Strawberry Fields Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Many thanks to all families who attended the parent consultations last week. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school and to detail the progress made by your amazing children so far this year.

Thank you to those families who purchased a book from the book fair. We are awarded points from every sale which we can then use to purchase new books for use in school.
Have a great week,
Mrs Mumby



Volunteering Days
We have previously had the support of businesses to undertake volunteer days at Strawberry Fields, helping us to make improvements to the environment. We have a number of tasks to undertake to continue to improve the outdoor learning environment for our children.

If you work for a company which provides volunteer days to support local settings, we would love to have your support. Please do get in touch through the main school office, if you think you and your colleagues might be able to help.

You provide the helping hands, and we will provide the refreshments!



Community News
Look out for some exciting news from Garforth Lions who will be holding a Santa's Grotto event for children with SEND at Strawberry Fields on Saturday 5th December from 10am. Booking details will be shared, and children will be allocated a 5-minute slot to see Santa in a quiet environment.

GARFORTH AND DISTRICT LIONS







EYFS Christmas Concert

Apologies for any confusion caused by the change of times around the foundation Stage Christmas performances. For clarity, the performance times are as follows:

Tuesday 1st December at 9.30am
Thursday 3rd December at 1.45pm

We have had to amend some timings to accommodate setting up for our after-school club provision. Following the afternoon performance, if you or a family member is in attendance, you may collect your child from the Nursery or F2 classroom doors, once they have changed into their school uniform. In addition, siblings may also be collected early on this day.

Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received Superstar Learner certificates in today's Achievement Assembly. We are very proud of them!

F2 Red – Well done to Arthur
F2 Blue – Well done to Daniel
1 CF – Well done to Robyn
1/2 CE – Well done to Sonny
2 JL – Well done to Ava
3 GP – Well done to Alfie W
3/4 JH – Well done to Isla
4 MS – Well done to Archie
5 KM – Well done to Khalan
5/6 LB – Well done to Camilla
6 LH – Well done to Eleanor
Headteacher Award – Well done to Ivy in 4MS
Citizen of the Week Award – Well done to Patryk in
Lunchtime Award – Tobie in 3/4JH

Presentation to be proud of:

2 JL – Well done to Jasper
3 GP – Well done to Angel
4 MS – Well done to Tayla
5 KM – Well done to Millie
5/6 LB – Well done to Eric
6 LH – Well done to Sienna

Attendance

We encourage good attendance at all times and know that if children attend well, they achieve well. Our school target is 96%. We strive to support all families in meeting and exceeding this

target for all of our children, to ensure they grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Our attendance table this week:

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
F2 Blue	97.83%
F2 Red	97.26%
1CF	94.81%
1/2CE	98%
2JL	97%
3GP	95.67%
3/4JH	91.72%
4MS	95.93%
5KM	95.67%
5/6LB	96.33%
6LH	95.33%
Whole School	95.32%

Diary Dates

November

Monday 30th Launch of the decorated garland competition

December

Tuesday 1st 9.30am EYFS Christmas Production

Thursday 3rd 1.45pm EYFS Christmas Production

Friday 4th Sponsored Santa fun run, AM

Friday 4th Father Christmas visits Strawberry Fields, PM

Tuesday 8th 1.45pm KS1 Production

Wednesday 9th 9.30am KS1 Production

Wednesday 9th Christmas Film Night

Thursday 10th – Friday 11th 'A Refugees Journey' - Years 5 and 6 (The British Library workshop)

Wednesday 16th Christmas dinner day

Wednesday 16th Christmas Jumper Day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 21st DECEMBER – FRIDAY 1st JANUARY

INSET Days 2026/27

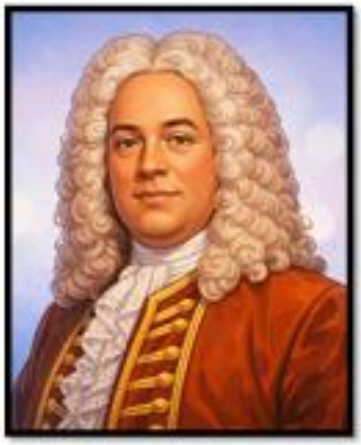
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Friday 18th December 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Thursday 22nd July 2027
On these days, school will be closed to children



HOME INFORMATION

November's Musician of the Month

George Frideric Handel







About: George Frideric Handel (23 February 1685 – 14 April 1759) was a German-British Baroque composer well known for his operas and concertos. Handel received his training in Halle and worked as a composer in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London in 1712, where he spent the bulk of his career and became a naturalised British subject in 1727. Handel's music forms one of the peaks of the "high baroque" style, bringing Italian opera to its highest development, creating the genres of English oratorio and organ concerto, and introducing a new style into English church music. He is consistently recognized as one of the greatest composers of his age.

Genres: Classical, Opera and Oratorio

Active from: 1696 - 1751

Origin: Halle, Brandenburg-Prussia (Germany)

Books to read...







If you like George Frideric Handel, try...

- Georg Philipp Telemann
- Johann Sebastian Bach
- Isabella Leonarda