

# Knavesmire Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

### Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Families,

Happy Friday! We hope you've had a good week as we are fully into Autumn.

This week we've been incredibly proud of our KS2 children who have competed in the York Primary Cross Country competition. Impressively, 11 of our children across Y3-6 have qualified for the next regional rounds across North Yorkshire.

The rest of school has been action packed with Forest School happening for Y4 in Rowntree Park, School House visiting Tropical World, Y6 visiting the Jorvik Centre and much more. All of these visits and experiences, as well as our learning in general, is driven by a Guiding Question/Purpose of a Big Idea. Your child will be able to tell you about their Big Idea and what they have learnt.

Finally, thank you for the fantastic support with dinners on Census Day yesterday - we really appreciate it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Gardiner



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER

We hope that the new School Newsletter format will prove helpful in better communicating information between school and home.

While ever evolving we will broadly including the following sections - please click on the links below to move directly to any section (direct links may not work on all devices):

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### \*\*\* NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS \*\*\*

The school email has changed to  
[admin@knavesmire.elc.org.uk](mailto:admin@knavesmire.elc.org.uk)  
Please delete any other email addresses which you  
may hold for the school



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THE KNAVESMIRE OFFER

If your family qualifies for free school meals (aside from the universal free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) you will also qualify for The Knavesmire offer. This means, in addition to free school meals, families can be provided with:



- a school jumper or a school cardigan
- a school footwear voucher
- School milk
- **one term free swimming travel costs**
- two half-terms of free extra-curricular club participation
- **free school trips**
- negotiated costs for residential visits

Please come to the school office for a form so we can order your child's jumper/cardigan, shoe voucher and milk.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free School Meals are automatically applied to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This entitlement can be extended to children where families are in receipt of certain benefits and earnings do not exceed a threshold. These benefits include:

**Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit)**

North Yorkshire County Council have launched an online portal for free school meal applications that will give you an instant decision on whether your application is successful:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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## OFFICE ADMIN

When communicating with the school about your child, please remember to include their full name and class.

Please note that as of September 2024 we are required to see evidence of any medical appointments. Please send any screenshots to accompany your absence email so that we can log this absence appropriately.

## MENU CHANGES

Please note the kitchen will be working on a reduced menu from Monday 30/9/24 until half term. Full details will be sent out by email next week.

We will only be serving sandwiches and jacket potatoes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Year 6 Library Assistants have blown me away with their dedication and enthusiasm for their roles. Each group has come to the Library with fantastic ideas for new initiatives to improve and revitalise the Library space for the benefit of the whole school. I am very excited to see their ideas come to life!

The School Library is open every day after school until 4pm. Please pop along to browse, read and borrow.

Miss Smith



*'It seems that almost everyone around here is loved!' said James.*

## CLOTHES BANK

Our fundraising and recycling clothes bank is situated at the entrance of the car park to the rear of the school. Please click on the following link to see Mrs Wogan-Wells from Y6 explain a little more about how it all works.

<https://online.fundraiserecycleltd.co.uk/bank?bankId=KnavesmirePrimary-School>

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

## REFUGEE APPEAL

There is a pause on donation collections for the moment, but please bear this in mind for the future if you have suitable items.

## SCHOOL MILK

If you want to register your child for school milk, simply visit [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register)

## SAFETY ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please be reminded that the use of scooters and bikes is **not allowed on the school playground** - it is too great a risk of injury to riders and others.

Please make sure you wheel bikes and scooters off the playground before riding them.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### NITS

Please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair. For information on how to spot & treat, please click on the NHS website. Do note that in many instances, nits look a bit like dandruff. Whilst we cannot enforce it, we recommend long hair is tied back to help prevent further spread of headlice - thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## LOST PROPERTY

Following a purge of lockers and classrooms at the end of last term, we have 3 full bin bags of lost property. Please take a moment to have a rummage before we recycle / donate anything unclaimed.

Check the Friends of Knavesmire Facebook page to view any valuable #lostandfound items.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140233959376362/permalink/6818721288194229/>

## THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

FANTASTIC NEWS - KPS Coffee Cart is opening on Monday

I am pleased to share the news that the Coffee Cart will open on Monday 7th October. Mr Taylor, our Pupil Mentor, will be outside Miss Hall's classroom, located near the main gates, every morning (when it's not raining!) before school starts with the Coffee Cart. Mr Taylor will be with some amazing Year 5 students who will be ready to sell some lovely cups of tea, coffee or hot chocolate, exactly what you need to start your morning.

All money raised goes back into restocking the coffee, tea and hot chocolate and any that is left over goes back to the school to help buy essential supplies. The young people who help out gain many skills and they thoroughly enjoy the challenges it brings. Miss Gilligan, our school SENCO will help out on a Friday morning and is available for a quick chat or to answer any questions you may have.

All drinks are only £2.00 and we accept cash or card. Please note that we do not serve coffee or tea to any children at school but we do allow hot chocolate as long as the drink is finished before the start of school and not taken into any classroom.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On **Thursday 10th of October**, it will be World Mental Health Day! We will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in this year's 'Hello Yellow' theme in support of YoungMinds. In school, we will be using our **class assembly sessions throughout the week commencing the 7th of October** to give time for the children to talk about feelings and provide a range of activities to help support the children with their emotions. The activities taking place may include creating a comfort creature to remind the children that they are never alone in their feelings or it might be simply giving the children some time to do some drawing and remind themselves of who they have around them to help them when they need. We will ensure that the activities and conversations taking place are appropriate to the children's ages and individual needs.

At home, we are asking you to try and find the time to talk with your children about the activities that they might be doing in school and how they might be feeling. As a suggestion, you could try and find the time to do some baking or cooking with your child, which will give the opportunity to work together, have time to talk and (hopefully!) result in something delicious to share at the end!

We will also be sending home some blank bunting templates as an optional activity. We are inviting every child to create their own piece of bunting, with the yellow theme, which we will put together and hang around the outside railings of our school grounds for everybody to see. Their piece of bunting could simply be a yellow drawing including something that makes them happy or it could have positive words of affirmation to share with others.

**These bunting templates will be sent home with the children on Friday 27th of September with the class teachers explaining their purpose. If your child would like to add to our 'Hello Yellow' bunting, please can all bunting pieces be added to the yellow tray at the front office by Thursday 10th of October.**

We look forward to celebrating this date in school however throughout the year we will continue to highlight the importance of supporting people's mental health.

Thank you as always for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gould

(School Mental Health Lead)



## CLOTHES LABELS

Our school will receive 30% commission to put towards school funds from every order where the fundraising number is quoted.

Our Fundraising Number Is: 11349

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# TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

## Year 1

Askham Bryan College Trip - Please see the email sent today (27/09/24). Please give consent and make payment by **Monday 07/10/24**.

## Year 3

Swimming - Please see the email sent 03/09/24. The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

## Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay Parent Meeting on Thursday 17/10/24, 3.30-4pm - Please see email sent 13/09/24.

## Year 5

Carlton Lodge Parent Meeting on Monday 07/10/24 - Please see email sent 13/09/24.

## Year 6

Barcelona 2025 - The payment plan is live on ParentPay. Please bring your child's passport into the school office so we can take a copy before **Friday 18/10/24**.

Jorvik Viking Centre Trip on Thursday 03/10/24 - Please see email sent 17/09/24.

## School House

Trip to Tropical World, 04/10/24 - Please see email sent 04/09/24.

## Other

Parents Evening, 12/11/24, 4pm to 7.30pm and 13/11/24, 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Please see email sent 27/09/24. The booking system is now open and will close on 11/11/24 at 11.55pm. Please use the link below to make an appointment:  
<https://parents-booking.co.uk/knavesmire>

York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican, Sunday 15/12/24. - Please see email sent 25/09/24. If your child would like to attend, **please complete the item on ParentPay by Thursday 03/10/24**. You will need to transport your child to and from the venue. Full information with plans for the day will be sent in due course.

You do not have to attend the concert as a spectator however, if you would like to, parents are responsible for purchasing their own tickets and can do so at the link below:

<https://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk/whats-on/york-annual-community-carol-concert-2024/>

Young Voices Concert, Friday 10/01/24 - Please see email sent 13/09/24. The deadline to sign up has now passed and we have submitted our final numbers to Young Voices. We are therefore unable to accept any late requests to attend.

Parents are responsible for ordering a T-shirt for their child (if they wish) and for ordering any spectator tickets (children ed a ticket). Please use the link below to order tickets and t-shirts.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=NDg0OS8xNzlxMTIz>

# CLUBS

The following clubs and music lesson are run in school by external organisations. Please contact them directly for more information or to book a place.

Organisation	Activity	Contact details
Ignite Sports	Ignite run sports clubs after school on a Monday.	You can sign up for these sessions on Ignite's website. <a href="http://www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a> or email: <a href="mailto:info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a>
Dance with Miss Caroline	Miss Caroline runs drama, cheerleading and street dance clubs for all school aged children on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday.	To sign up for these sessions please follow this link <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c">https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c</a> or for more info, email Miss Caroline: <a href="mailto:dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com">dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com</a>
Circus Skills	Circus Stu runs a circus skills club for all school aged children. This takes place on a Friday lunchtime.	To sign up please email Stu: <a href="mailto:stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org">stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org</a> or go to the website: <a href="http://www.circusskillsyorkcic.org">www.circusskillsyorkcic.org</a>
Rocksteady	Rocksteady are in Knavesmire on a Wednesday in school hours. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals.	For more information and to sign up, go to Rocksteady's website: <a href="http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com">www.rocksteadymusicschool.com</a>
Clare's Kitchen	Clare runs sessions for all school aged children after school on a Monday. These sessions give children the opportunity to plan, prepare & cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together.	To sign up please email Clare: <a href="mailto:clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk">clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Chess Club	This club is run on Tuesday and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer. The club is currently full, however, Larry would love more helpers at the sessions so he can accommodate more children.	If you are interested in being a parent helper please contact Larry by email. <a href="mailto:shroud.king@gmail.com">shroud.king@gmail.com</a>

## CLUB NEWS

### Dance with Miss Caroline

Miss Caroline missed out the times for her after school clubs in her recent letter. To confirm, Tuesday, Years 2-6 finish at 4.10pm and Wednesday, Reception- Year 1 finish at 4pm.

### Knavesmire Chess Club - FREE

Knavesmire Chess Club is open to all levels and is FREE. If you as a parent are interested and want to volunteer/learn please let me know using the form, you will need a valid DBS from the school to attend the sessions.

Tuesday sessions will be for Years 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday will run from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/QzLnkWzypbaSMnLs5>

Thursday sessions will be for Years 2 and 3

Thursday will run from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/s5EeJRfJneuobeNk6>

If you cannot make any of the sessions but want to attend another club see the links below:

<https://www.yorkchessclub.co.uk/> - Every Wednesday at Guppies (on Nunnery Lane)

York Explore library in town Sundays 2-3 pm during term time

Once you have completed the form I will email all parents more details.

If you have any questions please let me know by email to [shroud.king@gmail.com](mailto:shroud.king@gmail.com) or ask me in the playground. Ask around for Larry.



# MUSIC IN SCHOOL



## Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

The following music lessons are run in school by peripatetic teachers. Please contact them directly for more information.

Instrument	Name	Contact details
Guitar	Steve Powell	<a href="mailto:stevepowell726@gmail.com">stevepowell726@gmail.com</a>
Piano	Carolyn Amos	<a href="mailto:carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk">carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Drums	Alex Woolgar	<a href="mailto:alexwoolgar1@gmail.com">alexwoolgar1@gmail.com</a>
Singing	Alison Pawley	<a href="mailto:alisunr@yahoo.com">alisunr@yahoo.com</a>
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	<a href="mailto:marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com">marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com</a>
Brass	Andy Hillier	<a href="https://yorkmusic.ed.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form">https://yorkmusic.ed.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form</a>

## MUSIC NEWS

### Instrument/Vocal Lessons

The York Music Hub currently funds instrumental / vocal lessons with approved tutors for children who are in receipt of pupil premium funding, free school meals or who are looked after. From September the Hub will also introduce a 30% bursary for families in receipt of Universal Credit. If you are eligible for any of this funding and would like to register your child for a bursary please contact Mrs Hardy via the school office to discuss the options.

**School Band, CHANGE TO REHEARSAL TIME** - Please see email sent today 04/10/24. The School Band will now practice in the Music Room on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes.

### York Music Hub Offers

York Music Hub have a wonderful offer for Knavesmire families:

York Guildhall Orchestra Free Tickets (John Barry Film Music) this coming Sunday 6th October at 3pm. To book please use the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZgaN5Ajyy0ZB9iPhTCDs-bHZM9my-QOhNle1p0iOaV0FL1Q/viewform>

The free ticket allocation per family works as follows:

1 child ticket + 1 accompanying adult ticket

2 or more child tickets + up to 2 accompanying adult tickets

# KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
<b>Nursery</b>	10/12/24	9.30am - 10.15am Christmas Songs
<b>Reception</b>	10/10/24 12/12/24 13/12/24	Reception Phonics Evening 6pm 2pm - 2.45pm Reception Christmas Performance 10am - 10.45am Reception Christmas Performance
<b>Year 1</b>	14/10/24 10/12/24 11/12/24	Trip to Askham Bryan College 1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
<b>Year 2</b>	10/12/24 11/12/24	1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
<b>Year 3</b>	15/10/24 21/10/24	Mad Hatter's Tea Party 2:45pm Film afternoon 'Alice In Wonderland' - bring a blanket/cushion from home
<b>Year 4</b>	18/10/24 02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 02/06/25 - 13/06/25 13/06/25 18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25	Harry Potter Dress Up Day Play performance 5:30 - 6:30 Play performance 1:30 - 2:20 Play performance 5:30 - 6:20 Multiplication Check TT Rockstar Dress Up Day Robin Hood's Bay Residential- Class tbc Robin Hood's Bay Residential - Class tbc
<b>Year 5</b>	07/10/24 17/10/24 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Carlton Lodge Parent Meeting 3.30pm Space Exhibition 2.30-3.15pm Carlton Lodge Residential
<b>Year 6</b>	10/03/25 - 14/03/24	Barcelona Trip
<b>The School House</b>	Thursday (weekly this half term)	For Y6 & Y1 children who attend the school house, we have a weekly forest school session with Mrs Banham. This is the first lesson of the day. If you would like your child to have a change of shoes for this, please feel free to send them in.
<b>Other</b>	10/10/24 24/10/24 12/11/24 13/11/24 28/11/24 15/12/24 16/12/24 10/01/25	World Mental Health Day - details <a href="#">here</a> Pumpkin Festival - in and after school - details <a href="#">here</a> and more to follow Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm 3.25-3.40 KS1 Choir Carols in the playground KS2 Choir, York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican. 3.30 KS2 Choir Carols in the playground Young Voices Concert

# FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

This weeks Friends' contribution...

We hope you all had a good week and are slowly but surely getting into the autumnal spirit.

Your child should have come home with some more information about the Pumpkin Festival at the end of term, including a stripy bag as well as a pumpkin sheet to design. If you haven't received it, then pls get a spare pack from the reception desk. We even had already some competition entries back and we must say they're absolutely amazing. Could the winner be already amongst them? Who knows ... We're definitely excited what else the children will be coming up with - so keep bringing them in. Please also be reminded that it'd be great if you can help out on the day - there's a list at the reception desk where you can easily sign up. We would really appreciate it. And lastly, as the day will be also a non-uniform day, we have put up a costume rail in the foyer in case you're looking for new inspirations or simply a new outfit for the occasion. The suggested donation is £2 and all proceeds will go, as always, to the school.

And as the shops are increasingly making us aware, Christmas is closer than one might think which for Knavesmire means amongst other things, everyone's favourite Secret Santa will be back soon. However, for organisational reasons we have decided to go completely cashless this year and will only accept payments via ParentPay. Therefore, could we please remind you all to sign up to it if you haven't already done so. This way we can hopefully avoid any disappointment and allow as many children as possible to take part and get shopping.

Have a good weekend and see hopefully as many of you as possible at our AGM next Friday right after school.



Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

Registered Charity N° 1050289

# COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

## Booking Sessions for KCKC

To start making bookings, simply:

1. Click here to access the online booking system (or visit <https://knavesmire-primary.cbfs.uk>)
2. Register your online booking account (5 mins)
3. Use the 'Bookings' dropdown menu at the top of your Dashboard to begin requesting your sessions

## Queries and system support

If you have any questions, or difficulties navigating the online booking system, please contact Childcare Bookings for Schools (our partner for any administration, booking and finance aspects of our wraparound care) directly:

T: 01444 523335

E: [knavesmire@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk](mailto:knavesmire@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk)

Their office operates between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, all year round (including the school holidays).

**ALL bookings and changes to bookings, or payment queries, MUST be directed to Childcare Bookings for Schools directly. Neither the School Office nor KCKC staff will be able to assist with these queries.**

If you do need to contact the KCKC staff for anything relating to the day-to-day club (a change to the person collecting, a personal note regarding a child on a specific day etc) then please use the contact details below:

T: 07871 272672

E: [coolkidsclub@knavesmire.southbank.academy](mailto:coolkidsclub@knavesmire.southbank.academy)

Lots more information is available on the school website [www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc](http://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc)



# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## NURSERY MESSAGES

This week we have been busy creating a family tree which led to lots of discussion about the different people we have in our families. In maths we are starting to learn about 2D shapes, including a square, circle and triangle.

If you have not yet signed up for a parents evening appointment and wish to do so, the clipboard will be available upon request next week. Alternatively you can message Miss Parker on Dojo.

As a polite reminder, when collecting at the end of the day it is really helpful if you wait to the right of the gates (as you are looking at the building). We can then let each child out when their adult gets to the front. Once you have your child please could you move away from the gates as soon as possible so we have a clear view of the next adults. This helps us to keep things running a bit smoother and everyone a little safer.

Have a lovely weekend!  
The Nursery Team

## RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had another great week learning all about dragons. We have been making dragon nests, dragon eggs, designing dragons and we are making a giant dragon! We have been comparing size in Maths, continuing to look at rhyme in literacy and we danced to music at different tempos in PE. We are very short on spare girls clothes especially, please can any borrowed clothes be returned to us?

Parents evening slots are now available and these can be booked online, please see a member of the reception team if you have any problems with this.

Our phonics evening is next Thursday at 6pm, if you can't make it we will be sharing all of the information on the website or you can come in to chat with us about it.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## YEAR 1 MESSAGES

In Big Idea, we have been finding out what animals eat and sorting them into carnivore, herbivore and omnivore groups. In English, we have worked on composing simple sentences to describe the structure of animals, using the knowledge we learnt in our Big Idea lessons last week. In Maths, we have worked on counting backwards ensuring we say the numbers correctly. Next week, we will be thinking about how animals move and how their structure helps them. We are finding that it is taking the Year One children a very long time to undress/dress for P.E. Therefore, to help them become more speedy, we have set undressing and dressing as a homework task this week. We know this may seem a little unusual, but we would like the children to work on taking less time to change and become more independent as we are losing a large amount of our P.E. lesson due to lengthy changing time.

We will soon begin making our animal fact boxes and **your child will need a large cereal box** for their fact box project. Please send cereal boxes into school as soon as possible so we can store them ready for our work.

We thank you for your support in this and hope you have a lovely weekend.  
The Year One team.

# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 2 MESSAGES

This week, Year 2 have really enjoyed starting our new Big Idea and have already learnt a lot about Guy Fawkes! We were researchers and discovered many facts about him, including where he lived, when he was born and why he is so famous! In English, we have begun looking at factual non-chronological reports and are working towards writing our own report. In Maths, we have begun looking at multiplication and recalling times tables facts. Next week, we will start learning our first written method to solve questions that involve times tables we do not know! The children have also enjoyed a baseball lesson to show off our Sporty characteristic! This is one of the exciting activities we will be enjoying whilst learning about key figures in Black History month. Thank you for all of your hard work at home with reading and fluency activities. Please continue to ensure that school reading books and fluency books are brought into school everyday and on a Friday new books and fluency activities will be sent home. Finally, for an exciting science lesson in a few weeks time, please could we ask for a small lidded jar to be brought in by Monday 14th October.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

## YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a wonderful week! In Maths, they've been busy adding one and two digit numbers and two two digit numbers together using the expanded column method. In Writing, the children have finished drafting their informal, persuasive letters to invite their chosen guest to Year 3's Mad Hatter's tea party on Tuesday 15th October at 2:45pm. In Big Idea, the children have finished painting and glazing their clay clocks after being inspired by the work of Salvador Dali. In PE, the children have finished their hockey unit by playing small games within their classes. On Thursday, the children enjoyed their fifth swimming lesson and are really growing in their confidence!

If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact or speak to a member of the Year 3 Team.

Important date to note:

Monday 21st October - Children are invited to bring in a blanket or cushion from home to use, in the afternoon, whilst they watch Alice in Wonderland (1951 - U rating) to bring their Book Study of Alice in Wonderland to a close.

We hope you have a fabulous weekend!

The Year 3 Team

## YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week, we have developed our stealth skills, with a Forest School trip to our local Forbidden Forest (AKA Rowntree Park)! Following this, we further developed our sketching techniques by illustrating our own versions of Harry Potter characters.

English has seen us consider whether Charlie should steal an everlasting gobstopper from Willy Wonka and list arguments both in favour and in opposition of this.

In Maths, we have used the column method with exchanging, before applying this to a range of word problems. Our times table focus next week is 11X.

Have a good weekend,

The Year 4 Team

# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Once again, Year 5 have all been incredible this week! They have amazed us with their knowledge of the moon and have developed this learning by listening to some 'cheesy' moon themed songs. They also discussed whether they thought life existed anywhere else in the universe and made their own alien out of clay which are very creative! In writing, they have started to plan a survival guide on how to survive on the planet which they made up at the start of the term. In maths, they have deepened their learning on how to compare calculations and how to check answers by rounding and using the inverse. Next week, they will paint their aliens in big idea, complete their first draft in their writing (a survival guide for their planet) and in maths they will be learning all about factors and multiples. Please remember that we have our exhibition on Thursday 17th October 2:30-3:15 where you will have an opportunity to come and see our space exhibition and all the fantastic work your child has completed during this half term.

Have an amazing weekend,

The Year 5 Team.

## YEAR 6 MESSAGES

We've had an exciting week diving into our new Big Idea all about Life in Viking Jorvik! The highlight was our incredible trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre, where the children were absolutely fantastic, showing curiosity and enthusiasm throughout.

In English, we've been crafting detailed non-chronological reports about the dramatic Viking invasion of Lindisfarne, and in Maths, the children have been sharpening their arithmetic skills with great focus.

Well done to our cross country runners who represented our school wonderfully yesterday!

Wishing you all a wonderful, relaxing weekend,  
Year 6 Team.

## THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has had a busy week, continuing their learning about the Magic Faraway Tree and forests around the world. They have been using atlases to locate the Amazon rainforest (and river) and they have also learnt about the different stages of a river. There was some complicated vocabulary used e.g. tributary and source but the children 'soaked' up the new knowledge really well!

On Friday, we went to Tropical World, in Leeds. The children got the chance to explore a butterfly house (inspired by the rainforest) and also learn about lots of different animals that you find in forest habitats. We were really proud of the way the children represented school!

Next week, the children will start to design their own miniature treehouse, as part of their end goal. They will be using wood circles, branches and sticks that they will cut during their forest school session and then create a magical world on the top of their structure, inspired by the magic Faraway Tree. If your child has a burning desire to put something very specific into their design, they are welcome to bring any materials into school to use. Otherwise, we will provide various art and craft materials.

As always, if you have any questions, please come and chat to us.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
The School House Team

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

A research team at the University of York is looking into mental health service provision for parents and caregivers of children with SEND living in and around York.

We know that raising a child or children with SEND can be challenging and are interested in learning about the experiences of mental health support that parents and caregivers of children with SEND have had.

We have devised an initial survey to get an idea of parents'/caregivers' awareness and use of mental health services in the York area. We would like this survey to be filled out by as many parents of children with SEND as possible so that we can get a true picture of how services are being used and how parents/caregivers feel they could be improved.


There will also be an opportunity to register interest for follow-up interviews at the end of the questionnaire. Interview participants will receive a £20 Amazon voucher as a thank you for their time.


[https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8wYIjYrdhBad8c6](https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8wYIjYrdhBad8c6)

If you would like more information on this project or on circulating the survey, please don't hesitate to get in touch by responding to this email.

Many thanks,

Astrid Bowen  
Associate Researcher  
University of York




 UNIVERSITY of York



**Are you a parent/caregiver of a child or children with SEND?**  
**Do you live in York or the surrounding areas?**

Researchers at the University of York in partnership with Mentally Fit York would like to hear from you about **your experiences of mental health support services** in and around York.

We have created an **anonymous survey** to gather your views. This survey should take 15-30 minutes to complete.

At the end of the survey, you will also have the opportunity to register your interest to take part in a follow-up interview. Interview participants will receive a £20 Amazon voucher as a thank you.

 **Survey Link (Web)**

Scan me with your phone!   Click me!

**Thanks in advance for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you!**

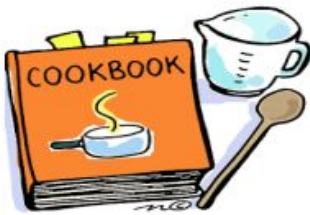
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or Astrid Bowen (Research Associate) [astrid.bowen@york.ac.uk](mailto:astrid.bowen@york.ac.uk)



# COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Are You a Little Chef?



## CLARE'S KITCHEN

After-school baking club - Year groups 1-6

Clare's Kitchen's new 'Baking Club' will begin on **Friday 13th** and run weekly after school till 5.30pm.

Fees are £12.50 per session payable upfront.

Contact Clare to sign up:

clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk

"Supporting children to reach their full potential in life"



## CIRCUS SKILLS CLUB

Come and learn circus skills such as juggling, diabolo, poi, plate spinning, flowersticks and slacklining!

Autumn Term (7 sessions per half-term) Friday lunchtime for Reception to Year 6, £6/session + bursaries for low income families

**Time:** 12:00-12:30 KPS main hall

**Dates:** 13th September - 25th October  
8th November - 13th December

Bookings are per half term - please sign up at <https://www.clubenrolment.com/CSY>  
(Club location = "Knavesmire Primary School")

For any questions or offline booking please contact...

Circus Stu, Circus Skills York CIC  
stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org  
07871 545388

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

See full timetable on our website!



## DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES!

**SPECIAL OFFER FOR KNAVESMIRE STUDENTS - TWO WEEKS' FREE TRIAL IN ALL LESSONS!!!**

BALLET - TAP - JAZZ - CONTEMPORARY - FREESTYLE - STREETDANCE - MUSICAL THEATRE - ACRO

QUALIFIED IDTA TEACHERS - PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES - GRADES AND MEDALS - FOR AGES 4+ - ALL CHILDREN WELCOME.

**Derwent Danceworks** [derwentdanceworks@hotmail.com](mailto:derwentdanceworks@hotmail.com)  
DERWENTDANCE.CO.UK **IDTA**



[dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com](mailto:dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com)

07540606684

**RE: Lunch and After School clubs**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are so pleased to be back at Knavesmire Primary School again this year, this term we can offer a number of lunch and after school clubs for all students. The clubs run for the whole term September to December (13 weeks). Payment **must** be made before starting the club, these clubs **CANNOT** be paid by PARENTPAY.

#### Lunch Clubs

**KS1** 12pm – 12.30pm, **KS2** 12.30pm – 1pm

**Tuesdays – Drama Club** (Miss Caroline) 10/09 – 10/12

**Wednesdays – Cheerleading** (Miss Chloe) 11/09 – 11/12

**Thursdays – Street/Commercial Dance** (Miss Chloe) 12/09 – 12/12

#### After School Clubs

**Tuesdays- Y2-6 Ballet Club** (Miss Caroline) 10/09 – 10/12

**Wednesdays – Reception & Year 1 Ballet Club** (Miss Caroline) 11/09 – 11/12

#### Prices

Due to increases in costs the price of the clubs has risen slightly, the prices are as follows

Lunch Club £3.50 per week - £45.50

After School Club £5 per week - £65

To sign up for any of the clubs please email by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm

[dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com](mailto:dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com)

Many Thanks,  
Miss Caroline

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES



## AUTUMN 1 SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Day	Time	Sport	For	Cost
Monday After School	3.25pm – 4.25pm	Dodgeball	Years 3 - 6	£6 per week

Any questions please contact James Shimmin  
[info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk)



### AUTUMN HALF TERM 2024 MULTI-SPORT CLUBS

**MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

**ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL!**

**CHILDREN AGES 5-12 (YR1 - YR7)  
FROM ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME!!**

**£30 PER DAY**

**CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!**

**8.30AM - 4.30PM**

**10% OFF EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

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**25% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

## Manor Church of England Academy

# OPEN EVENING

25th of September

5.30pm - 8pm

To book, please click [here](#)

We can't wait to see you!



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## ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL Open Evening



THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER

6.00 PM - 8.30PM

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 Students,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to All Saints Year 6 Open Evening.

To ensure that numbers in school are kept to a safe level, the Headteacher's talks will be ticketed events. Please use the link below to visit our website where you will be able to book your places for the presentation at the time of your choosing. You will need one ticket per person including your child.



Nunnery Lane, York, YO231JG  
[isenquiries@allsaintsyork.npcat.org.uk](mailto:isenquiries@allsaintsyork.npcat.org.uk)



<https://allsaintsyork.npcat.org.uk/students-and-parents/news-events/year-6-open-evening/>

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES



## How Children Learn Maths

A practical 10 week course for parents and carers to show how children are taught Maths in Primary Schools. You will learn how teaching progresses from Reception through to Year 6.

You will share ideas and fun activities that will help you support your child's learning at home.

Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30, 24 Sept - 4 Dec

St Nicholas Church Hall, Wigginton

Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30, 26 Sept - 6 Dec

Acomb Explore Library, Front Street

Thursday afternoons 12.45 - 2.45, 26 Sept - 6 Dec

St Aelred's Community Centre, Fifth Avenue

Monday evenings online 7.30 - 9.00, 23 Sept - 3 Dec

You can do a Maths qualification in the follow on course.

For more information call 01904 554277

email [york.learning@york.gov.uk](mailto:york.learning@york.gov.uk) or

visit [www.yorklearning.org.uk](http://www.yorklearning.org.uk)



## Autism Support for Parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism

### Wednesdays Autumn 2024



#### Fortnightly Topic Talks Wednesdays in Autumn Term 2024:

**Early Years** 18.9.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

**Masking** 2.10.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

**5-Point Scale** 16.10.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

**Autism and Adolescence** 6.11.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

**Comic Strip Conversations** 20.11.24-10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

**Coping with Christmas** 4.12.24- 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

#### Parent Group: Topic Talks virtual (a.m.) and repeated in person (p.m.)

Topic Talks led by the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism, including time for questions and peer support.

**Virtual: 10-11 a.m. On Microsoft Teams.** Due to confidentiality issues, we will be unable to discuss named children during this time.

**In Person: 1.30-2.30 p.m.** at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF.

#### Fortnightly Phone line (mornings) and drop-in (afternoons) Autumn 2024:

Wednesday 11th September 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 25th September 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9th October 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 23rd October 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 13th November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 27th November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 11th December 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

#### Parent/Carer Phone Line and Drop-in

The Specialist Teaching Team Autism are offering parents/carers the opportunity to talk to a member of the team regarding general issues and concerns about children/young people with autism.

**Phone line support: 9-12 noon** 20 minutes is allocated per phone call.

**In person drop-in support. 1.30-2.30 p.m.** at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF

To book a 20 minute phone line call or to book your virtual place on a Microsoft Teams Topic Talk session, please email your name stating which Topic Talks you would like to book to: [parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk](mailto:parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk). For phone support, we require your name and a contact telephone number for us to call you. We will send you a time slot for your 20 minute call. If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis. This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond to queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session. For in person drop-in sessions, you do not need to book and you are welcome to simply arrive on the day. Please be aware, sessions may be busy and you may need to wait to speak to a member of the team.

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

<https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org>
September 26th 2024



## NEWS LETTER

connect@pcforyork.co.uk

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### Meet the new SEN casework manager

My name is Rebecca Hairsine. I am delighted to be the new SEN Casework Manager for City of York Council and wanted to introduce myself to you. I first came to York in 2005 where I trained as a Primary Teacher at York St John University, and I have recently returned to the city after a varied career in education. A career which started in maintained primary schools, then on to the Falkland Islands, via special school in Portsmouth and finally back to Yorkshire to take up a SENCO role. I am passionate about SEND children and their families, committed to inclusion, positive communication, and collaboration to provide the best possible outcomes for all children in the City of York.





### Coffee Morning


Come Join us for a peer support coffee morning. All welcome. The first drink is on us. This informal meet up is a great way to share your experiences and get tips from others like you

**Tuesday 1st October, 10:30**  
Folk Hall, New Earswick

**Thursday 17th October 10:30**  
Acomb Library, Front Street

**Have you looked at our newly refreshed website ?**  
Visit <https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org>

Next edition 10th October
26th September 2024




## NEWS LETTER

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**Peter Roderick, Director of Public Health at York**  
Peter is wanting to meet with us at a Listening Event on **Tuesday 8th October at 6:30 online**. He is writing an independent annual report on the health of the city to CYC's Full Council, and this year he is focussing on the health of adolescents. Email [Connect@pcforyork.co.uk](mailto:Connect@pcforyork.co.uk) to attend this meeting and you will be sent a Teams link. Also please support / encourage your young person to complete this form to inform the survey

<https://forms.gle/5ke2TW5OgFeOQ7YK8>



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### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

NHS Youth Forum are working hard to improve healthcare transition within the NHS. Please fill in our quick survey to help shape the future of transitional care!

**Disclaimer:**  
Lived experience is not essential. All feedback will be anonymous.



Survey for young people (up to 30 years old)



Survey for parent/carer

For any questions/feedback, please email: [chris@youthforumyork.org](mailto:chris@youthforumyork.org)

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### Free Workshops with Daisy Chain

**Eventbrite bookings now open**

**10th October 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**,  
Explore library, York  
Understanding autistic overwhelm, melt down and shut down

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-autistic-overwhelm-melt-down-and-shut-down-tickets-1026724288987>



**24th October 24 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**,  
Folk Hall, New Earswick  
Understanding sensory processing differences

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-sensory-processing-differences-tickets-1026736605827>

### York Learning: Opportunities

**Supporting children with SEND**  
This free 5 week course explores SEND and how to support your child at home if they are showing behaviours which suggest they may have additional needs.  
**5th November – 3rd December**

**Introduction to Supporting Children at School**  
Free 12 week course for people interested in volunteering in schools, becoming a teaching assistant  
**7th January – 1st April 2025**

**Both courses**  
**Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30**,  
Westfield Primary School.  
Call 01904 554277 or email to book [york.learning@york.gov.uk](mailto:york.learning@york.gov.uk)

**9:30 – 11:30 Westfield Primary School**  
**Free childcare**



## YORK Learning

Family Learning

If you are receiving this email direct from us then you are on our membership. list Thank you. Membership ensures we can continue to represent our views in decision making in Health, Education and Social Care

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# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

## Free Parenting Clinics

with  
Anisa Lewis  
Positive Parenting  
[www.anisalewis.com](http://www.anisalewis.com)



October

10th @ 12.30pm

Anxiety

(3 to 18-year-olds)

Does your child show signs of anxiety?

What exactly is anxiety?

How can I support my child with anxiety?

Anxiety can manifest in our children through constant worry, excessive avoidance, social fearfulness, perfectionism and irritability.

If this resonates with you and you are curious join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 10th of October for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on Anxiety and what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on Zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:  
<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
or  
email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link

(The Clinic is recorded and the replay is sent out to all who register so you don't have to make it live)

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