



# Little Phoenix

  
**YARM SCHOOL**  
EDUCATING FOR LIFE

## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

**Number 405**

**24th November 2023**

The Christmas Craft Fair was a resounding success, thank you so much for supporting our school community. The children arrived at school on Monday feeling very festive and I have heard so many Christmas songs already and we are still in November! Year 1 and 2 have been rehearsing for their 'Twinkly Nativity' and you are certainly in for a real treat. The children have learnt all of their lines, actions and songs. It always amazes me how well the children can remember the words, seven gorgeous songs and they have only been rehearsing for a short period of time. Thanks to all of the team for ensuring the children feel relaxed and happy about their forthcoming performance. This will be the first time our Year 1 children will have performed in the PAA, it is a big space when you are only 5, 6 or 7. The children of Ukulele Club have been learning 'Jingle Bells' and it is a joy to be part of this club. Thanks to Mrs Thomas for her amazing musicality, she accompanied the children on the piano this week. Have a lovely weekend, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the school ball.

Warmest wishes,

*Jeanne Speight* Follow me on X: @YarmPrePrep 





## Fossils

Thank you to our fossil experts Rose and Skylark who shared their fossil finding adventure. The children loved looking carefully at the shapes and imagining the creatures from the past.





## Tree Planting

As part of our science lesson on plants the Year 1 children planted saplings. They had to position the tree saplings away from paths, with access to sunlight and deep enough for the roots.





## The Twinkly Nativity

Year 2 have been busy preparing for their Nativity 'The Twinkly Nativity'. They designed their own front covers featuring some of the characters from the story.



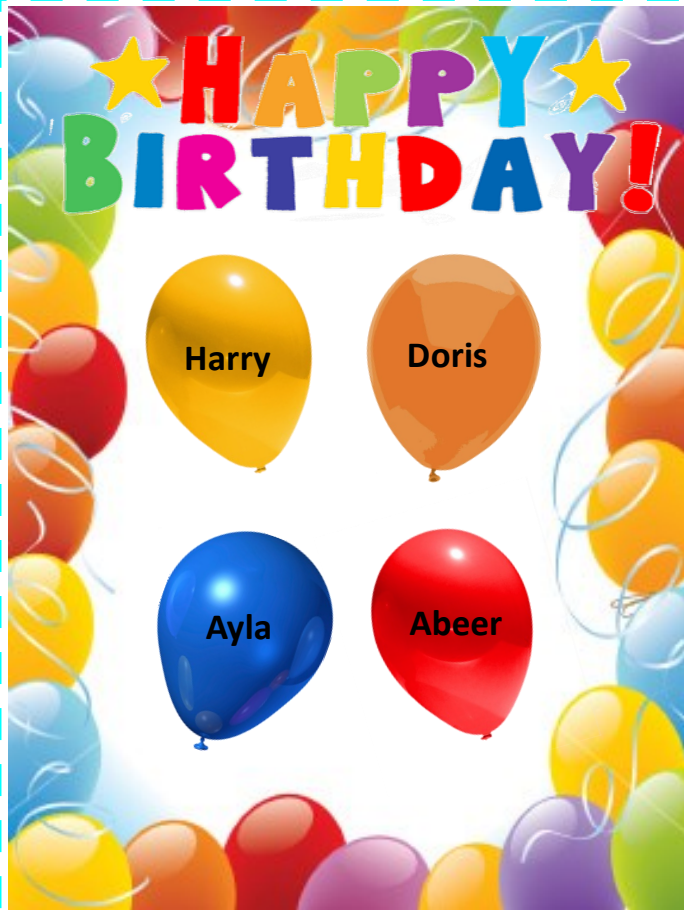


## Nursery

The Nursery children have loved exploring the outside environment. We wrapped up in our hats and scarves and enjoyed the autumn sunshine.







### HORSE RIDING—IMPORTANT

Please note that there will be no after school horse riding club for Year 2 on **Wednesday 29th November** due to the Nativity.

Horse riding will be on as usual on Wednesday 6th December. Please note that this will be the last session of the term.

### Dates For Your Diary

**Wednesday 29th November**—Year 1 and 2 Nativity, PAA 5.30pm

**Monday 4th December**—Reports released at 4pm (Reception—Year 6)

**Monday 4th December**—EYFS Nativity—Nursery parents, Studio Hall 2pm

**Tuesday 5th December**—EYFS Nativity—Reception parents, Studio Hall 2pm

**Friday 15th December**—Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, last day of term (no after school care)

### Reception P.E. Kit

On a day when Reception children come into school wearing their kit, they should wear their white polo shirt, long sleeved navy mid layer and either their white P.E. shorts or a pair of navy tracksuit bottoms.

### Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations will take place at your child's school on **12 December 2023**, please use the link below to complete either a consent form or a refusal for the vaccinations. The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. The link will close on **4 December 2023**.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/f778b7a4>

If your child has already had the Flu vaccine since September 2023 please disregard this message.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

Kind Regards,

*Immunisation Team*





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# Parent Curriculum Information Site

Welcome to the Yarm Preparatory School Parent Curriculum Information Site.

The aim of the site is to provide you with the key curriculum information for each step of your child's journey through school. Additionally, there are links to resources and guidance for supporting your child at home.

Please pass on any requests for additional information to your child's Form Teacher or email Mrs Pawluk and Mrs Speight. The site will be regularly updated.

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Please click the images below to take you to each curriculum page or use the menu tab.

## <https://bit.ly/yarmcurriculum>

Click here to access the Parent Curriculum  
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### Christmas Art Competition

*Design and create a TURKEY using the style of your favourite famous artist!*

*Here is an example...*



*Your entry can be created using any medium - the more original the better. It can be sculpture, collage, painting... anything goes!*

**Deadline: Monday 4th December 2023**

**Please bring entries to Mrs Shepherd**

Competition open to Years 1—6

### Holiday School 2023-24

#### Christmas

Monday 18th—Thursday 21st December

#### Easter

Tuesday 2nd—Friday 5th April

#### Summer

Monday 15th July—Friday 2nd August

The booking form will be emailed out by Mr Simpson four weeks prior to each holiday school.





## **Chaka—The Music of Chaka Khan, Friday 3rd May,**

**7.30pm**

An exhilarating music show celebrating one of the world's most gifted music icons and multi-grammy award winner, Chaka Khan.

Honouring the fabulous legendary singer and songwriter who has captivated audiences and inspired generations of singers for over five decades with her funk, soul, pop and dance hits, Chaka – The Music of Chaka Khan is the ultimate musical tribute celebrating an icon.



<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/chaka-the-music-of-chaka-khan/>



## **Go Your Own Way, Friday 19th April, 7.30pm**

Go Your Own Way is a brand new spellbinding show featuring the music from the legendary multiple Grammy Award Winning Fleetwood Mac.

Their rock 'n' roll legacy is beautifully performed by a highly talented and acclaimed ensemble of musicians who will take audiences on a powerful journey through their incredible song book. With hits including “Dreams”, “Don’t Stop”, “Everywhere”, “Rhiannon”, “Gold Dust Woman”, “Little Lies”, “Big Love” and many more.

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## **Whitney Queen of the Night, Thursday 11th April, 7.30pm**

Experience the ultimate tribute to the remarkable musical repertoire of Whitney Houston in an electrifying production that honours her timeless songs with sensational vocalists and a full live band. Prepare to be blown away by an extraordinary journey through three decades of all-time hits such as I Wanna Dance With Somebody, One Moment In Time, I’m Every Woman, I Will Always Love You, My Love Is Your Love, So Emotional, Run To You, Saving All My Love, How Will I Know, Million Dollar Bill, The Greatest Love Of All, and many more.



<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/whitney-queen-of-the-night/>

The PAA also offer gift vouchers!—<https://thepaaonline.ticketssolve.com/ticketbooth/products/regular?ga=2.257873602.879098118.1605713120-935458996.1600160871>