

Allerthorpe News



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful achievements and experiences our learners have enjoyed over the past few weeks. From creative projects and exciting visits to the Castle Museum, to our involvement in National Tree Week and the joy of Christmas Jumper Day, it has been a term full of learning, laughter, and community spirit.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support at parents' events and our Christmas celebration—it truly makes a difference in creating the sense of belonging and partnership that underpins our school values of **Belonging, Respect, Inclusivity, Growth, Holistic Support, and Trust**.

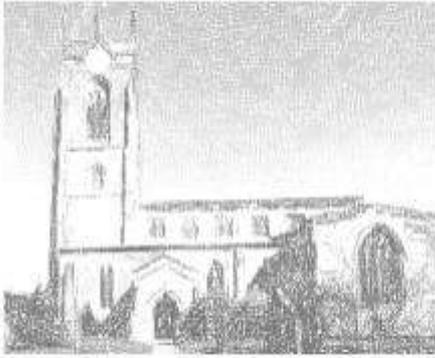
As you read through this newsletter, you'll find highlights of these activities, important dates for the Spring term, and a few reminders to help you stay connected.

Thank you for being part of our Allerthorpe family, and we wish you a joyful holiday season and a bright start to the New Year!

The Allerthorpe Team

Our School Values: BRIGHT Futures!

- **Belonging**: Foster a sense of belonging where every learner feels valued and accepted.
 - **Respect**: Promote kindness and dignity throughout our school community.
 - **Inclusivity**: Celebrate diversity and ensure everyone's needs are met.
 - **Growth**: Show dedication to continuous growth and development.
 - **Holistic Support (Help)**: Address academic, emotional, and social needs with care.
 - **Trust**: Build trust through transparent communication and safeguarding.



Did you see our Christmas decorations at Pocklington Church?

In supporting our local community, Allerthorpe School took part in the annual Christmas tree decorating event at Pocklington church this

December. All learners in school, and adults, designed and made decorations in our Thursday interest-led afternoon activities.

The School Council went to decorate it. If you did not get a chance to visit the tree this year, we will be taking part again in Christmas 2026.



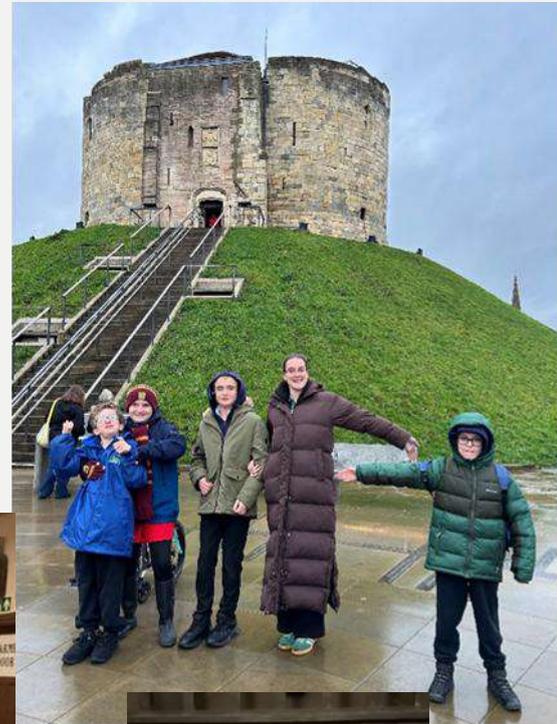
Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children





Castle Museum Visits:

The students from year 10 and class 1, immersed themselves into the Victorian thematic spaces and it was heart-warming to hear them relate things to Great Expectations when out with year 10!





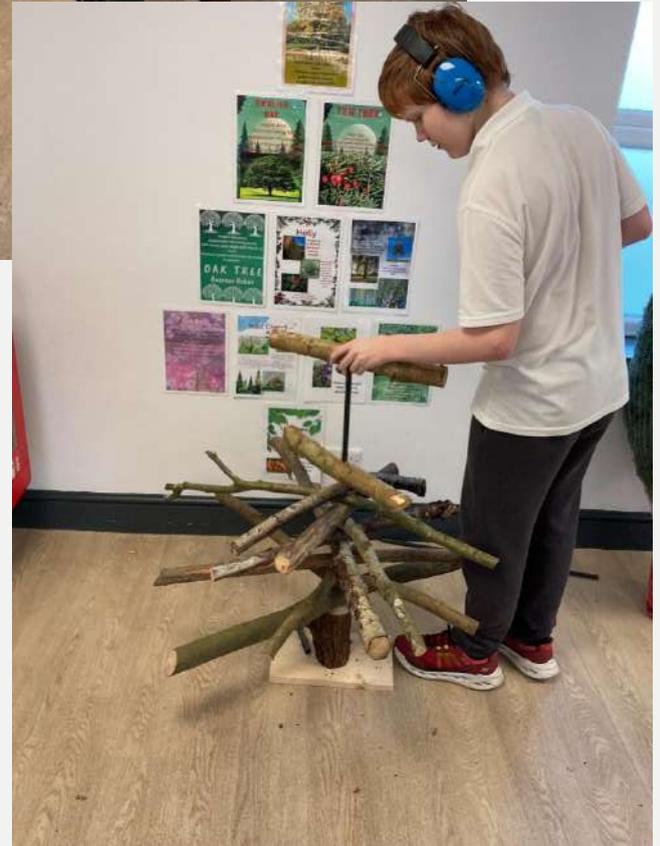
National Tree Week

National Tree Week in November, the school used natural resources collected from the local woods and areas that the learners visit. The learners cut the branches and drilled holes to make a tree.





The learners then stacked the branches in order of size.



The Tree will be used in the new year as a bird feeder in the playground to attract the local birds and learners can then watch them.

Christmas at Harewood House



Photography

Some of our learners in year 10 are studying photography as part of their qualifications. The learners took the amazing opportunity to practice some of the skills they have learnt so far while on their Christmas Visit to Harewood House, I think you will join me in saying what an amazing job they are doing:





Christmas Celebration Event:

Allerthorpe's second Christmas with more parents and families

Celebrating the Autumn term's successes and attendance



Our Family Fun Activity

Bling My Bauble



Christmas Games



Guess the number of sweets in the Jar



Pin the nose on Rudolph



Christmas Baby Photos – guess the staff member

Blinged Baubles



And a very special
visitor:
Lauren with baby
Ryder

Allerthorpe Sustainable Christmas Tree

The tree itself was purchased from a local garden centre less than five miles away. This reduced the carbon footprint significantly of the tree, which itself was grown locally. Tom from Year 8 was selected to purchase the tree, as his behaviour that day had been superb. The tree is potted and will be taken outside and brought back in again on a yearly basis.

The eight-pointed stars that surround the base of the tree were made from reclaimed pallets. Our Year 7/8 nurture class made these decorations by cutting at 45 degree angles. Our learners deconstructed the pallets themselves. The vast majority of the wood was used for making hedgehog hibernation stations, bird boxes and bat boxes, but the remainder was used for these stars.



Our BRIGHT school values of: Belonging, Respect, Individuality, Growth, Help and Trust, were made using recently cut down hawthorn branches from hedgerow cutting. The spacers between the letters were made from elder pieces, again from farmers cutting local hedgerows. Our Year 7 and 8 children cut the letters and elder spacers. The Year 9 and 10 learners used wood burning tools to burnish the letters of the BRIGHT school values into the wood. The learners then threaded the letters onto wires before turning them into tinsel-type garlands.



In one of our interest-led activities, Kelly sliced up oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruit, alongside the learners, then dried them in the oven. These learners then strung the dried fruit onto twine ready to decorate.



A class of Year 7 learners made snowmen decorations by using slices of a larger log found in a local woodland. They used a carpenter's brace drill to make the holes. Each log slice was painted white, left to dry and then tiny scraps of felt were used to make the eyes and nose.



The small Christmas trees were made again by our Year 7 8 nurture class. They used old t-shirts cut into ribbons to make tinsel and small scraps of felt as baubles. The trees themselves were collected by them on a community visit. We love going to the local woods and finding out about the bats and birds that live there, as well as playing games of hide and seek, with my son's Ghillie suit. The trees were nailed together using picture pins and then the rest of the decorations were layered on top.



Our Year 8 boys decided to make their very own sustainable Christmas tree with the last pieces of deconstructed pallet. They ordered pieces of wood from longest to shortest, then trimmed the edges off each side to make trapeziums and nailed them to a larger back vertical section. The regulation of these Year 8 boys whilst conducting their Forest School work has been amazing. They have each made a bird box also.



Finally, we finished off with some of the scraps of silver birch wood from the National Tree Week tree, cut into small discs and threaded with strips of old Christmas wrapping paper. These were added as final decorations onto the tree.



Other News

Spring Term Menus



DAILY LUNCH MENU WEEK ONE

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DINNER	Hot Dog <u>or</u> Sausage Potato Wedges	Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Bread	Chicken Curry Naan Bread	Cottage Pie	Fish Chips Beans or Peas
DESSERT	Jelly and ice cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Angel Delight Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Cake and custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Cookie Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Sponge Cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt

OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

DINNER	Pasta - Plain or with cheese	Wraps - Cheese - Tuna - Ham - Salad	Jacket Potato - Cheese - Beans - Tuna - Butter	Salad served with every meal
SNACK	Fresh fruit and vegetables	Cheese and crackers <u>or</u> Crisps <u>or</u> Toast	Waffle and spread (only a Friday option)	
BREAKFAST	Selection of cereals	Toast - Butter - Jam	Decaf coffee and tea Milk	

* Please note: This is the core weekly menu, however, we will be introducing our learners to new foods each week to see what they like/dislike for future menu options. Full allergen information is available on request.

DAILY LUNCH MENU

WEEK TWO

Spring Term 2025/26



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DINNER	Chicken Burger <u>or</u> Beef Burger Chips	Sausage and Mash Beans or Peas	Roast Gammon (Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Mash, Vegetables)	Chicken Nuggets Herby Potatoes Corn on the Cob	Pepperoni or Margarita Pizza Chips
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Main Dates for your diaries:

Return to school for learners is on **Monday, 5th January 2026**

Term Report sent home **W/C 16th March 2026**

Parents' Evenings: **W/C 16th March 2026**

Easter celebration event for parents' **W/C 23rd March 2026**

Please watch out for school letters; we use email and paper letters.



As the weather turns cold, we want you and your loved ones to stay warm. This website provides information on open spaces you or a loved one can use to keep warm.



<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space>

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