



Dates for the Diary Autumn Term September – December 2026

Celebration Assembly

Family members are warmly invited to attend Celebration Assembly at 9am in the Town Hall. Miss Kirkman, Mrs Foster or Mrs Lorains will be leading the assemblies. Dates are as follows:

25th September 2026
6th November 2026

Newsletter Dates

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

Forest School

We are delighted to welcome back the Outdoor Adventures Forest School Team that will be facilitating sessions every Monday from Autumn 1 to the end of Spring 1.

Class sessions will be as follows:

Class 3 - Autumn 1

Class 1 and 2 - Autumn 2

Class 4 - Spring 1

Please ensure forest school kit is in school every Monday your child's class is participating in forest school.



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.

Please complete the Church Consent and return to school by **Wednesday 23rd September 2026**.

North Yorkshire Rotters – Tuesday 22nd September 2026

The North Yorkshire Rotters will be in to deliver a workshop on the topics of love food hate waste, recycling, and home composting.

Ian Broadbent Author Visit – Thursday 24th September 2026

We are delighted to welcome back Ian Broadbent (one of our fed parents and author) who will be visiting all three schools as part of our Federation Story Writing Day. As part of this visit there will be a story writing session and competition, inspiring all our young writers!

European Languages Day – Friday 25th September 2026

Children will participate in activities across the day to mark Languages Day. The official theme for the European Day of Languages 2026 is "**Languages Unite! How languages shape inclusion.**" This focus highlights how linguistic diversity and multilingualism build bridges, connect cultures, and foster social inclusion across communities. The children will design a t-shirt linked to the theme, alongside engaging in Oracy activities where the children can communicate in different languages and engage in some sign and sing work.

Nasal Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 29th September 2026

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 directly.

Please follow the link provided to consent/opt out of the vaccine before Friday 25th September.



Janet Bargh Author Visit – Wednesday 30th September 2026

We are very fortunate to have a visitor coming to the Federation on Wednesday 30th September to present to our students. Janet Bargh is an author and illustrator, who specialises in children's books. The books are picture books for under 5's. The 1st book won The Golden Wizard book prize 2025 and The Purple Dragonfly 2026.

During her visit, Janet will talk about her working life as an author and what inspired her to start reading and eventually write her own books. Janet will be showcasing some of her stories to the children. The children will have the opportunity to pre-purchase Janet's books and we have set some time aside for her to personally sign copies. If you would like to purchase Janet's books they are priced at £6.50 each. Please ensure payment is brought to school on **Tuesday 29th September** in a named envelope, with the title of the book/s your child would like to purchase (as pictured below). These are available for children of all ages to purchase.

We are all very excited about to welcome Janet to our school. We sincerely hope your child enjoys the whole experience of meeting her and hopefully having their very own book signed to celebrate the occasion.

Black History Month – October 2026

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

Best of British Special Lunchtime Menu - Thursday 1st October 2026

The normal Thursday menu on this day will be replaced with a 'Best of British' lunch special.

The menu will include an All Day Breakfast/Veggie All Day Breakfast with Jam Sponge and Custard 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 25th September.



Harvest Festival – Friday 2nd October 2026

Parents and Carers are invited to attend a private Harvest service, led by Miss Kirkman, staff and the children, from 2:00pm at All Saints Church.

Non-perishable food donations and toiletries (no razors please) are gratefully received. All donations should be brought in to school on the morning of the morning of the 2nd October and should be in a bag your child is able to comfortably carry to church. Any heavier donations should be brought to the service by parents/carers, or handed in to the school office the day before.

Children will be dismissed from the church following the service.

Extended free parking will be available for parents/carers in the main village car park. Please ensure your car is registered by completing a car registration form, available from the school office.

Individual & Siblings School Photos – Thursday 8th October 2026

We are delighted that School 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 shortly after the shoot, and all orders should be placed directly with School Photography.

Full school uniform must be worn.

Fire Prevention School Visit – Friday 9th October 2026

Members of the RAF Menwith Hill Fire Department will be in school to talk about fire prevention.

World Mental Health Day – Friday 9th October 2026

Children will participate in activities across the day to mark World Mental Health Day. Children are invited to wear a yellow accessory alongside their normal school uniform.



Open Day – Thursday 15th October 2026

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

RE and Personal Development Enrichment Day – Friday 16th October 2026

Children will participate in 'My Happy Mind' activities across the day.

Parents Evening 1 – Tuesday 20th October 2026

Bookings will be available nearer the time via Arbor. Parents will have the choice of booking a slot on either the 20th or the 21st October.

Extended free parking will be available for parents/carers in the main village car park. Please ensure your car is registered by completing a car registration form, available from the school office.

Parents Evening 2 – Wednesday 21st October 2026

Bookings will be available nearer the time via Arbor. Parents will have the choice of booking a slot on either the 20th or the 21st October.

Extended free parking will be available for parents/carers in the main village car park. Please ensure your car is registered by completing a car registration form, available from the school office.

Architectural Workshop – Thursday 22nd October 2026

Children in 4 will take part in an architectural workshop where they will design a new installation for the music garden at Stockeld Park.



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 22nd October – Last Day of Term

Staff Training Day – Friday 23rd October 2026

School Closed to all Pupils

**HALF TERM
26th – 30th October 2026**

School Re-Opens to All Pupils - Monday 2nd November 2026

Bonfire Special Lunchtime Menu - Thursday 5th November 2026.

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Further details will be sent in due course.

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November 2026

Children will gather at the War Memorial in the village to join the community in observing the 2 minutes silence at 11am.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November 2026

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. Please bring your donations in to school on Friday 13th.



Anti-Bullying Week 16th – 20th November 2026

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.

NSPCC Stay Safe Speak Out Workshops – Monday 16th November 2026

Speak Out Stay Safe is an NSPCC safeguarding programme that aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge to stay safe from abuse and neglect. All children in Years 2, 5 and 6 will attend age appropriate workshops, where they will learn how to recognise the signs of abuse, where to get help and that abuse is never a child's fault. This will be delivered in an age appropriate forum from NSPCC experts.

Every child has the right to feel safe.

Statutory Assessment and Phonics Parent Information Evening – 3.30pm Monday 16th November 2026

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

Extended free parking will be available for parents/carers in the main village car park. Please ensure your car is registered by completing a car registration form, available from the school office.

Year 5/6 Football Competition at Ashville College – Tuesday 17th November 2026

Children participating in this event, will be chosen by Mrs Bassitt (Federation PE Lead). The children will represent the Federation and will travel to / from Ashville College by coach. Further details to follow after half term.



Road Safety Week/Operation Traffic – 23rd – 27th November 2026

The Neighbourhood Policing Team are planning a week of action with 2 visits from the Operation Traffic Team, along with the Police, to tackle traffic / parking in the area.

The team will be focussing on safety around the school, specifically focussing on parking awareness and speed under the initiative Operation Traffic.

Many schools have issues around parking at drop-off and pick-up times so their plan is to educate and enforce where necessary any motorist who are parking on the school zigzag lines, causing an obstruction to the pavement or an obstruction to view at the junctions. They will also be focussing on speeding near and around the schools at peak times, and getting some of our older children involved.

A polite reminder that all parents/carers should be not be parking in the Town Hall and all vehicles should be registered for the free parking available in the main village car park.

Car Registration forms are available from the school office.

Parliament Week – 23rd - 27th November 2026

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.

Christingle Service - Sunday 29th November 2026

Children and parents are warmly invited to attend the Christingle service at All Saints Church Ripley, along with the public, on Sunday 29th November. 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 – From 1st December 2026

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 Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 16th 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.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December 2026

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 Enterprise Day - Friday 11th December 2026

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 11th December 2026

The normal Friday menu on this day will be replaced with a 'Christmas' lunch special. The menu will include a traditional Turkey Dinner or Yuletide Veg Parcel, with all the festive trimmings and a Frosty Snow Roll (Ice-Cream Roll). 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 27th November 2026.

Panto – Wednesday 16th December 2026

We are delighted to announce that we will once again be attending Harrogate Theatre to watch this year's production of Sleeping Beauty. The trip takes place in school hours and full details will be sent to parents in due course.



Christmas Party – Wednesday 16th December 2026

Children will spend the afternoon dancing and enjoying the party. Children are permitted to bring in their party clothes and will change in school after the Panto.

Nativity – Thursday 17th December 2026

Parents and Carers are invited to join us at 2pm to watch this year's Nativity. This will be held in All Saints Church Ripley. Children will return to school to get changed and collect their belonging following the service. Please collect your child from the school courtyard by 3:15pm.

Please note there will be no after school Comet Club provision on this day.

Last day of Term – Thursday 17th December 2026

Please note school finishes at the normal time of 3:15pm.

Staff Training Day – Friday 18th December 2026

School closed to all pupils.

Christmas Holidays

Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Staff Training Day - Monday 4th January 2027

School closed to all pupils.

School Re-Opens to All Pupils - Tuesday 5th January 2027