

Headlands Primary School: Tuesday 6th January 2026



Happy New Year and welcome back to school

We hope you have enjoyed the holidays spending time with family and friends, and the children are ready for another exciting term ahead.

Thank you Parent Forum

A huge thank you to Lorna Sheader and members of our Parent Forum for organising all the wonderful photos for the Christmas performances in EYFS and KS1.

They raised £156.30 which has been used to fund the children's Christmas parties! Thank you 😊

Pyjamarama event: Book your place



Headlands staff are delighted to announce the return of an exciting reading event for the children to enjoy after school and raise money for new reading books.

This will be held after school on Wednesday

14th January 5.00-6.00pm (Doors open 4.50pm) where they are able to come dressed in their pyjamas for hot chocolate/ milk/ water and a biscuit, for a fun hour of teachers reading and sharing stories.



In addition, each child will receive a treat to bring home! Entrance is £3.00 with the proceeds used to purchase books for the school library. Letters are going out today and places must be booked by Friday 9th January.

What is my child learning about this half term?



The school's curriculum is published on the school website and an overview of the topics taught throughout the year is provided on each year groups web pages.

However, we thought you would like to know the wonderful topics coming up this half term for the children to enjoy. You can support your child at home through visiting the local library, researching on the internet or digging out any reference books.

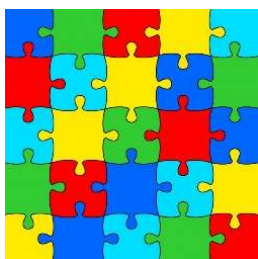
EYFS: Polar Lands

Year 1/2: Wings, wheels and keels

Year 3/4: Under the sea

Year 5/6: The Maya

PSHE



This half term in PSHE we are following the unit: 'Dreams and Goals'. On the website, in the curriculum area, you will find a key vocabulary for each of the year groups. Here you will also find further information about the scheme of work.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact Mrs Benson (PSHE lead)

Supporting children's wider personal development



This half term we are focussing on the school value: **Aspiration**

We will explore what this means in our school assemblies and class reflection time

Attendance



Good attendance is extremely important to enable your child to learn and achieve. Being in school every day allows consistency in their learning and helps them develop confidence, wellbeing and friendships. We are aiming for above 90% attendance for each child from Reception to Year 6.

Please arrive to school promptly. **The school gate opens at 8.45am-**

8.55am to enable your child to have a calm start to the day.

Absence

To ensure the school office runs smoothly, please may you kindly email the school office before 8.30am if your child is absent stating the name of child and reason for absence. This includes any absence in EYFS.

Medical/dentist appointments

If possible, please make all appointments out of school hours so your child's learning is not disrupted.

Parking



For the safety of children and adults, please do not park or drop off in the laybys at the front of school between **8.30-9.30am and 2.45-4.00pm. During these times you may be fined.**

These areas are demarcated with yellow zig zags and are designated for **emergency vehicles only.**

Please help keep our school community safe by parking away from the school grounds or preferably walk to school.

All public access to school is through the front black gates Please do not walk through the school car park as we have kitchen deliveries from early morning throughout the day, and cars coming and going. The school car park is for staff only.



School dinners



School dinners may be ordered for the Spring Term 2026.

Please go to School Money to select your choices.

Safeguarding: Contact details



Please remember that with any new mobile phones received over Christmas you may need to inform the office of your new number and email address. We need an up to date emergency contact number at all times.

Please also note that children are **not** allowed mobile phones, smart watches or any other devices which connect to the internet or are able to take photographs in school.

E-safety

With the addition of new IT equipment over the festive period, please check that parental settings are activated for children.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/childrens-online-safety-this-festive-season/>

Royal British Legion



We raised an amazing £64.00 for the Royal British Legion through the selling of poppies in school. Your donation makes a real difference to those in the Armed Forces Community and without our support, they would not be able to do the work they do.

Parent Carer survey results



Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the survey. Please find a summary of the survey below:

<https://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2261&type=pdf>

We strive to provide the best education for your child ensuring that they are happy, feel safe, are well behaved and do well at school.

We will review all the results and additional comments, and reflect upon how we can improve our provision further. Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

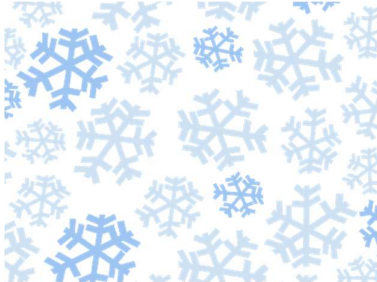
SEND Central January events



Please click on the link below to see the events running this January in York.

<https://www.yorksend.org/parents/send-central/4#jan>

Potential school closure due to weather



In times of ice and snow, the priority is the safety and wellbeing of children, parents and staff. If you are able to transport your child safely, please ensure that they are appropriately dressed for the cold and wet weather.

If the decision is made to close school, a message will be placed on the school's website: www.headlandsprimary.org.uk and a text message sent out.

Dates for your diary

06.01.2026: School opens
14.01.2026: Pyjamarama
22.01.2026: Year 3/4 visit to The Deep
22.01.2025: Panathlon
26.01.2026: Year 5/6 Maths workshop
27.01.2026: Year 3/4 Maths workshop
27.01.2026: EYFS Maths workshop
28.01.2026: Year 1/2 Maths workshop

29.01.2026: EYFS Maths workshop



Best wishes,
Headlands Primary School