



Absolutely incredible!

£23,160 was raised in 2024 by local primary and nursery schools through taking part in various fun activities. A real highlight of the year was the Elf Run at Christmas where 2,012 local children got involved and generated vital funds to support our essential work in the Hospice and in our communities.

Thanks to all these super schools and nurseries for raising funds in 2024:

- Adventurers Day Nursery
- Appleton Roebuck Primary School
- Crayke Church of England Primary
- Escrick Church of England Primary School
- Rufforth Primary School
- Skelton Primary School
- Maisy Moo's Day Nursery
- Blue Sky Day Nursery Pocklington
- Linton-on-Ouse Primary School
- Barlow Primary school
- St Joseph's RC Primary (Pickering)
- Carlton Playgroup
- Burton Green Primary School
- Chapel Haddlesey C of E Primary school
- Westfield Primary Community School
- Woodthorpe Primary
- Blue Sky Nursery York
- Fulford Pre-School
- Thorpe Willoughby Primary School
- Sutton on Forest Primary
- Dinky Groves Day Nursery
- Sutton upon Derwent Primary School
- Barkston Ash Nursery School
- St Mary's Primary, Selby
- Huby C of E Primary School
- Sherburn Hungate Primary
- Bugthorpe Primary

Here's how they did it:

- ☀ By taking part in our Hero Run or Elf Run
- ☀ Held an assembly about the work of the Hospice
- ☀ Cake sales and own-clothes days
- ☀ Dropping copper into our money spinner
- ☀ Raising funds for us at school plays and fair



Elf Run Fun

Children at all the schools took part in a warm-up assembly with Santa's chief elves from York Mix radio, Laura and Leigh. They got their brains and voices active by singing "Sleeps till Santa", and warmed up by Stepping into Christmas with their teachers!

The teachers had 40 seconds to make the best snowman using just a colleague and toilet paper! Every school had a brave teacher who dressed up as Santa to surprise the children in assembly before leading the run.

The children ran laps around the playground, enjoying the festive atmosphere, with snow falling from our snow machine as Lenny Bear cheered them on.

At Crayke Primary School, the final playtime of the year became an Elf Run, which turned into a whole-school conga!

“ The Elves at Sherburn Hungate Primary School enjoyed running laps of the school with Santa, raising a fantastic £3505 for St Leonard's Hospice! The cool down under the snow machine with a Christmas sing-along was very well deserved after all their hard work! Great job SHP! ”

Laura Binns, Headteacher at Sherburn Hungate Primary

Other stories to make you smile

In December, pupils from Huntington Secondary School, who have selected St Leonard's Hospice as their Charity of the Year, came in to help decorate our Christmas trees.

When asked if they had enjoyed their time at the Hospice, they said:

“It was really nice to have a talk and an insight into the work they do. But I enjoyed the team building a tree all together the most.”

“I enjoyed going to help and I enjoyed it because it was a calm environment, and it felt different and less stressful than school.”



“I enjoyed St Leonards Hospice because I enjoyed interacting with others in a place we wouldn't usually go, and doing activities for a good cause.”



Earlier in the Autumn Term, Huntington Secondary School also enjoyed a non-uniform day in support of St Leonard's.

To find out more or to book an assembly with us any time throughout the year, please get in touch:
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