



Snaith Primary School
Newsletter Friday 9th January 2026

This Weeks Attendance 97.4%

We would like to wish all of our families a Happy New Year.

Mrs O'Connor

This week we said a 'cheerio' to Mrs O'Connor as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her family well and look forward to sharing exciting news with you all in the near future. We welcome Mrs Train to our school, who will be teaching the class, Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Johnson will be teaching Wednesday to Friday.

School Uniform

We are always so proud of the way the children are turned out in their school uniform. Please can I remind all children and parents however, that footwear should be black shoes and black trainers for PE days. We appear to have a few brightly coloured trainers creeping into school and ask that these are not worn in school (unless it is a specific non-uniform day). Children are welcome to wear plain black jogging bottoms to school on PE days during these cold winter months.

All teachers have been advised to remind the children of our expectations. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Road Safety

Next week, on Thursday 15th January we have the East Riding Road Safety Team in school giving the following training sessions.

Reception – Mini Pedestrian Skills, the session covers, walking safely near roads with a grown up, knowing how to behave when travelling in a vehicle, how wearing bright clothing in the daytime and reflective clothing at night will help keep them safe, the need to stop and wait before crossing and understanding where to do this.

Year 2 – Scooter Training, the session covers a road safety presentation and practical safe scooting skills, with their own scooters on the playground. On the morning of Thursday 15th January 2026, please bring your child's scooter to their classroom door, where a member of staff will show you where to leave it. Please collect the scooter from the same place at 3:30pm. Children are **NOT** to ride on their scooter in the school grounds before or after school

Year 4 – Pedestrian Skills, Training is made up of an interactive lesson in a classroom for around 30 to 40 minutes, followed by practical training, where small groups of children are taken out (4 or 5 children to 1 instructor) to local roads and taught the safest way to cross on roads.

Please note Year 2 and Year 4 sessions, even if it's raining, they will still go ahead. Therefore, we recommend a warm, waterproof coat, hats and gloves and suitable footwear.

Tennis Reception to Year 3

On Thursday 22nd January a tennis coach will be giving lessons to all children from Reception to Year 3.

Year 5 and 6 Growing Up Talks

On Thursday 22nd January, the school Nurse will be giving Growing Talks to Year 5 and 6. Details of the presentation will be emailed to parents before the day.

Supporting Safety On Line. Communication from the Children's Commissioner.

On Wednesday I received a letter from the Children's Commissioner, recognising the difficulties faced by families in keeping children safe online as 'real life' can be deeply entwined with the digital world. Based on surveys and speaking to children who had been victims of online abuse, the letter highlighted the following;

'Children were clear that they value firm, informed and protective boundaries when adults have concerns about the content they are accessing online.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you.

As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't." **Dame Rachel de Souza Children's Commissioner'**

As a result of the study a new guide has been created and we have been asked to share this with you. Please click on the link below (Ctrl + Click)

[What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.](#)

Community News

Snaith and Cowick Drama Group presents – Where's Father Christmas (see attached poster)



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term	
Spring Term	
15 January	Mini Pedestrian Training – Reception Scooter Training – Year 2 Pedestrian Training – Year 4
22 January	Growing Up Talks Years 5 and 6
13 February	Break up for the half-term holiday
23 February	School re-opens to children
3 March	School Photographs Free Pose/Class Photograph
3 March (TBC)	Parents Evening – in person
5 March (TBC)	Parents Evening – video call
6 March	National Child Measurement Programme – Reception and Year 6
27 March	School break up for the Easter Holidays
Summer Term	
13 April	School re-opens to children
4 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
11-14 May	Year 6 Sats (all year 6 children must be in school)
22 May	Break up for the half-term holiday
1 June	School re-opens to children
19 June	Sports Day AM - Nursery, Reception & Key Stage 1

	PM – Key Stage 2
1-3 July	Year 6 Residential
8-10 July	Year 6 Transition days to The Snaith School
17 July	Leavers Assembly
17 July	Break up for the summer holidays

Useful Links

School Uniform

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=81>

School Meals

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3158&type=pdf>

Staying Safe Online Newsletter

Please click on the link below to read this months newsletter

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3177&type=pdf>

School Holidays

Term Dates 2025-2026

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3038&type=pdf>

Term Dates 2026-2027

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3165&type=pdf>

An Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances Request Form, must be completed for all absences (not medical). <https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Attendance+%26amp%3B+Punctuality&pid=77>

Please can I remind parents that school is not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any booking. Penalty Notice Fines are issued on a per parent per child basis for term time leave of 5 (10 sessions) or more consecutive days.

As school is in session during these times, if your child does not attend school due to an unauthorised absence, school will not provide work for this period of time as children are expected to attend school to undertake their learning.

Penalty Notice Fines are also considered, if a child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 school weeks.

We are committed to improving achievement through attendance, and any pupil whose attendance falls below 97% becomes a cause for concern. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Government as persistent absence. If a child's attendance falls below 90% we refer all cases to the Education Welfare Office at East Riding Council, who is likely to contact parents directly to give support and discuss the matter.

(Parent, in relation to a child or young person, includes any person who is not a parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for the child, or who has care of them).

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