

MYTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER November 2025

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Good afternoon

I can't believe we're already at the end of the second week back after the half term break. Time is flying by and before we know it Christmas will be upon us! Everyone has been working so hard again this half term. We've been having a good look at work in books and children's progress is great to see. The children have been developing independence as writers and improving their oracy skills on top of everything else they normally do. It's geography and DT this half term so it will be good to take lots of pupil voice and find out how well they've been learning in these subjects. You should be getting detailed curriculum information for your child's year group soon, so please do ask them about their learning.

We hope you can find opportunities to tick off some of the activities on our '60 things to do before you leave Myton Park' list. Please ask the children to share with us what they've done and we'll celebrate these experiences in class and in assemblies.

Anyway, we'll be in touch shortly with more information about all of our Christmas events.

Best wishes, Alison Morgan



OTHER NEWS:

We've taken the decision to merge the two Facebook pages to avoid duplication. For all posts, please refer to the Myton Park Primary School page where we'll do our best to share lots of learning and exciting news with you.

Forest School

Forest School has started in some year groups – we have a timetable in place and we'll let you know in advance when these sessions will be. During the winter months, the area can become quite muddy so please send wellies in to school with your child on these days. Don't worry if you don't have any, we have many spare pairs in school for your children to use if they need to.

Clubs

We're adding a couple of new clubs to our offer for after the Christmas break – so watch out for these. From January, there will be a slight and necessary increase in club charges to cover rising costs. Each session will cost £5.50 (only 50p more). We've already written to you about this but if you have any questions, please ask.

Children in Need

Thank you for all your donations – the children have had a great day in school and all funds raised (£250.60) will be passed on to Children in Need asap.

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

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Polar Express film night

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for this event. We've had lots of interest so we're looking forward to a festive, magical time. We'll send you information nearer the time about where to collect your child from.

Pond area

With all this rain, the pond is now slowly filling up again. We are expecting Tees Valley Wildlife Trust to return next spring to widen the pond and are hoping they'll agree to us having a pond liner so that we have water all year round. Fingers crossed! There's also going to be lots of tree planting around the school perimeter and along the fence between us and All Saints. I'm hoping this will give us yet more shade in the summer months.

For their own safety, please can you ask your child(ren) not to go into our forest school/pond area before or after school. Thank you so much!

Reading

We are working hard to strengthen further our reading for pleasure culture in school. Children have the opportunity to engage with book club in class and make book

recommendations in our Friday celebration assembly. Please help us by encouraging your child to read daily.

**20 minutes of reading per day =
2 million words read/year!**

'Every day at school counts'

The government has yet again highlighted the importance of excellent attendance in schools and has given us all targets to meet. Please remember that we cannot authorise family holidays, unless we are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is feeling slightly unwell (e.g. a cold or slight fever), we can give them paracetamol throughout the day with your permission so please do bear this in mind. Let's hope the winter bugs stay away!

Tesco Stronger Starts

This week school council had their photograph taken holding the large cheque that was presented to us for winning this grant earlier in the year. We have been told that the store had to keep emptying, counting and replenishing their token store as so many of you voted for us. Thank you so much! The money has been well spent for the children.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Autumn 2

Monday 17 th November 2025	Swimming Y3 (all week)
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	Flu immunisations (R-Y6)
Monday 24 th November 2025	Swimming Y3 (all week)
Monday 8 th December 2025	Christingle Visit to Church (pupils only)
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Early Years Christmas performance – am Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance – pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance- evening
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Disco after school, Reception to Y6
Friday 12 th December 2025	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Week commencing 15 th December 2025	Interim termly reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Christmas parties
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	EYFS Christmas party Year5/6 Carol Service – evening at St Francis Church
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
Friday 19 th December 2025	Carols on the yard
Friday 19 th December 2025	School finishes for Christmas
Monday 5 th January 2026	PD Day – children not in school
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Children return to school