



Christmas Stalls Tues 16th December

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Stalls event & congratulations to all the hamper winners.

Thankyou to all staff, students and PTFA – their combined efforts raised over £600.

Information about the PTFA's plans for further fundraising are included in this newsletter.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This week has been a real example of our Team Nidd community working and celebrating together. Thanks to Mr Vass and Team Nidderlicious, we were treated to Christmas lunch on Tuesday with the whole staff team involved in supervising our double lunch break and enjoying lunch with our students, including some Christmas karaoke classics from Year 10! Later the same day, students, staff and the PTFA worked together to put on our wonderful Christmas stalls event.

Yesterday, Year 11 enjoyed a trip to York Chritsmas markets as a reward for their hard work during this long term culminating in their mock exams.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support since September. Thank you to all Team Nidd staff for their continued hardwork and commitment.

Very best wishes for a restful and happy Christmas to all.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher





Across the last few weeks, we have said a few fond farewells to staff including Mrs Frady and Mrs Morris in the Inclusion team who are moving on to focus on supporting their own families in the months ahead. We also said thank you and goodbye to Mrs Henalla this week who has been a fantastic temporary addition to our team; teaching History and Geography.

After a total of 27 fabulous years across two periods of employment with Team Nidd, Mrs Cawley is moving on to new adventures. During her time here, Mrs Cawley has taught RE, History, PSHE (a little bit of Maths and English on occasion) and more recently Music! What a multi-talented member of our team! We will miss her greatly and wish her all the very best for the future.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Battye as our new teacher of Music and Mr Ennis as our new teacher of Geography and History in January. Both bring a wealth of experience of teaching their specialist subjects and are very much looking forward to joining our team. We will also be welcoming Mr Pickles as our new Estates Officer and are very grateful to Mr Davis and Mr Akrigg from the Trust for all the support they have given in managing the school site across the last few weeks.



Reporting Student Absence

Please ring the School Absence Line 01423 711246 or send an email to Mrs Jaques, School Attendance Officer

sophie.jaques@nidderdale.mlt.co.uk
by 9 a.m. on the morning of absence.

The Cairngorms Winter Team

The team are looking very smart in their new team hoodies and have continued to excel in their preparations for our rapidly approaching trip.

They've been putting their crampon and axe skills to the test on our evening training sessions, in the dark, on the muddy wet slopes of the Nidd Alps! They're bonding very well as a team, showing a lot of support & kindness towards each other and we're certainly having fun preparing for this adventure - thank you all for your commitment & enthusiasm.



Thankyou for kindness

Thank you to Callum, Zara, Harris & Oliver for their hard work baking, making cards, dressing up and hugely brightening 96yr old Barbara's day with their cheerfulness, care and sense of fun. This mission was completed with such efficiency, empathy and understanding of its value and in Barbara's words '*you've made my Christmas*'.

An absolute pleasure witnessing your kindness! Well done!

Miss Tuffs





Staff taking part in a Mental Elf Run

The Mental Elf Run on Sunday 30th November was a triumph of soggy enthusiasm!

Mr Harrison jingled his way into the top 10, fuelled by adrenaline and mince pies, narrowly avoiding several puddle-based disasters.

All the elves were determined and full of Christmas cheer, laughter echoed around Conyngham Hall as they encouraged one another proving even the smallest steps taken with determination and joy can make the biggest difference.

With every step they ran not just for speed but for a cause close to their hearts - mental health. The fancy dress standard was higher than a fairy on the tallest Christmas tree, and unbelievably, even *Elf and Safety* failed to take home a helicopter ride. Outrageous!

Rose Brown Year 8 was 'pleasantly surprised' to see some of her teachers dressed up and taking part in the event! Well done to Rose for running around the course.

Student Librarians Reward Trip

Our student librarians were recently rewarded for all their hard work helping run our school library with a trip to The Everyman in Harrogate to see a live recording of the musical Six!

As well as providing toe-tapping musical entertainment, the show retold Henry VIII's wives' stories through empowering songs, teaching history, gender roles, and resilience in a modern context.

Kindness Club Support Staff breakfast

On 28th November we were invited to be part of a national campaign to recognise a Support Staff Star. This was an impossible job for us as every member of this team is a star! So instead of a certificate for one member of staff, Kindness Club provided breakfast for every member of the Support Staff team.

From catering to site; learning support to pastoral support; exam support to admin support, we couldn't function without you. Thank you for your amazing contribution to Team Nidd and thank you to Kindness Club for recognising it in this way.



Reading Scheme Awards

As well as winning their bronze, silver and gold award badges, several of our year 7 & 8 students have been rewarded for their outstanding participation in our reading scheme with a trip to The Everyman Cinema.

This reward not only celebrates their hard work but also encourages a lifelong love of reading.

Well done to all the students who took part - you are an inspiration to others!

Ms Lester



Reminders

Term ends 12:30pm Friday 19th December 2025.

Staff training day Monday 5th January 2026.

All students return to school Tuesday 6th January 2026.

We return on a Week 2 of the timetable.

Year 10 Students Impress with Festive Buffet Creations

Year 10 Food students brought festive cheer to the classroom recently with a dazzling display of Christmas buffets. Their hard work and dedication shone through as they presented a wide variety of dishes, each carefully prepared and beautifully arranged.

The project formed part of the GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition course, where presentation is considered just as important as taste. The Christmas buffet challenge encouraged pupils to think creatively about colour, texture, and shape, while selecting tableware that complemented their dishes. The result was a series of artistic displays that showcased both skill and imagination.

Staff praised the students for their commitment and effort, noting that the festive showcase highlighted not only their culinary abilities but also their eye for detail.

Well done Year 10!

Mrs Gallimore



Flourish Curriculum at Nidderdale High School

Students in Key Stage 3 have been enthusiastically taking part in a wide range of Flourish activities as part of their personal development curriculum. Flourish is a dedicated programme designed to support students' wellbeing, confidence and personal growth, providing them with time and space to enjoy learning beyond the classroom in a supportive environment.

As part of the curriculum, every student completes one core activity, one physical activity and one creative activity each year, ensuring a broad and balanced experience. These activities are carefully designed to promote teamwork, resilience, creativity and positive mental health.

Across the programme, we have seen students develop valuable life skills. In cooking sessions, students have strengthened their problem-solving and independence skills, while chemistry experiments have encouraged collaboration, communication and curiosity. Creative activities, including crafts with Ms Carpenter, have allowed students to express themselves artistically, while art sessions have provided opportunities for students to reflect on and open up about their wellbeing through painting and creative expression.

Physical activities have also played a key role in Flourish. Through team games and our popular NiddVenture sessions, students have enjoyed being active outdoors, taking part in local walks, orienteering and bushcraft. These experiences help students understand the benefits of being outdoors, develop teamwork and build resilience while engaging with nature.

Overall, the Flourish curriculum continues to be a positive and enriching experience for our students, supporting their wellbeing while helping them develop important skills that will benefit them both in and out of school.

Mrs Kay



NiddVenture community work

Thank you to Harris & Oliver who took great pride & care in tidying up the garden of one of our regular NiddVenture customers.

The boys' work was hugely appreciated and a great deal of fun was had 'hairdressing' the plants, as seen in the photo below!



YOUR FORM COULD WIN A SWEET TREAT!



ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

The form with highest attendance next term wins!



PRIZE: A TRIP TO THE PANCAKE HOUSE with your form tutor!

Show up, stay on top, and enjoy pancakes together!

BE HERE EVERY DAY - DON'T MISS OUT!

JOIN OUR TEAM



We are recruiting for an Inclusion Support Assistant, a SENDCo Assistant and Invigilators

(Closing date 9 a.m. 5th January, 2026)

[Please click here to see the full details](#)

PTFA News

The new Nidderdale High PTFA launched in July 2025 with an aim of raising funds and organising fun activities for the students of Nidderdale High. In partnership with the dedicated staff team, the PTFA has organised three fundraising events over this Winter term. We kicked things off with a KS3 Colour Run on 26 September which proved very popular (and messy!) with the students. In October, we held the inaugural Mr. Connors Cup Quiz which showcased the brilliance of our entire community as Quizmaster Paul Rushworth challenged our general knowledge skills. During this week's Christmas stalls, the PTFA ran a few activities including a Name a Teddy, Sweets Card Bingo and a Santa Straw Pull to raise more funds and allow the students to eat even more holiday sweets!

We are delighted to share that to date these events have already raised £1,447.30 for the school. We will be working with the students and staff on how to best programme these funds and build on this success in the months to come.

However, **the PTFA now needs your help** and ideas to continue to grow our fundraising plans for spring 2026. Please get in touch if you are able to offer time, donations, connections to local businesses and partners, sponsorships, admin support or volunteering to run events. We hope to get as many parents and friends of the schools involved in our efforts as possible.

Please get in touch with us at nidderdaleptfa@gmail.com to learn more about how to get involved.

We on the PTFA wish everyone in the Nidd High community a wonderful, restful Christmas break and we look forward to meeting more of you in 2026. 🎄

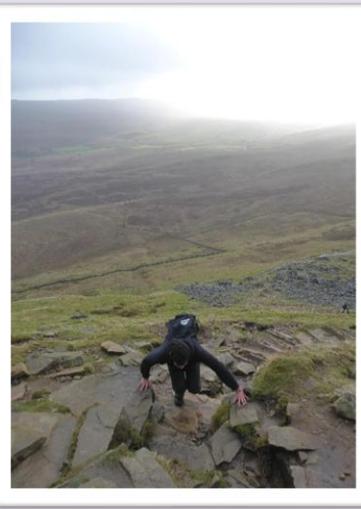


Year 10 Niddventure

Year 10 NiddVenture group completed their hill walking module with a traverse of Pen-y-Ghent, over Plover Hill and down into Littondale on a beautiful windy day.

All students have embraced the challenges of exploring our local hills and many have made excellent progress regarding their choice of kit for our walking days - the value of walking boots, waterproofs & gloves has now been realised!

Thank you all for some great days out exploring our beautiful Yorkshire Alps this term.



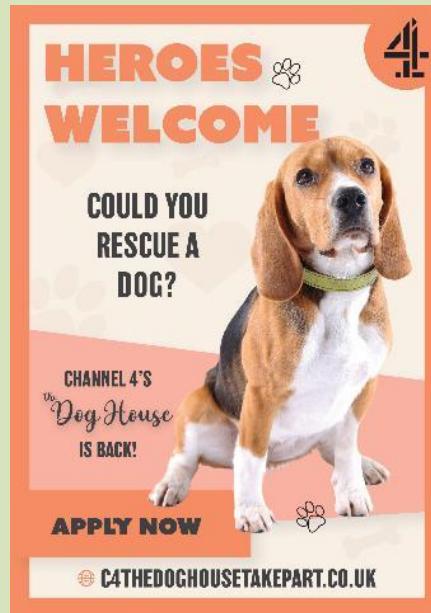
Rugby Success

Congratulations to Lily who has gained a place at Yorkshire PDG (Player Development Group) rugby academy. She played her first match on Sunday in a 12's tournament against Durham. Yorkshire won all games played, so a great result and a fantastic experience for the girls involved.



We have been asked to share this with you!

Channel 4's The Dog House is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! If you're interested, find out more here: <https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk> or email thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk



Equestrian Excellence

Congratulations to Isobel in Y11 who competed with the England Home Nations Team.

We are so proud of you!

