murphy	91.7%
Miss Scuffham	98.9%

Year 4

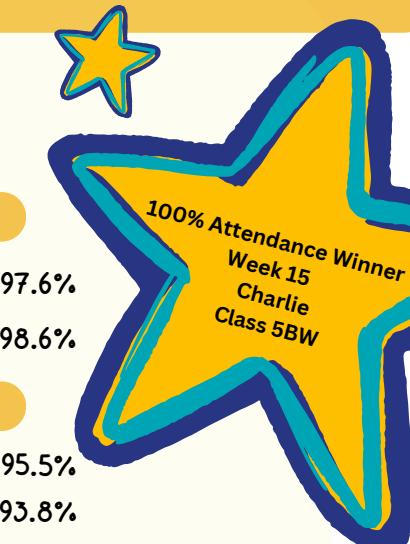
Mrs Gortzak / Mrs Rowe	97.6%
Mrs Smith / Mrs Rowe	98.6%

Year 5

Mr Bates / Mrs Winspear	95.5%
Mrs Sutton	93.8%

Year 6

Mr Bolton	95.3%
Mrs O'Keeffe	93.1%



Week 16 attendance winners

Congratulations to Miss Scuffham's Class



Christmas by Candlelight

An experience to remember at Dallowgill.

Last week, we were so excited to be chosen to go to Dallowgill to celebrate Christmas with only 29 other children from across Delta! We all had an amazing time and thought it was an unforgettable experience. We did so many things such as bauble making, a long forest walk, games, roasting marshmallows on a fire pit, watching movies and making new friends and memories.

Dallowgill is an amazing place, with friendly staff, including the dog who helped us explore.

The area around Dallowgill is far in the countryside with tall, towering trees creating a picturesque view. The centre itself was comfy and inviting where we could relax and enjoy the amazing cooking made by the amazing teachers who came with us!

The performance was such a joy and watching our grown ups see us singing made us feel so proud to be part of something special and proud to represent Newby and Scalby school.

Thankyou to our parents for helping us prepare and coming so far away to see us perform!



Article by: Amelia and Charlotte. Year 6.

The World's Worst Children by David Walliams.

My favourite book is called The World's Worst Children by David Walliams because it is funny, mysterious and rip-roaring. I would definitely recommend this if you have any siblings, as this book will seem very familiar. Good luck and enjoy the show!

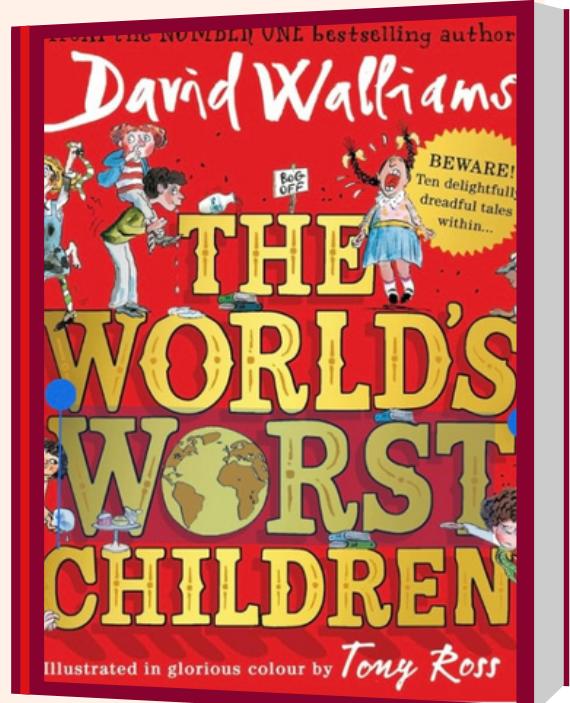
If I could rate this book I would give it a big 6/7! So if you like dribbling, crying and nit rampaging things this book is the one for you.

If long stories seem boring this collection of mini stories is great, there is (like Mr Wriglesworth says) lots and lots like jelly tots! And don't even get me started on Mr Bolton... yeesh!

This story will have you in fits of laughter and remember if you have nits, don't make it into a super power...please! Trust me!

By Anna, Year 6.

Reading Recommendation



Other News

THANK YOU

A **HUGE** thank you to our catering team and staff helpers for a wonderful Christmas Lunch today. Cracker hats and jokes and plenty of delicious food made for a very festive and enjoyable last school meal for 2025!



Thank you to all the parents and relatives who joined us this week, either in school or at church. It was wonderful to share our Christmas celebrations with you.

Safeguarding

Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.



Sarah Tipple

Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Helen Wardman

Inclusion Manager,
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Tom Wriglesworth **Rebecca McGuinness**

Headteacher,
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Class Teacher/
SENDCO
Deputy
Safeguarding Lead

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? **Contact us:** 01723 365686

Out of hours contact number: 0300 1312131

For more information:
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