

16th December 2024

This has been a wonderful couple of weeks in school since the last newsletter. One of the highlights was with our Young Leader who planned an event for the residents of the Manor House to come into school and enjoy some food, Christmas songs and to play board games. Our Young Leaders were amazing and were praised by everyone that they interacted with. It was such a pleasure to see the joy on the residents' faces as our children spent time with each of them. The Young Leader initiative is something we are very proud of in school as it encourages our children to become positive members of their local community and they are already displaying what role models they are. Thank you to all the Young Leaders for the happiness they brought to Manor House residents. It was fantastic to see so many parents in school this week for the Open Morning for Class 4, 5 and 6. Thank you for making the time to be in school. The children and the staff thoroughly enjoyed you being in the classroom and we look forward to seeing you all again in the Spring Term!

The Christmas season is well and truly underway in school. Our incredible PTA did a wonderful job organising the Christmas Discos last week. All of the children had a fantastic time and the adults that attended shared how well run the event was. Our PTA always go above and beyond for our school and I am so grateful for their time and effort. If you feel you can join the team to help organise or run an event, I know they would appreciate it. Please contact the school office if you can offer some support, no matter how little you may think it is; it will make a difference.

I look forward to seeing you at the various performances that are taking place over the next two weeks! It may be an incredibly busy time of year, but it truly is magical watching the children enjoy the Christmas spirit!

As always, if you have any questions, then please speak with your child's class teacher or you can contact me via the school office.

Best wishes  
Mr Hope



# Knaresborough ST JOHN'S Newsletter

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## Autumn Term 2 Dates 2024

16/12 1400-1500 Y3 Y4 Christmas performance  
16/12 EYFS Trip to Stockeld Park  
17/12 930-1030 Yr2 Nativity  
18/12 9-12noon C1, C2 & C3 Class Christmas Party  
18/12 1400-1500 Y3 Y4 Christmas performance  
19/12 930-1030 Yr1 Coffee & Christmas songs morning  
19/12 1-3- C4,C5,C6,C7,C8 & C9 Class Christmas Parties  
20/12 School closes normal time for Christmas break

## Christmas Holidays

06/01 Teacher training day  
07/01 School reopens to all pupils

## Christingle Service at St John's Parish

At the start of Advent, a group of children attended the annual Christingle service in St John's church. Much fun was had as Mrs Helm was dressed up as a life-sized Christingle! All members of the congregation were guided through the meaning of the different components as they created their own. At the end of the service, all of the Christingles were lit and the church lights turned off. It was a magical moment. Huge thanks are due to the many parents who accompanied the children; I'm sure they will always remember this special morning.



A huge thank you to all our lovely Cooks in the kitchen for cooking a lovely Christmas Lunch for all our children. Great atmosphere and lots of fun!

A huge thank you to Hannah who very kindly donated our lovely Christmas Tree and to Rory who spent time one evening making the Angel for the top. Christmas wouldn't have been the same in reception this year without it.



## Coat Collections

A huge THANK YOU has been extended from Jess Price who heads up The Village in Harrogate, and for whom we have been collecting children's coats for redistribution to the many children and young people in Harrogate, Knaresborough and surrounding areas who might be in need of a coat this winter. The Village has been so touched by the generosity of families in our school - truly we are being the change we want to see in our town

## Open Morning

On Tuesday 10th December, Classes 4, 5 and 6 hosted their opening morning which was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed making Christmas cards and tree decorations and it was lovely that so many parents, grandparents and members of our school community were able to join us. Thank you so much for your support!



Happy Christmas and New Year to all our Families.

## Tree Number 33

Mrs Moore's Art club decorated the St John's entry to the Christmas Tree Festival this year. They made all the decorations out of old/used CD's which they painted or decorated. We went with 'Spinning around the Christmas Tree! Please vote for us! :)

## Sporting Successes

In November we took part in 2 sporting events at local primary schools within the academy. Our Y5/6 children competed in a cross country event and placed 3rd whilst some of our Y3/4 children competed in a tag rugby competition and placed joint 1st. We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of the children who attended and also praise them for the way in which they represented our school. They demonstrated super sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done!



## IMPORTANT DATES TO THE RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS

29/11 1500-1630 **PTA** BRIGHT FRIDAY IN PLAYGROUNDS  
02/12 0900-1000 **Yr6** Head Boy & Head Girl Assembly  
02/12 RETURNS FOR **PTA** CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER CUT-OFF  
05/12 1330-1500 CLASS PEN-PALS VISITING FOR TEA / COFFEE  
06/12 **PTA** CHRISTMAS DISCO'S  
**EYFS YR1 YR2** 1510-1600  
**YR3 YR4** 1615-1715  
**YR5 YR6** 1730-1830  
09/12 & 10/12 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR PARENT WALKERS (*TIMES & CLASSES TBC*)  
10/12 1100-1200 **Y3 & Y4** OPEN MORNING  
11/12 930-1030 **EYFS** NATIVITY  
12/12 CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY (*please see newsletter for menu*)  
12/12 CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY £1 DONATION FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN UK  
16/12 1400-1500 **Y3 Y4** CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE  
16/12 **EYFS** - TRIP TO STOCKED PARK (*letter going home Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November*)  
17/12 930-1030 **YR2** NATIVITY  
18/12 0900-12NOON **Y1 & Y2** CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES  
18/12 1400-1500 **Y3 Y4** CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE  
19/12 930-1030 **Y1** COFFEE & CHRISTMAS SONGS MORNING  
20/12 SCHOOL CLOSES NORMAL TIME FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



06/01 Teacher Training Day  
07/01 SCHOOL REOPENS TO ALL PUPILS

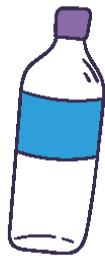


# SCHOOL GAMES LIVE

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**

**Friday 13th December 2024**

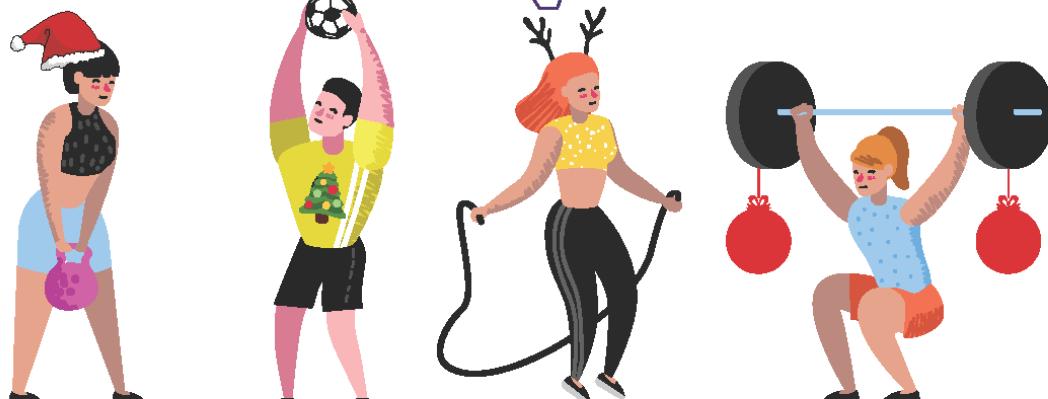
**10:30am - 11:30 am**



**3 x 15 minute active fitness sessions live via Zoom.**

**Find a space, log in and get active in preparation for CHRISTMAS**

**REGISTER NOW >**



**To join the live session click on the link below:**

[School Games Live Stream](#)

[Meeting ID: 895 7829 9868](#)

[Passcode: 864117](#)





**BRINGING A NIGHT OUT TO YOUR WORKOUT**



## **CLUBBERCISE HARROGATE, KNARESBOROUGH & BOROUGHBRIDGE WITH GILLY**

Clubbercise is a dance exercise class taught in a darkened room, with disco lights and glowsticks, it includes an amazing all over body workout to your favourite club tracks from the noughties to now.

**Monday's, 6.30pm, Boroughbridge High**

**Tuesday's 6.45pm, Knaresborough, St John's Primary**

**Wednesday, 6.30pm, Harrogate, St John Fisher School**

**Thursday, 6.45pm, Harrogate, St John Fisher School**

**Find me on Facebook: @ClubberciseHarrogate**

**Email: [gillyclubbercise@outlook.com](mailto:gillyclubbercise@outlook.com)**

**Tel No: 07752 968824**

**Instagram: [clubbercisewithgilly](https://www.instagram.com/clubbercisewithgilly)**





# Join us this Christmas

## TOY SERVICE

**Sunday 8th December, 10:30am**

Join us for a special child-centred service. At this service we collect Christmas presents for children in need in the local area.

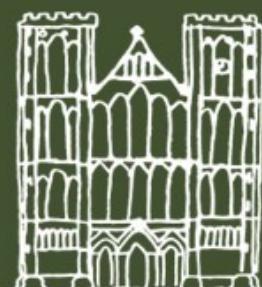
## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

**Tuesday 24th December, 11:00am**

This is an opportunity for children to experience the Christmas story for themselves by dressing up and becoming part of it! Followed by Christmas refreshments.

## CHRISTMAS TRAIL

**Thursday 19th December – Tuesday 7th January**  
A Christmas trail for all the senses!



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# Journey to Bethlehem

Christmas Eve  
11 am

Become a part of the Christmas story in this fun interactive service where we bring the story of Jesus' birth to life.

Come dressed up as your favourite nativity character (or anything else you like – everyone is welcomed at the birth of Jesus!)

All children and their families are welcome.

Christmas refreshments served afterwards.



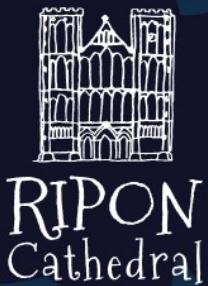
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# Sensory Christmas Trail

20th December 2024 - 6th January 2025

Follow a nativity trail for the senses  
and be immersed in the fragrant  
smells that symbolise the wonderful  
birth of baby Jesus.



Knaresborough Young Farmers

# Christmas Tree Collection

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Minimum donation £5 per tree for collection**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Harrogate, Pannal & Starbeck**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Knaresborough & Surrounding Villages**

(Farnham, Ferrensby, Follifoot, Goldsborough, Kirk Deighton, Lingerfield, Little Ribston, North Deighton, Scotton, Spofforth)

**Scan QR code to book in**



**Raising money for**



**For any queries, please contact**  
**[yfcknaresborough@gmail.com](mailto:yfcknaresborough@gmail.com)**

**All funds raised will be split between our chosen charities  
and club funds**

### **Walk to School Day**

This year we are taking part in several of the Knaresborough Walk to School Day events. These will take place on the following dates throughout the school year:

- ***Friday 22nd November 2024***
- ***Friday 7th February 2025***
- ***Friday 28th March 2025***
- ***Friday 23rd May 2025***
- ***Friday 27th June 2025***

Your child will be bringing home a letter with regards photo and video consent for these events. Please could you return the reply slip by the date indicated and then we can ensure that only those children who have consent are included in any images shared with Zero Carbon Harrogate and 3rd parties? We are working hard to arrange a special visitor for some of the events...last year Harry Gator from Harrogate Town made an appearance so who knows...maybe he will return?



# Is your child registered for **SCHOOL MILK?**

**Child  
UNDER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



**Child  
OVER 5**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

**Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.**

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

## **REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY**

Register online  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help?  
Send us a message  
at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)  
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248



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# HARROGATE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CLUBS

50+ ACTIVITIES, 2  
CHOICES EVERY HOUR,  
WITH FESTIVE THEMED  
ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY!!

FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
AGED 5-13

ARTY | CRAFTY | SPORTY | ADVENTURE | FUN  
BOOK ONLINE:  
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OR CALL 03444141313

**ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE**

MONDAY 30TH DEC  
TUESDAY 31ST DEC  
THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY  
FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

ENERGY & FOOTBALL  
AVAILABLE!!



# VENUE & KEY INFORMATION

AREA & VENUE	ENERGY	FOOTBALL	AGES	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE</b>	✓	✓	5-13	✓	✓	✓	✓

## PRICES

## OTHER VENUES IN: YORK

STANDARD DAY - 8AM-4PM - £34.50  
EXTENDED DAY - 4PM-5:30PM - £6

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

PLANS CHANGED? ADD OUR INSURANCE OPTION  
ONTO YOUR BOOKINGS AND RECEIVE A REFUND,  
CREDIT OR CHANGE DAYS IF YOUR PLANS CHANGE!!

FLEXIBLE DROP OFF BETWEEN 8AM-9AM

## CHOOSE TOTAL ENERGY!!!

TOTAL ENERGY IS OUR MUCH LOVED MULTI SPORT, ARTS & CRAFTS,  
OUTDOOR ADVENTEROUS, TEAM BUILDING FUN PROGRAMME  
FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13!! OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME RUNS AT ROSSETT OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD!!

TOTAL ENERGY ENCOMPASSES 50+ CHOICES OF ACTIVITES AND 2 CHOICES EVERY SINGLE HOUR! THIS CAN BE  
ANYTHING FROM FOOTBALL TO PAINTING, YOGA TO SWIMMING, HOCKEY TO DODGEBALL, CRAFTS TO DEN  
BUILDING, NERF TO TIC GAMES!!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON OUR TOTAL ENERGY PROGRAMME AND YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS  
WITH OUR CHOICES!! YOUR CHILDREN ARE SPLIT INTO AGE SPECIFIC GROUPS AND LED BY ONE OF OUR  
DBS CHECKED EXPERIENCED COACHING STAFF

WE PROMISE A HIGH ENERGY, VARIED DAY, FOR ALL INTERESTS AND AGES!!

## TOTAL FOOTBALL!!

OUR DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS WILL RUN THIS CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR AT ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE! USING THECENTRES  
BRILLIANT 4G PITCHES, YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE THEIR FOOTBALL  
DAYS WILL OUR QUALIFIED TEAM!

THE CAMPS ARE RAN BY OUR FA QUALIFIED COACHES AND ARE  
PERFECT FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE MAD ABOUT THEIR FOOTBALL!!  
EXPECT SKILLS, DRILLS, MATCHES  
AND TOURNAMENTS EVERY DAY OF THE FOOTBALL CAMPS!



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My happy  
place is  
curled up  
on my bed!



Simply harr' a wonderful wagmertime!

It's your gal-pal Kiko here to wish you a very happy festive season! Though I'm not a huge fan of the weather at this time of year, I have to admit that the Centre has never looked prettier! Our carers make a lot of effort to decorate - we've got Christmas trees dotted around, and our very own stockings outside our kennels.

I'll be spending Christmas Day eating some festive treats and having lovely cuddles with my carer pals, and I have my paws crossed that there'll be something nice for me under the tree. I'm a simple dog who loves simple pleasures, so I'd love a chew or a comfy new blanket! My happy place is definitely snuggled up in one of my luxurious beds - I make sure that it's perfectly plumped, maybe turn around in circles to find the right spot to settle into, and then... sleepy bliss!

Other than the festivities, what else have I been up to... well, my lovely friends Keeley and Dora took me on a car-adventure the other day! We went to a place called Grange Moor Park, and I had a nice little paddle in the river. I also have volunteer friends who come and take me for walks - I never thought I'd have so many pals when I first came to Dogs Trust Cardiff, but look at me now!

I'm looking forward to a Christmas full of friendship and treats, and I hope you are too!

Cosy cuddles, **Kiko XX**



