



**Dringhouses**  
Primary School | York

## Dring Digest w/e 16 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** (school reopens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

➤ **School Attendance Matters**

Going to school every day makes it easier for your child to keep up in lessons.

#GoingInNotMissingOut

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For more information on school absence in York visit:  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)



Get your application in by:  
**15 January 2023**

## Apply online

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, apply online now for a Reception place to start school in September 2023.

- Log onto <http://york.gov.uk/ParentPortal>
- More information [york.gov.uk/PrimarySchoolAdmissions](http://york.gov.uk/PrimarySchoolAdmissions)

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➤ **Reception Starter 2023**

If you require a school place for September 2023 please ensure that you have submitted your application by logging on to <https://york.gov.uk/ParentPortal> before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

➤ **Parking and Dropping Off**

Please be mindful of where you are parking and considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your children from school. Please do not park on the grass verges near the front of school. It is dangerous to manoeuvre your vehicle down this narrow street when so many children and other pedestrians are in this area. Also please be careful not to block the driveways or access of neighbouring properties. We have an arrangement with the Cross Keys pub at the top of the street that the car parking facilities can be used during term time for picking up and dropping off children.

We have had a number of reports of parents stopping their vehicle at the zebra crossing or on the bridge outside of school and letting children get out. This is extremely dangerous and in the interests of safety for all of our families and other road users please can we ask that you do not allow or encourage your children to do this. Thank you.

➤ **Years 3 & 4 – Art Project**

Lower Key Stage 2 need cereal boxes for our art project after Christmas - if you finish up any boxes between now and then, please can you send them in. Thanks

➤ **Year 3 Pizza and Film Night- Tuesday 17th January 4pm-6pm**

In line with our residential offer, Year 3 will be having an evening of fun in the hall with their peers. This is the second time we have done this, and has worked well to prepare the children for their first night away in Year 4! This will take place on Tuesday 17th January- 4pm-6pm

The evening will consist of the children arriving at school at 4pm in PJs with a blanket and teddy if they would like to bring one. We are then going to eat some delicious pizza and watch a film in our very own 'Dring Cinema'. Please sign and return the consent slip on the letter by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January so we have a rough idea of numbers.

To pay for the pizzas, we ask for a contribution of £2.50 per child, payable on Parent Pay by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. We can't wait to make lasting memories with them!

➤ **After School Clubs**

A number of letters have been sent home regarding opportunities for your children to join an afterschool club in the New Year. Copies of the letters can be found on the school website. If you would like to be considered for a place please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the appropriate letter.

➤ **Battle of the Bands – KS1/KS2 TT Rockstars**

Over the Christmas holidays, we have set up a Battle of the Bands on Time Table Rockstars which will start on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and finish on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please promote this with your children as much as possible!

The battle's are as below:

Class 3 vs Class 4 vs Class 5 .

Class 6 vs Class 7

Class 8 vs Class 9

Class 10 vs Class 11

The winning class in each battle will be crowned in our first whole school assembly of the Spring Term!

➤ **Worrying about money?**

The rise in cost of living is on everyone mind. There are three key steps to make sure you are in the best place to meet the extra costs this winter. Make sure you are getting all the financial support available

Use one of the free benefit checkers at [www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators](http://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators)

Check the council's website for local support schemes at [www.york.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.york.gov.uk/benefits)

Including the Household Support Fund(HSF) at [www.york.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.york.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

If you have received a letter inviting you to apply for HSF please complete you application by Thursday 5 January.

A range of holiday activity schemes will be available for children and young people during the Christmas, Easter and Summer school holidays. Details of events and activities can be found on the Holiday Activities and Food Yor-OK webpage.

Reduce your outgoings, don't spend more than you have to on your bills, such as mobile phones, broadband, insurance.

- See how you can save on your energy bills
- Use approved comparison websites
- Talk to your existing suppliers about discounts and social tariffs

Find out more at [www.LiveWellYork.co.uk/talkmoney](http://www.LiveWellYork.co.uk/talkmoney) Don't struggle alone. If you are unsure or need assistance with the things above, there is help across the city from council services and other local organisations

Find out how to contact an advice service at [www.york.gov.uk/benefitsadvice](http://www.york.gov.uk/benefitsadvice) where there are community drop-ins across the city at [www.livewellyork.co.uk](http://www.livewellyork.co.uk) events calendar or pick up a leaflet or ask at your local library, community centre or find information on community noticeboards



For more information visit:  
[livewellyork.co.uk/talkmoney](http://livewellyork.co.uk/talkmoney)

➤ **York's Holiday Activities and Food Programme - Christmas 2022**

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is holiday provision for school-aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals. These holiday activities are available during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays and include a nutritious meal along with a variety of enriching activities. For more information please see the newsletter on the letters page of our school website.

## Community Notices

28 November 2022

Dear York primary school/parents and carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you the launch of our Christmas foil competition and invite you to get involved!

We are rolling out the competition to primary schools across the city, aiming to engage the children involved with the importance of recycling, and celebrate recent changes to kerbside collection within the city. The Christmas foil competition is open to all primary schools in York.

Participating students are being challenged to design an A4 poster representing Christmas, the only requirement is that aluminium foil (used and washed) is used in the design.

A poster with more information about the competition and

you can find out more online at  
<https://www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition>.

The competition is sponsored by foil recycling not-for-profit, Alupro, and will offer £50 in prizes to the winning child and £500 in vouchers for their school, to be used on sustainable supplies and activities. The entrants in second and third place will also receive prizes, along with their schools.

Schools wishing to enter their student's posters should do so before Tuesday 31 January, after which we will be closed to applicants. Once the deadline has passed a panel of judges from Alupro and the council will select the winning entries.

Entries should either be scanned and sent by the primary school to City of York Council direct, with the necessary permissions to store details relating to the identity of the child and their school, along with permission to share images of the winning artwork online.

If you would be interested in getting involved in the competition, finding out more or being involved in future opportunities then visit our website at [www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition](http://www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition). This includes the terms and conditions and our privacy notice.

Many thanks all and good luck!

CYC waste team

**Dunk, rinse and recycle!**

**Win big prizes**

**Create your own Christmas poster out of foil**

Get involved in recycling by designing your own festive A4 poster this Christmas using foil and any other pens, pencils, glitter, glue and other art supplies you like!

**First Prize**  
£500 for the school in vouchers  
£50 in prizes for the child

**Second Prize**  
£300 for the school in vouchers  
£30 in prizes for the child

More prizes available.

**Closes Tuesday 31 January**

For more information go to:  
[www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition](http://www.york.gov.uk/FoilCompetition)

Terms and conditions and privacy notice are available via the weblink

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## The Mini Athletics Superstar Holiday Camp

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Manor Church of England Academy

8.30am -12.30pm

**Open to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3**  
**£15 per child per day**

**FREE PLACES for children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals through the Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.**

Email [rwilson@miniathletics.com](mailto:rwilson@miniathletics.com) to book your free place

All children will receive a healthy breakfast and packed lunch.  
To book your place go to [www.miniathletics.com/holiday-camps](http://www.miniathletics.com/holiday-camps)

### THE SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP



[www.miniathletics.com](http://www.miniathletics.com)



# Happy Healthy Holidays

**WHAT:** Holiday Football Fun Course

**FOR:** Boys and Girls age 5-13

**WHEN:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**WHERE:** **VENUE 1** Huntington Secondary School YO32 9WT **OR**  
**VENUE 2** Fulford Secondary School, Fulfordgate, Heslington Lane, YO10 4FY  
(Both venues indoor)

**TIME:** 10am to 3pm

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water, snacks and packed lunch will be provided

**WHO:** Families eligible for free school meals living in York



FOUNDATION



**How to book:** Enter the following code **XMAS22** at [https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/multi\\_activity.html](https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/multi_activity.html)

This secures your space and means you are COMMITTED to attend all course dates. Spaces are LIMITED with bookings closing Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 4pm. These FREE Holiday courses are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active this school holiday. Please note that if you booked onto a previous course and did not take up your space we reserve the right to withdraw bookings.

For any queries please contact [inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk](mailto:inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk)

👏 Children's events at explore 👏

# Christmas at Dringhouses Library

We've got loads on for children this festive season, all events free, some require pre-booking.

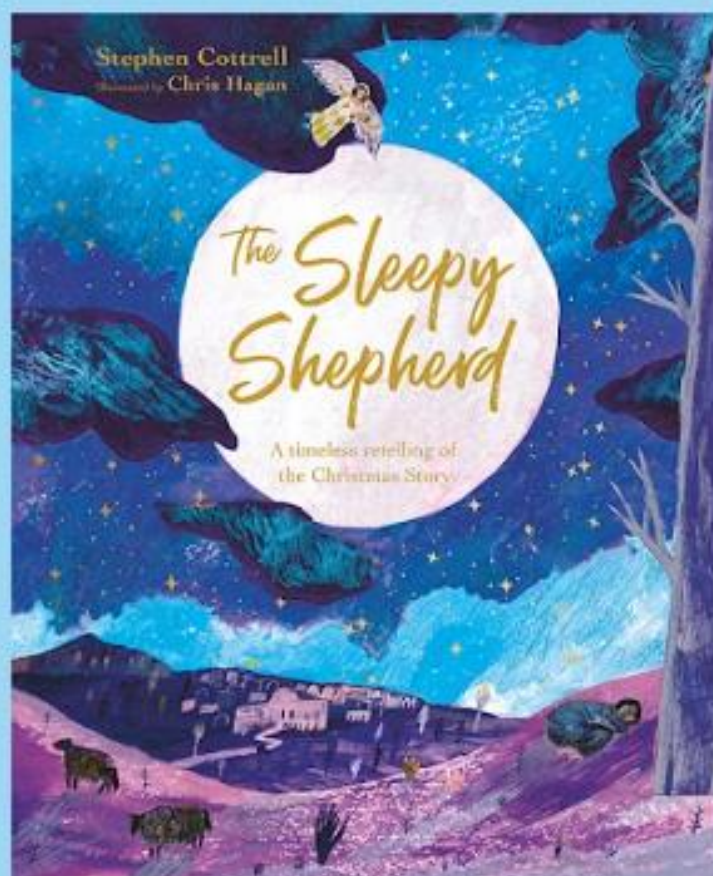


👏 Children's events at explore 👏

**Tuesday 20 December 2.30-5pm:** Friends of the Library Festive Afternoon. Drop in all afternoon for festive fun, crafts, refreshments and a raffle. No need to book, just come along.

Dringhouses Library, 56 Tadcaster Road, York YO24 1LR  
01904 552674 [dringhouses@explore.york.org.uk](mailto:dringhouses@explore.york.org.uk)  
@dringlibrary facebook.com/dringhouseslibrary

# Storytime with the Archbishop of York



Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell  
will be in the Lady Chapel at York Minster  
reading from his children's book,  
*The Sleepy Shepherd*

**Saturday 17 December from 10.30am**

This is a free event suitable for young children and their carers.  
Signed copies of the book will be available to buy  
in York Minster Shop

# Are you in control of your finances?

## Introducing Financial Capability Assistance

Do you need help to budget? Are you struggling to make ends meet?

The Financial Capability Team can help look at how to increase your income, find ways to reduce your regular payments and check you are receiving everything you're entitled to. We can also help find emergency support where required.

**Contact us via the website - [citizensadviceyork.org.uk](https://citizensadviceyork.org.uk) request a call back or on 01904 623648 to ask for a referral.**



# Winter Activities & Support in Dringhouses and Woodthorpe

## Contacts

**Community Officer:**

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**Local Area Coordinator:**

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## Warm Places

**St Edward the Confessor Church**

**Tadcaster Road, YO24 1QG**

Open Monday – Friday 9.30am-3.30pm tea/coffee £1, cake 50p. Every Tuesday 10.30-11.30am Happy Hour-free tea, coffee and cake. In the café there is a coat rail where people can donate a coat or where those who need a coat can just take one from the rail.

[vicar@stedsdringhouses.org](mailto:vicar@stedsdringhouses.org)

**Dringhouses Library**

**Tadcaster Road, YO24 1LR**

The Library is here for everyone this winter, offering warm, welcoming space

Opening Times

Monday 2pm – 6pm

Tuesday 9.30am-12.30 pm and 2pm - 5.30pm

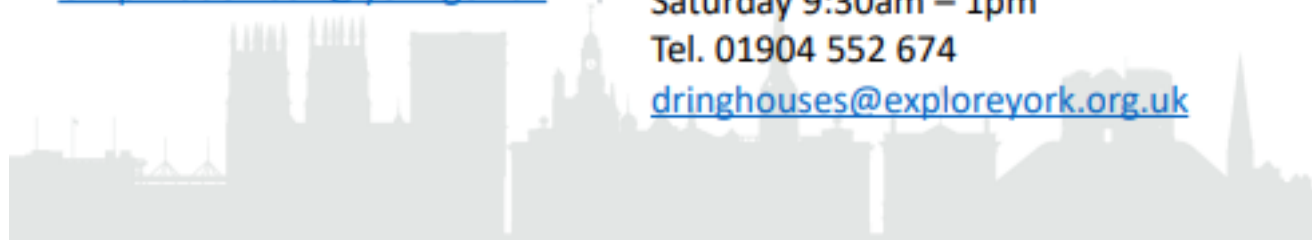
Thursday 9.30am-12.30 pm and 2pm - 5.30pm

Friday 2pm-5:30pm

Saturday 9:30am – 1pm

Tel. 01904 552 674

[dringhouses@exploreymork.org.uk](mailto:dringhouses@exploreymork.org.uk)



## Community Hubs/ Drop Ins

### **St James the Deacon Church** **Sherringham Drive, YO24 2SE**

Meet your Local Area Coordinator and Community Officer over a cup of tea and a biscuit. Catherine and Michal are at the church to give advice, connect you with the help and support you need, etc.  
Every Monday 1pm – 2:30pm

### **AGE UK Drink and Chat**

Friendly drop-in at Tesco Askham Bar where you can connect with others and enjoy a range of activities.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 12pm jigsaw, board games and a quiz

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm – 4pm tea dance and cake

Places are limited so must be reserved. Contact

[sarah.masters@ageukyork.org.uk](mailto:sarah.masters@ageukyork.org.uk)

Tel. 01904 933645

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### **St James the Deacon**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3:30pm-5pm

DJ and music-making workshops from Noise Academy, arts and crafts with Dandelion Arts, and a circus workshop from Circus Stu

Light refreshments with food and activity hampers to take home

No need to book – all are welcome!

For more info, contact

[Shelby.Graham@york.gov.uk](mailto:Shelby.Graham@york.gov.uk) or on 07759 719631



## Food Projects

### **St Edward the Confessor Church**

#### **Tadcaster Road**

Surplus food from Pret a Manger. Come along on Wednesdays between 8:30pm and 9pm to the church café area if you or someone you know could benefit from some food free of charge.

## Resources and Other Support

- **Live Well York**, an information and advice community website - [www.livewellyork.co.uk](http://www.livewellyork.co.uk)
- [www.york.gov.uk/BenefitsAdvice](http://www.york.gov.uk/BenefitsAdvice)
- [Warm Places in York](http://www.livewellyork.co.uk) visit City of York Council Website and [www.livewellyork.co.uk](http://www.livewellyork.co.uk) for information on Warm places
- **York Family Information Service** a free and impartial information service for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 for disabled children).  
[www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/FIS/family-information-service.html](http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/FIS/family-information-service.html)





# FAMILY CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES THE DEACON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
SHERRINGHAM DRIVE, YO24 2SE



Join us for light refreshments, arts-and-crafts, workshops from Circus Skills York and Noise Academy, and a takeaway food-and-activity hamper.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN EVENT FOR CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS. A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE.



For more information:



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