



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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As the mornings and evenings have become darker, we have also encountered a cold snap of weather and the temperatures have plummeted! Running club has reverted to Power Walking as the astro has been frozen and slippery. Despite this, we have still had a superb turnout of children and they have all remained enthusiastic about the opportunity for a little fitness and fresh air. It was lovely seeing so many of you in the STEAM room at the Christmas Indoor Market on Saturday. I suspect many of you will have been completing your very own marble challenges. Our Nativity rehearsals are well underway and the Studio Hall is the perfect place to rehearse. Please check your emails as you will have received a Google Form to offer Grandparents an opportunity to come and watch the dress rehearsals for our productions this year. If you have never been to a Pre-Prep Nativity you are in for a real treat and I always think it marks the beginning of our Christmas celebrations. I am very much looking forward to seeing some of you at the Enchanted Winter Wonderland Ball on Saturday night. It is such an enjoyable event with good company, delicious food and great entertainment. Enjoy Strictly and have a 'fab-u-lous' weekend. Warmest wishes,

Jeanne Speight



Tes Schools Awards 2024
Winner
Independent Prep School of the Year



Walk to Yarm Library

The Reception children loved their walk to visit our local library on Yarm High street. We felt very welcome and the children enjoyed meeting the librarians and learning how to borrow a book. It was also a super way to get to know members of our community and nurture a love of reading.



Year 1 P.E.

In PE the Y1 children have been working hard to improve their gross motor skills. The children have practised jumping from a height, crawling through a hoop and walking along a balance beam. These challenges were met with great enthusiasm.



Starry Night

In art, Mrs Symington challenged the children to add an extra dimension to their Van Gogh Starry night inspired work. They rose to the challenge and the Year 2 parents will be delighted to see their wonderful art work very soon!



Nursery

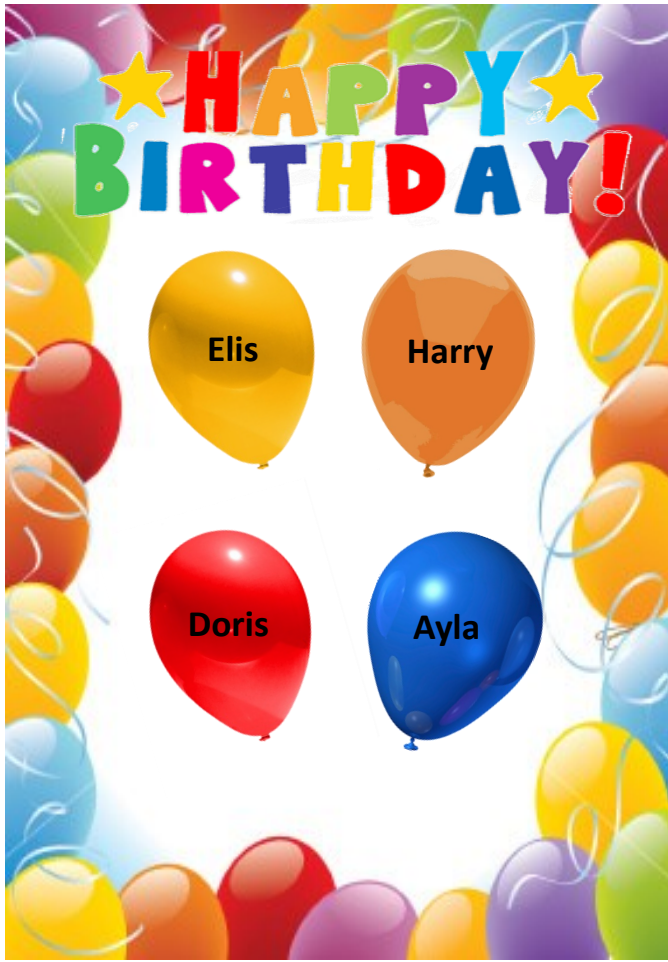
The Nursery children have loved exploring the outside environment. We wrapped up in our hats and scarves and enjoyed the autumn sunshine.



Silver Stories

As you may be aware, we visit Middleton Hall Residential Village regularly as part of our Silver Stories club. On Tuesday, we went to share stories, chat and spent time enjoying the company of Jean and friends.





Crazy
HAIR DAY

Friday 29th November

Your child is welcome to come to school sporting a fake moustache, wearing a wig or by styling their hair in a crazy way. The cost for this will be £1 to be paid on the day. In the meantime if you would like to sponsor our efforts please go to our team page

<https://movember.com/t/yarm-prep-school?mc=1>

The Enchanted Forest online Auction is now live and open for online bids at <https://app.galabid.com/enchantedforest> Whether you are a football or cricket fan, or are looking for a Christmas present; or maybe a family getaway...we have covered all areas. Come have a peak! This auction is open to our whole community - you can place a bid online whether you'll be at the Ball or not; or you are a parent or not! And winning bids will of course help to support our charity, Homestart Teesside . This online auction will close at 10pm on Saturday Nov 23rd so please take the time now to have a browse, register and bid! Good luck!

Christmas Holiday School

Bookings are now open for the upcoming Christmas Holiday School which will run from Monday 16th to Friday 20th December. Our Holiday School is for Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School children only.

The price per child per day is now £42 per day.

The timings for the days are from 8am to 5pm. A timetable of the trips is below and a further email will be sent out if any specific clothing/equipment is required closer to the start of Holiday School.

Bookings can be made via the following link: <https://forms.gle/zkQnMS4G5XyNk7Vz5>

Places on all days are limited and the deadline for applications is 9am Monday 2nd December.

Date	16/12	17/12	18/12	19/12	20/12
EYFS/Pre Prep	Sports Day at School	Panto at the PAA	Lucky's Playbarn	Art Day at School	Cinema
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Snow White Panto

12th December—24th December, various times

Limited tickets for many shows.

Join Tom Rolfe Productions for their fairest pantomime, Snow White. Bursting with dazzling costumes, hilarious comedy, sensational singing, beautiful scenery and the coolest Magnificent Seven ever!

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/snow-white/>



The Craziest Showman

Saturday 22nd February, 2pm

In the latest high energy adventure, "The superstars of slapstick", CBBC's favourite and brightest comedy Stars Danny & Mick bring their particular brand of lunacy to the show, causing chaos on stage and bringing screams of laughter from the whole family.

With a full supporting cast of international circus acts, dancers and singers, "The Craziest Showman" is like no other touring family adventure.

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An Audience with a Cricketing Legend, Sir Alastair Cook

Monday 24th February, 7.45pm

Hosted by Ex England cricketer and England cricket selector Geoff Miller. England's second highest test run scorer of all time Alastair played in 161 test matches scoring 12,472 runs. Alastair scored a century on his test debut made 175 catches and captained England in one of their most successful periods of English cricket becoming the number one ranked test cricket team in the world.

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