



RICHARD TAYLOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Update Monday 13th January 2025

What is happening at RTS?

- Tuesday 14th January Coverdale Class visiting Murton Park
- Wed 15th January After-school Yr 3/4 Dodgeball tournament at Harrogate High School
- Thurs 16th January Yr 5/6 children having first aid training within school (details below)
- Friday 17th January Year 3 Swimming Session Week One at the Hydro
- Friday 17th January Wharfedale Class working with land artist Winston Plowes

Staffing Update

Thank you to everyone who has sent messages of support to Miss Sherwood. She is due to have an operation on her broken wrist on Monday. In her absence Mrs Longstaff and Mrs Martin will teach Airedale Class. I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Norman will begin her phased return to work this week. On Monday she will be working with Swaledale Class in the morning and on Wednesday with Bishopdale Class for the day.

Weather Update

Thank you to everyone who helped us to get everyone in and out of school safely last week. The thaw is due to begin to take effect at the start of the week. We will inform all parents of any alternative arrangements put in place to manage conditions in school until playgrounds are clear of ice.

Friends News

Our first meeting will be on **Monday 20th January at 7pm in school**. Please come along and support the work of the Friends.

The first **Friends Prayer Group** meeting will take place at 2.45pm in school on Friday 31st January. All are welcome to join the group. Names to be included in prayer can be left in the prayer box that can be found in the school entrance or via email at prayer@richardtaylor.ycway.uk



Pupil First Aid Training Session

On Thursday morning this week the children in year 5/6 will undertake basic first aid training as part of their PSHE curriculum.

First Swimming Session of the spring term

All Yr 3 children will have their first swimming lesson of the year on Friday 17th January, please make sure that the children arrive at school with the necessary equipment, details have been shared by the class teachers.

Deadline for Applications for Primary School Places

Sunday 19th January is the deadline for primary school applications. If you, or anyone you know has a child due to start at RTS in Sept 2025 please make sure that you have completed your application via the North Yorkshire Website. See link: [School admissions | North Yorkshire Council](#)



Age Awareness Resources in School

This week the school is working with Dr Rosaria Buccoliero from the Ageing Awareness Team at Harrogate Hospital to deliver a programme designed to make children aware of the impact of the aging process on the elderly and to consider how they can help elderly relatives.

This is a fantastic programme which provides children with information in a sensitive and thoughtful manner.

Surplus Christmas Jumper donations

If you are having a clear out of your old Christmas Jumpers please bring any donations into school for next years Christmas fair



Hannah Rae Arts club

There are still spaces at Hannah Rae Arts after school clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please call the school office for more information.

