



## **Dates for the Diary Autumn Term September – December 2025**

### **Celebration Assembly**

Family members are warmly invited to attend Celebration Assembly at 8:50am in the Town Hall. Miss Kirkman, Mrs Foster or Mrs Lorains will be leading the assemblies. Dates for each school can be found on the individual schools academic calendar.

### **Newsletter Dates**

Newsletters will be sent to all parents once a half term.

### **Forest School**

Children will participate in Forest School this term as follows:

**Class 2** – 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October

**Class 1** – 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Class 3** – 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> December

Please ensure forest school kit is in school every Monday for the relevant sessions. Kit reminders are sent out prior to each class commencing their first session.

### **Communion**

Children attend communion as a class on a 3-week rolling basis. The service takes place at 10am every Wednesday at All Saints Church Ripley and is a public service, so parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

If you would like to opt out of your child receiving the blessing, please email admin.

### **European Languages Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

This event will take place in school hours, tailored to each year group.

Children will have a 'French themed' lunch/picnic provided by Mrs Metcalfe. Those normally on packed lunch that would like the special menu on this day, should email Mrs Randall by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Throughout the day, children will practise their speaking and listening skills through Oracy based activities, with older children taking an active role in teaching younger children basic greetings. Children will be performing some songs/anthems they have learnt in the school courtyard at 3pm



### **Y5/6 Legal PHSE Workshop – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Y5/6 children across the Federation are invited to attend an 'All Rise' workshop, led by James Stewart, at Ripley Town Hall.

James has both a teaching and legal background and now runs 'All Rise' workshops, which support students in gaining first-hand experience of careers in the legal sector, and insight into legal processes, democratic values, and justice.

This event takes place in school hours.

### **Nasal Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The flu vaccine is offered to all primary school children with the nasal flu vaccination delivered in school. A communications from the NHS team was sent to all parents earlier this week. Please follow the link provided to consent/opt out of the vaccine before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Black History Month – October 2025**

Children will participate in school activities throughout the month of October.

### **Individual School Photos – October 2025 – Date TBC**

We are delighted that Nikki Mitchell from the Yorkshire Schools Photography will be returning to capture this year's school photo of your child. A link to your child's individual album will be sent to you within a week of the shoot, and all orders should be placed directly with Yorkshire Schools Photography.

If you have a pre-school sibling that would like to have a photo with their older sibling, please contact the school office.

### **Best of British Special Lunchtime Menu - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

The normal Thursday menu on this day will be replaced with a 'Best of British' lunch special. The menu will include roast beef and yorkshire pudding, shepherdess pie (alternative veggie option will be provided), roast potatoes, and a victoria sponge muffin. If your child is normally on a packed lunch and would like to have the special menu on this day, please let Mrs Randall know by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.



### **Y5/6- Netball Competition – Tuesday 7th October 2025**

Y5/6 children, across the Federation, will take part in Sporting Influence's Netball competition on Tuesday 7th October. This is for local small schools and will be held at Ashville College from 9.30am -11.30am. All children will be expected to participate as part of the PE curriculum and will travel to and from the event by coach. More information will be sent to Y5/6 parents and carers next week, and permissions added to ParentMail. Spectators are not permitted at this event.

### **Open Day – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Prospective parents/carers are invited to attend our open day that will run between 10am and 2pm.

### **World Mental Health Awareness Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

We are inviting children to wear something yellow, alongside normal school uniform, to raise awareness. Children will also take part in various activities throughout the day.

### **KS2 Darker Nights Presentation – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

We will be welcoming Jason Lawer, from North Yorkshire Fire Brigade, to the federation on Thursday 16th October, who will be talking to our KS2 children about staying safe during darker nights.

### **Walk to School Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Please remember, for those who live too far away to walk or wheel, using the bus, train, car share or 'park and stride' options all still lower the carbon footprint. We do what we can, when we can and every mile counts! If driving, please park further away and walk the last stretch!

### **Science and Geography Enrichment Day – Friday 17th October 2025**

Children will be participating in various Geography and Science enrichment workshops throughout the day.

### **Diwali – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Children will participate in activities throughout the day.



### **Parents Evening 1 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

Bookings will be available nearer the time. Parents will have the choice of booking a slot on either the 21<sup>st</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Harvest Festival – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

Parents and Carers are welcome to attend the Harvest service at All Saints Church Ripley from 10am. Non-perishable food donations and toiletries are gratefully received. All donations should be sent to school on the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Parents Evening 2 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Bookings will be available nearer the time. Parents will have the choice of booking a slot on either the 21<sup>st</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### **STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

### **Real Markets Ripley Castle – Choir Performance – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Full details regarding this terms choir and the real markets performance will be sent to parents in due course.

### **HALF TERM 27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

### **Bonfire Night Special Lunchtime Menu – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The normal Thursday menu on this day will be replaced with a 'Bonfire Night' lunch special. The menu will include banger in a bun (hot dog/veggie sausage), cheese whirl, wedges, and a toffee apple brownie. If your child is normally on a packed lunch and would like to have the special menu on this day, please let Mrs Randall know by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



**Anti Bullying Week - 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.

**Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Children will join the congregation from All Saints Church Ripley at the cenotaph (on the cobbles) where we will take part in the remembrance service and observe the 2 minutes silence at 11am. Parents and carers are welcome to join along with the public.

**Road Safety Week - 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.

**Statutory Assessment and Phonics Parent Information Evening – 3.30pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

A letter with further details will be emailed home in due course. This event will be held in school for all parents and carers.

**Y3/4- Football Competition – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Y3/4 children, across the Federation, will take part in Sporting Influence's Football competition on Tuesday 18th November. This is for local small schools and will be held at Ashville College from 9.30am -11.30am. All children will be expected to participate as part of the PE curriculum and will travel to and from the event by coach. More information will be sent to Y3/4 parents and carers in due course, and permissions added to ParentMail.

Spectators are not permitted at this event.

**Children in Need – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

The theme of this year's Children in Need is SPOTacular! We therefore invite children to come to school dressed in their most SPOTacular outfit for a fundraising donation of £1.

**Parliament Week - 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.



### **Walk to School Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Please remember, for those who live too far away to walk or wheel, using the bus, train, car share or 'park and stride' options all still lower the carbon footprint. We do what we can, when we can and every mile counts! If driving, please park further away and walk the last stretch!

### **Christingle Service - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Children and parents are warmly invited to attend the Christingle service at All Saints Church Ripley, along with the public, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 10:45am. The children work hard in the run up to the service, making all the Christingles for the congregation. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible, supporting our local church and seeing your children's hard work.

### **Christmas Post Box – WC 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

The Christmas post-box will be returning this year for children who wish to give their school friends a Christmas card. We request that all cards, your child would like to give this Christmas, be brought in and posted in the box between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The cards will be sorted and given out every few days. Please include as much detail on the front of the envelope as possible so we ensure it goes to the right person. As a minimum, clearly write the recipients first name and surname initial on the front of the envelope, as we may have more than one child with the same first name in the school.

### **Federation Dance Factor 2025 Final – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Throughout the Autumn term, children will compete for a chance to win a place in the first of our 25/26 inter-federation competitions. Children who make it to the final will compete to be overall champions of the Federation Dance Factor 2025, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Kettlesing Village Hall. Parents and Carers of children, who successfully make the final, will be notified in due course and will be invited to attend the event.

### **Panto – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

We are delighted to announce that we will once again be attending Harrogate Theatre to watch this year production of Jack and the Beanstalk. The trip takes place in school hours and full details will be sent to parents during Autumn 1.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

For a donation of £1 towards Save the Children, we invite pupils to wear Christmas jumpers, alongside normal school uniform bottoms, for the day



### **Christmas Enrichment Day - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Children will take part in various Christmas enrichment activities throughout the day. All activities will be in school hours, and parents will have the opportunity to purchase their children's creations at the end of the day.

### **Christmas Lunch – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

The normal Friday menu on this day will be replaced with a 'Christmas' lunch special. The menu will include a traditional turkey dinner (vegetarian alternative will be provided) with all the trimmings and a Christmas cookie for dessert. If your child is normally on a packed lunch and would like to have the special menu on this day, please let Mrs Randall know by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Christmas Party – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Children are invited to wear party wear to school on this day to enjoy the afternoon's festivities

### **Nativity – 2pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Parents and Carers are invited to join us at All Saints Church Ripley at 2pm to watch this year's Nativity. Children will be dismissed from the church when the Nativity finishes.

Children should be collected from All Saints Church, no later than 3:15pm, if parents are not in attendance for the Nativity.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

### **STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **SCHOOL REOPENS TO ALL PUPILS FOR SPRING 1 TERM**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**