

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 hall, every 3-4 weeks. Miss Kirkman, Mrs Foster or Teaching staff will be leading the assemblies.

Dates are as follows:

2nd October 2026
13th November 2026

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 Mr Broadbent, (one of our federation parents and author) who will be visiting all three schools as part of our Federation Story Writing Day. During the visit there will be a story writing session and competition, inspiring all our young writers!

European Languages Day – Friday 25th September 2026

This event will be in school hours. 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 t-shirts 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.

North Yorkshire Rotters Workshop - Monday 28th 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.



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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 the following;

*Sausages, Mashed Potato & 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 Russell know by Friday 25th September.

Individual & Siblings School Photos – Thursday 8th October 2026

We are delighted that School Photography will be in Kettlesing on Thursday 8th October for individual and sibling photos. Class photos will take place in the summer term. If you would like pre-school siblings to attend, please email the school office by Wednesday 30th September so we can arrange a suitable time.

Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform and brings their PE kit with them on this day.

Harvest Festival – Thursday 8th October 2026

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend a Harvest Festival Event at 2:15pm in Felliscliffe Chapel.

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 8th 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.

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 along their school uniform

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.

Open Day – Wednesday 14th 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.

Nasal Flu Immunisations – Monday 19th October 2026

The flu vaccine is offered to all primary school children with the nasal flu vaccination delivered in school. A communication from the NHS team will be sent to all parents, via school, with a link to consent to the vaccine.



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 21st October.

Thursday 22nd October 2026 – 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.

Festival of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral – Monday 9th November 2026

Further information will be sent to our 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.

Anti-Bullying Week 16th – 20th November 2026

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe – Thursday 19th November 2026

Speak Out Stay Safe is an NSPCC safeguarding programme that aims to equip children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect.

All children 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 – 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.

Y5/6 - Football Competition – Tuesday 17th November 2026

Y5/6 children, across the Federation, will take part in Sporting Influence's Football competition on Tuesday 17th November. All children will be expected to participate as part of the PE curriculum and will travel to and from the event by coach. Further details to follow after half term.

Road Safety Week – 23rd – 27th November 2026

Children will participate in school activities throughout the week.



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.

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 Thursday 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 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 Russell know by Friday 27th November.

Nativity – Monday 14th December 2026

Parents and Carers are invited to join us at 2pm to watch this year's Nativity. Children will be dismissed after the performance has finished.



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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.

Kettlesing Carol Service - Thursday 17th December 2026

All of our families are invited to attend the Carol Service at Felliscliffe Chapel on Thursday 17th December at 6:30pm

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 2026

School closed to all pupils.

School re-opens to all pupils - Tuesday 5th January 2027