



**Upper
Wharfedale
Primary
Federation**

Grassington Newsletter 14th November

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

It has been a real pleasure to meet prospective parents during our open days this week. We've enjoyed seeing familiar faces looking for places for younger siblings, as well as welcoming new families hoping to join the Federation for the first time. A big thank you to our PTA and Friends groups for providing refreshments and supporting these events.

Next week, we're excited to host another fantastic curriculum experience: our KS2 children will be taking part in a **Volcano Workshop**—a great opportunity for hands-on learning!

Looking ahead, we're delighted to share that we've been invited to sing carols in the Square at Grassington on **Friday 21st November at 4:00 pm** for the Christmas Light Switch-On. The children will perform four festive favourites: *Rudolph*, *Silent Night*, *Away in a Manger*, and *Jingle Bells*. If your child would like to join in, we'd love to see them there! Meet in the square and look out for Mrs Steeples and Miss Thompson. Festive headgear welcome.

In this week's news

- **Water Aid Year 6 Fundraiser**
- **PSHE workshops are next week**
- **KS2 PE UPDATE - Reminder of change over**
- **Carol concert speaking parts FORM- Deadline today**
- **MP Christmas card competition**




- **Safeguarding - Kindness Online and Offline**

Water Aid Year 6 Fundraiser

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, Year 6 have been exploring ways to support and help those in need. After much discussion and a class vote, the children have chosen to raise funds for **WaterAid UK** - an international charity working to provide clean water, decent toilets, and good hygiene for everyone, everywhere.

To support this worthy cause, Year 6 will be hosting a **fundraising event on Friday 21st November** at **Grassington School** during **Federation Friday**.

The event will include:

-  **Potion Making**
-  **Cake Stalls**
-  **Loom Bands**

If you would like to support their efforts, please send your child with a small amount of money to take part in the activities or purchase items on the day.

We hope this event not only raises funds for a fantastic cause but also gives our pupils the opportunity to work together, take initiative, and advocate for something they truly believe in.

Thank you for your support!

WATERAID FUNDRAISER

UWPF YEAR 6 ARE RAISING MONEY FOR WATERAID

📍 GRASSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

📅 FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

🕒 1:15PM-2:30PM

Loom bands, potion making, cakes and games
50p to £2.50 per activity Please bring cash.

PLEASE
SUPPORT
US.



PSHE workshops are next week

A quick reminder that as part of our PSHE curriculum this year, we will be teaching pupils about growing and changing. Across the federation, we use Coram Life Education & SCARF to deliver high-quality PSHE and RSHE. Coram Life Education is the UK's leading charity provider of relationships, health, wellbeing, and drugs education for children. Their SCARF programme supports a whole-school approach to wellbeing and mental health, and our teaching is fully in line with both statutory Department for Education guidance and our federation's RSHE policy.

As part of our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with parents and in line with our policy, we would like to invite you to a parent workshop. During the session, you will have the opportunity to:

- View our RSHE policy
- See the vocabulary and lesson content your child will be taught
- Explore the SCARF resources used in school
- Ask any questions you may have regarding RSHE and other aspects of the PSHE curriculum

Workshop dates and times:

- **Cracoe** – Monday 17th November, 8:45–9:15am
- **Grassington** – Tuesday 18th November, 8:45–9:15am
- **Kettlewell** – Wednesday 19th November, 2:30–3:00pm
- **Burnsall** – Wednesday 19th November, 8:45–9:15am

Please inform the school office if you would like to attend, so we can plan for numbers. If you are unable to join us but would like further information or wish to ask any questions, please contact the school office by email or phone.

We value your views and look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Paskin

(PSHE co-ordinator)

Kettlewell Primary School

KS2 PE - Change Over 18th November



We will be changing group activities on Tuesday 18th November

- **Year 4** – will be taking part in **OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities)** and **Outdoor Learning** at **Kettlewell** with **Miss Thompson**. Please make sure children come prepared for the weather! They will need **warm clothing, waterproofs, and wellies or sturdy footwear** each week.
- **Year 3** will go to Upper Wharfedale
- **Year 5 and Year 6** – will continue swimming

Please ensure children have the correct kit for their sessions so they can take part safely and comfortably.

A reminder that jewellery including earrings must not be worn.

Christmas in November! Deadline for sign up today.

Carol Concert – Wednesday 10th December

We're looking forward to hosting our annual **Carol Concert** on **Wednesday 10th December**, and as always, it will include speaking parts for children in **Key Stage 2**.

If your child would like to be considered for a speaking role, please complete this <https://forms.office.com/e/dUJiLQZ3XX>

The form will close on **Friday 14th November**, and priority will be given to those who have signed up.

If we receive a high level of interest, **Year 6 children will be given priority**, followed by Year 5, Year 4, and so on, until all parts are allocated. Please note that speaking roles are limited.

We're excited to see the children shine and help make this festive event a memorable one!

MP Christmas Card

We have received a letter for our local MP Julian Smith regarding his annual Christmas card competition for primary pupils across Skipton and Ripon. This is a great chance for students to showcase their creativity, with the winning design featured on his official Christmas card.

Competition Details:

- **Theme:** Christmas in the Countryside
- **Deadline for entries:** Friday, 21 November 2025
- **Please send entries to:** Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA
- **Or by email to:** julian.smith.mp@parliament.uk

Entries should be on white A4 paper (no glitter/tinsel) with the pupil's name, age, and school on the back. Results will be announced in due course.

Thank you for supporting this festive tradition, and I look forward to seeing your pupils' designs.



The poster features a green border with a target icon in the top left and the 'Kanga Sports' logo in the top right. The title 'Kanga Kare - Autumn 2' is centered in a handwritten font. Below the title is a table of activities for each day of the week. A yellow 'BOOK NOW' button with a right-pointing arrow is positioned to the left of a QR code. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a gingerbread house on the left and a movie theater bucket of popcorn with a clapperboard on the right.

	Core Activity until 5pm	Cool-down Club 5pm - 6pm
Monday	Handball	Creative Drawing
Tuesday	Winter Engineering Challenges	Board Games
Wednesday	Winter Celebrations and Treats	Lego
Thursday	Archery	Trivia
Friday	Winter Film Club	

PROJECT REVERB



Newsletter

Seasonal Crafts and Gardening Clubs

I've really enjoyed visiting the schools this week, having lots of fun making things to do with autumn (especially with glitter at Grassington!) and tidying in the gardens with lots of enthusiastic help.

The All Age Service this week at St Micheal's



date for your diary

There will be lots of lovely things happening in December across Upper Wharfedale, please do follow Project Reverb on Facebook. For those of you who enjoy crafts, there will be lots to make and do at St Micheal's on Saturday morning 20th December, or simply come and see the church decorated for Christmas and enjoy a hot chocolate. There will be a story corner too...

Safeguarding - Kindness Online and Offline



As our children grow older, they begin to explore a new world of communication through phones, tablets, and computers. This can be exciting, offering ways to learn, play, and stay in touch with friends, but it also brings new responsibilities.

During **Anti-Bullying Week**, our focus is on **kindness**, not only in what we say, but also in what we **type, post, or share**. Words written online can have just as much impact as words spoken face to face. A simple comment, message, or emoji can either lift someone up or cause real hurt.

We encourage families to talk at home about **thinking before typing**, and to remind children that:

- **If it's not kind, don't post it.**
- **Messages and pictures can be shared, so only send what you'd be happy for others to see.**
- **If they see or experience unkindness online, they should always tell a trusted adult.**

Together, we can help our children use technology positively—to connect, create, and show kindness wherever they are.

For more information follow the link: [Cyberbullying - advice for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Grassington News



Wishing all our performers well this weekend as they take to the stage with Grassington Academy of Performing Arts and Dance. We know many of our pupils have been working really hard all year learning their routines and songs and we can't wait to see them shine.

Next Week: We are excited about the Christmas Lights Switch on Friday at 4:00pm in the village square. Hope to see you all there!

Shine Awards



Class 1

Ollie - awarded for working so hard on forming your letters! Well done Ollie!

Alice - awarded for using such beautiful words in your kindness card.

Class 2

Isla M - awarded for being a good friend and showing kind actions in school towards everyone. An excellent example to all.

Aurelia - awarded for her acts of kindness each morning when working with her reading buddy and always looking for ways to help her friends, teachers and others within school.

Class 3

Theo - awarded for working really hard and persevering with your maths. Well Done!

Mary - awarded for working really hard and persevering with your maths. Well Done!

House Points



THIS WEEK

Post Office 23 | Dales Market Square 12 | Stripey Badger 86 | Fell Rescue 80 | Total 201

TO DATE

Post Office 812 | Dales Market Square 659 | Stripey Badger 868 | Fell Rescue 1,023 | Total 3,362

Diary Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates for Autumn Term 2

Friday 21st November - Christmas Lights Switch On Grassington Village Square at 4:00pm

Friday 28th November - Stay and Play in Preschool

Wednesday 3rd December - Rewind to Christmas at Netherside Hall for Year 5

Thursday 4th December - Volcano workshop for Years 3-6 at Grassington

Friday 5th December - Author visit for reception children

Wednesday 10th December - Federation Carol Service at Linton Church 6pm

Tuesday 16th December - Grassington Nativity 2pm

Thursday 18th December - Whole Federation Pantomime visit

Friday 19th December - No Federation Working - Last Day before Christmas holiday

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Claire Greenwood and Wendy Thompson

Co-Executive Headteachers