

## Headlands Primary School: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Parking and air pollution

A local resident has informed school that cars are parking and leaving their engines running for a long period of time along Holly Tree Lane. They politely request that parents park with due consideration to all local residents with engines turned off to reduce air pollution. Thank you.

### City of York Environmental Protection Team



City of York Council's Environmental Protection team have launched a campaign called 'Kick the Habit', aimed at reducing vehicle idling across the city.

Every year, air pollution causes up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. The World Health Organisation and the UK government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today with children especially vulnerable to the effects. Air pollution has been linked to low birth weights, poor lung development and may even contribute to reduced IQ and mental health issues.

**Sitting outside school with your vehicle engine running creates a polluted environment for your child and others.** You may also be breaking the law and causing disturbance to local residents. Council officers in York are able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for idling offences on the public highway.

Please help us to keep our children safe by switching off your engine when waiting. Further information about idling is available on City of York Council's website

at: [www.york.gov.uk/engineoff](http://www.york.gov.uk/engineoff).

Thank you for your support.

City of York Environmental Protection Team

### PYJAMARAMA event



Thank you to the teachers and PTA for organising our Pyjamarama event last week. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed reading and hearing stories, as well as the refreshments and special gift.

### YEAR 6 SATS meeting

Year 6 SATS meeting is this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The meeting for parents will be held 3.40-4.15 by the Year 6 teaching team. A separate room will be provided and supervised for any accompanying children.

### Maths workshops



Don't forget to book a place on our Maths Workshops run by your child's Maths teacher.

We hope the Maths workshops will be a lovely way to share and celebrate the love of maths! **You need to BOOK** your attendance using the link on the year group letters.

- Y5/6 on Monday 26th January 2026 (3.40pm)

- Y3/4 on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (3.40pm)
- EYFS on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (9.00-10.00)
- Y1/2 on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (3.40pm)
- EYFS on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (9.00-10.00)

### **Aspirations Day: Friday 30th January**



The School Council would like to hold an 'Aspirations Day' for the whole school.

As part of our half-term key value focus on "Aspirations", we will therefore be holding an Aspirations Day in school on Friday 30th January.

During our PSHE unit, we have been discussing hopes and dreams, and on the day we would like to spend time talking with the children about what they aspire to be when they are older. If they wish, children are welcome to come into school dressed as someone or something they aspire to be in the future. For example:

- A doctor
- A scientist
- A vet
- A pop star
- A sports person

Alternatively, children may bring an item into school that reflects or explains their aspirations, such as:

- A book
- An object related to their chosen career
- Information they have found on the internet

We would like to encourage all children to join in and celebrate their ambitions.

Thank you for your continued support—we are really looking forward to an inspiring day!

### **Safeguarding: E-safety**



PlayStation have recently launched a new app to help implement parental controls and family management for PlayStations:

<https://blog.playstation.com/2025/09/10/announcing-playstation-family-app-for-parental-controls-and-family-management/>

Here is a handy guide for parents on popular apps and games:

<https://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2295&type=pdf>

### **Dates for your diary**

22.01.2026: Year 3/4 visit to The Deep  
 22.01.2025: Year 6 SATS meeting  
 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  
 30.01.2026: Aspirations Day



Best wishes,  
Headlands Primary School