

Gargrave C of E Primary School Thursday 5th December 2024



White Ribbons

Nora, Landon, Maxwell, Eleanor, Eadie, Bobby, Grace, Caoimhe, Finley, George, Daisy-Mae & Elliott—A fantastic first class worship
 Bobby—Being a super friend
 Landon—Getting his first book with words
 Elena—Wonderful kindness & compassion
 Jessie—Fantastic independent effort in writing
 Reggie—Excellent kindness
 Maddison—Super effort & perseverance
 Taylor—Great focus in DT
 Charlotte—For taking great pride in her work
 Orla—Excellent contributions in English
 Violet—For being a great friend to others
 Alistair —Fantastic in music
 Betsy—Excellent work ethic and for always showing our core value of compassion
 Elijah & Finn—For showing compassion and patience in class

The Secret Room

There was a buzz of excitement in school yesterday in The Secret Room. Every child chose a gift for someone special. Thank you to our volunteer elves for wrapping.



Christmas Events for your Diary



Date	Event	Details
12/12/24	Apple & Ash Nativity—Boogie Woogie	1.15pm in Church—Everybody welcome to attend
13/12/24	Year 2 Carol Singing	Y2 children to go to Milton House Nursing Home (see note in planner)
17/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas jumper with usual uniform—£2 donation to go to Martin House Hospice
17/12/24	Christmas Lunch	If your child usually has packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner, please email admin@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk (Willow and Oak to pay on School Gateway)
19/12/24	Apple & Ash Christmas parties	Children can wear party clothes if they wish
19/12/24	Christmas Music & Dance Concert in school @ 2.30pm	Showcase from Music and dance this term from Mrs Evans and Mr Bullock—Willow & Oak Parents welcome
20/12/24	Willow & Oak Christmas parties	Children can wear party clothes if they wish
20/12/24	School Closes	Re-Opens Monday 6th January for Staff Training Day. Pupils back in on 7th January

School Cook Vacancy

Mrs Halls will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her well in her new job. This therefore leaves a vacancy for a school cook. If you, or you know of anyone who would be interested, please click the following link for further information and apply online.
<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/1834/0/442604/20071/school-cook-gargrave-church-of-england-voluntary-controlled-primary-school>

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Menu

This is the main choice—there is a vegetarian option and jacket potato available every day.

Monday 9th December

Fish Fingers & Chips
Anzac Biscuit

Tuesday 10th December

Meatball Tomato Pasta
Apple Pie & Custard

Wednesday 11th December

Roast Chicken Dinner
Jelly & Fruit

Thursday 12th December

Veg Nachos with Rice
Iced Biscuit

Friday 13th December

Beef Burrito & Curly Fries
Rice Pudding

Monday 16th December

Salmon Bites
Oaty Biscuit

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December

Pork & Apple Plait
Chocolate Crispie

Thursday 19th December

Chicken Pitta Pocket
Iced Bun

Friday 20th December

Lasagne & Garlic Bread
Grannies Crunch

Christingle Collection Boxes

St Andrew's Church, Gargrave have provided a collection box for each child in the hope of raising money for The Children's Society to help disadvantaged children. If you are able, please either return to school or take to the Christingle Service on Tuesday 24th December @ 4pm—all are welcome. Thank you.

TTRS Doubles Day—6th December

6th December is Doubles Day! For one day only, they are releasing special edition double guitars in the Avatar shop. Every child from year 1 to year 6 has an account so see if they can earn to spend on new things, Next doubles day is in 80 years!!!!

Apple & Ash Nativity

Boogie Woogie Nativity will be held in Church next Thursday (12th December) at 1.15pm. We anticipate it lasting about 45 minutes. Once the children have changed, you are free to take your child home, but please make sure to tell a member of staff from Apple class so we know everyone has left safely. If you are unable to make the performance, children can either be collected from church about 2:15 or they will be taken back to school for normal collection arrangements at 3.15.

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be provided by the PTA afterwards. You may take photos, but these **MUST** be for personal use only and should not be shared on social media as they may contain images of other children.

Swimming

The final swim for Willow class (and some additional swimmers) will be on Wednesday 18th December. We understand this is an expensive time of the year, but would be grateful if you could pay any outstanding amounts on The School Gateway. Thank you.

Staff

Mrs Halls and Mrs Robinson leave at Christmas They have worked for several years in Triangle Club and Mrs Halls went on to become our school cook. We wish them all the best for their future.

First Aid

For information. NHS guidelines have changed—we will no longer be treating head bumps with ice packs. This is to allow any swelling to come out. If your child receives a bump to the head, we will send a letter home detailing what treatment has been given and what symptoms you must look out for. We will contact you immediately if we believe it is something more serious. Supervision is key.

Tree Decorations

Are you looking for that little stocking filler that is original and homemade. Mrs Ellis has been busy knitting these little stockings again for the Christmas tree.

There is every letter of the alphabet for whoever you want to buy it for. You could fill it with chocolate or sweets or leave it as is. Mrs Peel will be selling them on the playground (£3.50 each or 3 for £10.00) every morning.



Advent News

As part of our Advent learning this year, linked to our Christian value of compassion, pupils across school will be asked to participate in a reverse advent calendar. Similar to Harvest Festival, children will be encouraged to bring in one item for Skipton Food Bank anytime during Advent. We will collect them in the school hall then take them to the bank during the last week of term. If you feel able to contribute, please choose one of the following items:

- Biscuits
- Jars of instant coffee
- Jams/spreads
- Tinned Potatoes
- Porridge oats
- Shower gel
- Washing detergent
- Clean, strong carrier bags

<https://www.skiptonfoodbank.org/home>
<https://www.familycorner.co.uk/what-reverse-advent-calendar-and-how-do-i-make-one>

We would like to enrich the children's learning about our global community by having speakers come in during the last week of term to discuss Advent/Christmas traditions in different countries from the U.K. Depending on numbers and confidence, we are looking for parents to either speak to each class individually, speak during a whole school worship time, or lead some craft/baking activities. If you feel able to contribute with ideas from your own family traditions, please get in touch with Mrs McLean at ash@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk. Thank you in advance!

Christmas Jumper Day—17th December

Wear a Christmas jumper with usual uniform for £2 donation. All money will go to Martin House Hospice—a hospice for children who are terminally ill. This is great cause.

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NEW YEAR CAMPS 2025
Awarded LTA UK Club of the Year | Reception to Age 12

TENNIS | FOOTBALL | MULTISPORTS

Dates : Thurs 2 & Fri 3 Jan 2025

Drop off : FREE from 8:30am

9:00am - 3:30pm : £25 / day

3:30pm - 5:00pm : £5 / day

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SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5 **Child OVER 5**

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

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

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Online Safety Newsletter

Dec 2024

Talkie AI App

This app is rated as 17+ by the App store and 12+ by Google Play.

Talkie is an AI chatbot app. Users can use the app to create and interact with AI characters.

You should also be aware that this app includes in app purchases ranging from £4.99 - £49.99.

Talkie does offer a Teenager Mode; however, the content still may not be appropriate for your child. Bark reviews this app here, and recommend that your child **should not be using this app:**

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/talkie-app-review>

Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

Internet Matters have collated their tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child based on different age categories. The information is divided into four sections:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with cyberbullying
3. What to do next
4. Where to get further help

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide>

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.

- Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.

- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.

- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>



Roblox

You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13. You can read the full report here: <https://hindenburgresearch.com/roblox/>

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

What should I be aware of?

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.

Age Categories

This article discusses the difference in accounts based on age (under age 13 and aged 13 – 17):

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428367965460-What-happens-as-I-get-older-on-Roblox>

Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - NEW

Roblox have just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.' The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit. You can find out more here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

Content Labels - NEW

Roblox have begun labeling experiences based on the type of content rather than by age. You can set limits on which content labels are accessible in parental controls. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted. You can find descriptions of each here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>

How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to-Report-Rule-Violations>

What else can I do?

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Positively online

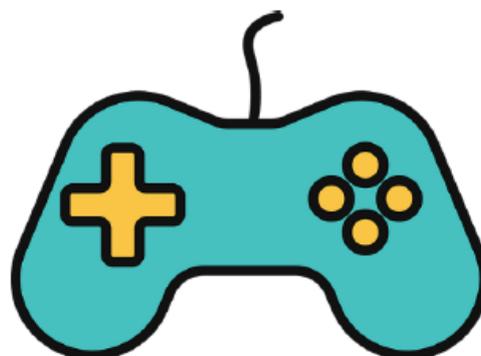
The NSPCC have published six tips to help you improve your family's online wellbeing. They also provide you with a guide on how to talk to your child about what they are doing online as well as a quiz that you can play together. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online/>

The 'Add Everyone' Explicit WhatsApp Group

The INEQE Safeguarding group have issued an alert regarding a WhatsApp group known as 'Add Everyone.' Find out more here:

<https://ineqe.com/2024/10/31/safeguarding-alert-add-everyone-whatsapp-group/>



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