



Yorkmead Primary School

Friday 20th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the end of an incredibly long term. Thank you to all of the parents who came to the Christmas singing concerts, I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did!

Another thank you to all of the parents who came to read with their child(ren) today, what a great way to finish the term and the calander year. On behalf of all my staff and I, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! May 2025 bring even more success for your children. I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th January.

The Haunted Birmingham Writing Challenge

This term, a group of Year Five and Six children from Yorkmead participated in the citywide 'Haunted Birmingham' writing challenge sponsored by the National Literacy Trust in partnership with the University of Birmingham and Birmingham City Council. The children were tasked to write a scary story set in Birmingham. The aim being to not only to celebrate our local cultural heritage but our local writers as well.

On Monday, 11th November 2024, Kyle Turakhia from the National Literacy Trust, visited Yorkmead to lead a writing workshop after school, to assist the participating children to plan and write their stories. The children who submitted a completed story were then invited, with their family and friends, to the Library of Birmingham last weekend for a Haunted Birmingham celebration.

Eight children from Yorkmead attended and read their completed stories to an audience. Their work was displayed at the event and they were all given a book as a thank you for participating. I would like to congratulate all those children who took part; their enthusiasm for writing and their courage to read their stories to a live audience are a credit to both them as individuals and to the school. Very well done!

