Strawberry Fields Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,
As we approach the start of Advent, we have news of a fundraising event in school. Our Santa Fun run will take place on Friday 4th December. All children will be taking part, and it would be wonderful if you could support this by sponsoring your child.
Children can come to school, on this day, wearing a Santa hat, a Santa outfit or something red. Christmas jumpers are of course allowed! Further details are below:



Have a great week,
Mrs Mumby

Colder Weather

Last week, we saw the temperatures fall, and we are now expecting all children to wear their coats at play and lunchtime. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather and brings a coat every day.

Musical Success

A huge congratulations to the very talented pianist Enxia in Year 6 who competed in the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts recently. Enxia was placed first in 4 out of the 5 classes she entered. She also earned a second place in a duet with her equally talented sister. Amazing results, well done Enxia!



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

Garforth Lions will be holding a Santa's Grotto event for children with SEND at Strawberry Fields on Saturday 5th December from 10am. See details below:





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 Billy
F2 Blue – Well done to Thea
1 CF – Well done to Martha
1/2 CE – Well done to Connor
2 JL – Well done to Matilda
3 GP – Well done to Ella
3/4 JH – Well done to Alfie B
4 MS – Well done to Kai
5 KM – Well done to Barney
5/6 LB – Well done to Billy
6 LH – Well done to Noelle
Headteacher Award – Well done to Bobbie in 4MS
Citizen of the Week Award – Well done to Cole in 6LH

Presentation to be proud of:

2 JL – Well done to Molly
3 GP – Well done to Violet
3/4 JH – Well done to Lincoln
4 MS – Well done to Levi

5 KM – Well done to Benny
5/6 LB – Well done to Adelyn
6 LH – Well done to Aria

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	96.52%
F2 Red	88.13%
1CF	97.41%
1/2CE	92.67%
2JL	96.33%
3GP	92.67%
3/4JH	92.76%
4MS	93.85%
5KM	96%
5/6LB	90%
6LH	92.33%
Whole School	93.56%

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

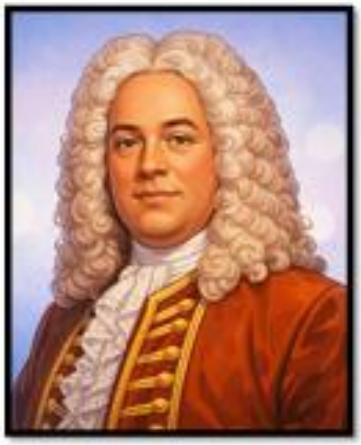
INSET Days 2026/27
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Friday 18th December 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Thursday 22nd July 2027
On these days, school will be closed to children



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