



Dates for the Diary Autumn Term September – December 2026

Celebration Assembly

Family members are warmly invited to attend Celebration Assembly at 8:50am in the **Church**, every 3-4 weeks. Miss Kirkman, Mrs Foster or Teaching staff will be leading the assemblies. Dates are as follows:

09/10/2026

20/11/2026

Swimming Lessons

We are delighted to have been able to secure a weekly slot at Nidderdale Leisure and Wellness Centre for Autumn 1, Autumn 2 and Spring 1. This will take place on a Monday afternoon during school hours. This is for all children in years 5-6 only (Class 4).

The final session for the term is Monday 1st February 2027.

Newsletter Dates

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

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.

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 the following:

Sausages, Mash & Gravy, with Crusty Bread, Sweetcorn and Peas. Pudding will be Jam Sponge with Custard.

If your child is normally on a packed lunch and would like to have the special menu on this day, please let Mrs O'Connell know by Friday 25th September.

North Yorkshire Rotters – Friday 2nd October 2026

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

Fire Prevention School Visit – Tuesday 6th October 2026

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

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.

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.

Beckwithshaw Open Day – Tuesday 13th October 2026

We look forward to welcoming new families to look around our wonderful school.



Harvest Festival – Thursday 15th October 2026

Parents and Carers are welcome to attend the Harvest service from 2:15pm at the 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 15th 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.

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

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

Architectural Workshop – Tuesday 20th October 2026

Children in Class 3 will take part in an architectural workshop where they will design a new installation for the music garden at Stockeld.

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.

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.

Architectural Workshop – Thursday 22nd October 2026

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



BECKWITHSHAW 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 Service at Ripon Cathedral – Monday 9th November 2026

More information will be sent to service families in due course.

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November 2026

Children will observe 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.

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

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

Flu Vaccination – Tuesday 17th November 2026

Vaccination UK will attend school to provide flu vaccinations. For your child to receive their nasal flu vaccination in school, a link will be sent out in due course. The nasal spray is quick, painless and is the most effective option for under 18's. If your child **cannot** have the nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

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

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

NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe – Wednesday 18th November 2026

Children in Year 2 and Years 5/6 will take part in workshops throughout the day.



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.

Parliament Week – 23rd – 27th November 2026

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.

Christmas Post Box – WC 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 O'Connell know by Friday 27th November 2026.

Nativity – Tuesday 15th December 2026

Parents and Carers are invited to join us at 2pm to watch this year's Nativity. This will be held in the Church. Children will be taken back to school after the event and will then be dismissed to parents. For those normally in Treetops Club but wishing to collect their children please let Mrs O'Connell know in advance, so she can cancel that evenings booking.

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.

Last day of Term – Thursday 17th December 2026

Please note school finishes at the normal time of 3:30pm. Please note there will be no treetops.



BECKWITHSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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