

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Hello and Happy Friday!

We're really getting into the festive spirit in school - I am sure the children will have brought their enthusiasm home with KS1 and Early Years, in particular, practising their Christmas songs for all to enjoy!

Apart from the Christmas buzz we have had another busy week. We welcomed the Excel Learning Trust Trustees into school who enjoyed a tour of the school. Year 4 have visited The Merchant Adventurers Hall as well as holding their Greek Dress Up Day. Today is Santa's Secret Shop which has been organised, as always, by our fabulous Friends of Knavesmire - the amount of thought and hard work that goes into organising this magical event cannot be underestimated and is always appreciated.

Looking into next week, we are very much looking forward to another packed week, with Christmas Dinner on Wednesday - please remember children can also wear Christmas Jumpers, accessories or non-uniform on that day. We'll be rounding up the week with the Christmas Disco on Friday after school - a reminder of times for different year groups can be found in the details below.

Have a wonderful weekend and please stay safe as it looks like it's going to be a stormy one!

Mr Cooper & 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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NUT FREE SCHOOL



For the safety and health of our school we are committed to being Nut Free

We need your help to make our school a safe place for those with food allergies.

Please do not bring any nut products into school.



Some examples of foods containing nuts - some are not as obvious as others...



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>

*** NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS ***

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

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

[Week 3 Permanent Menu Change](#)

[Mondays](#)

[Red](#) Bacon Macaroni Cheese

[Green](#) Macaroni Cheese

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

We will be asking for all Library Books returning ahead of the Christmas Holidays so please check to see if you have any at home!

Just a reminder that your child has a library session scheduled each week - please ensure that your child's library book is in school on that day to swap for a new one. If you find any library books at home which may have been 'lost' please return them to the box in the School Office.

Miss Smith



" 'But my dear boy,' he cried out,
'that means you've won!'"

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

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

'Tis the season for discarding unnamed warm stuff. We have set up a box for lost hats, gloves and scarves in the gazebo on the playground.

Named clothing, if found, will be sent to class. Unnamed clothing will be donated or recycled if an owner can't be found.

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

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

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

I am pleased to share the news that the Coffee Cart is back in the playground in the mornings. 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.



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Our Fundraising
Number Is: 11349

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

(Please see next page for Christmas activities and performances)

Year 3

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

Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay - Please see email sent (18/10/24). The payment item is now live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **28/02/25**.

Year 5

Astrocampus at York University, 12/12/24 - See email sent 15/11/24. Please can children arrive at school at 8.30am on the day of the trip and bring a packed lunch. **We need more parent helpers for this trip. If you can help, please speak to one of the Y5 team or email the school office.**

Matilda Performance at Millthorpe School, 16/12/24 - See email sent 15/11/24. Children need a packed lunch for this trip.

Art Workshop at Millthorpe School, 17/12/24 - See email sent 22/11/24. No additional consent required.

Carlton Lodge - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is now live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **31/12/24**.

Year 6

Barcelona 2025 - The payment plan is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **30/12/24**.

Other

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.

YORK MINSTER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Knivesmire Primary School has decorated one of approximately 200 Christmas Trees at York Minster for this year's Christmas Tree Festival. Our theme this year is The Nutcracker. Children from Nursery to Year 5 have participated in making decorations for our tree.

Opening Times

The festival will open to the public on Saturday 30th November, with a special *family friendly Saturday* service at 10am, to which all participating organisations are invited, and will run until Sunday 5th January 2025.

Entrance to the Minster is free to York residents with proof of address and will also be free to participating organisations.

More information on the event can be found here:

<https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/event/christmas-tree-festival/>



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & PERFORMANCES



Nursery

-Nursery Christmas Sing Along, Tues 10/12/24, 9.30am - 10.15am - Information will be communicated through Class Dojo.

-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 3.30pm - 4pm - See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.

Reception

-Christmas Play, Thurs 12/12/24, 2pm - 2.45p, and Fri 13/12/24, 10am - 10.45am - See email sent 05/11/24. Please book tickets using the booking system. <https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp>

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-St Chad's Carol Concert, Wed 18/12/24, 2pm - 2.45pm - See email sent 08/11/24. No need to book, just turn up!

-Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner, Wed 11/12/24 - Thank you all for completing the ParentPay item.

Year 1

-Christmas Play, Tues 10/12/24, 1.45pm - 2.30pm and Wed 11/12/24, 9.45am - 10.30am - See email sent 05/11/24. Please book tickets using the booking system. <https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp>

-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 4.15pm - 5pm - See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.

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-Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner, Wed 11/12/24 - Thank you all for completing the ParentPay item.

Year 2

-Christmas Play, Tues 10/12/24, 1.45pm - 2.30pm and Wed 11/12/24, 9.45am - 10.30am - See email sent 05/11/24. Please book tickets using the booking system. <https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp>

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Year 3

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-York Youth Orchestra Christmas Rehearsal and Concert at Millthorpe School - Please see email sent today (29/11/24) with further information. (The deadline has now passed to sign up your child.)

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & PERFORMANCES (Cont)



Year 4

-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 5.15pm - 6pm - See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.

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-Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner, Wed 11/12/24 - Thank you all for completing the ParentPay item.

Year 5

-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 5.15pm - 6pm - See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.

-St Chad's Carol Concert, Thurs 19/12/24, 2pm - 2.45pm - See email sent 08/11/24. No need to book, just turn up!

-Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner, Wed 11/12/24 - Thank you all for completing the ParentPay item.

Year 6

-Christmas Disco, Fri 13/12/24, 5.15pm - 6pm - See email sent 08/11/24. Please pay voluntary donation of £1 on ParentPay or pay £1 on the door on the night. Children can also bring cash to spend at the FoKPS tuck shop.

-St Chad's Carol Concert, Wed 18/12/24, 2pm - 2.45pm and Thurs 19/12/24, 2pm - 2.45pm - See email sent 08/11/24. No need to book, just turn up!

-Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner, Wed 11/12/24 - Thank you all for completing the ParentPay item.

-Choir Members singing in St Helen's Square, 30/11/24 - This has been rearranged for this Saturday. (The deadline has now passed to sign up your child.)

Other

-KS2 Choir at York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican, Sunday 15/12/24. - Please see email sent 27/11/24 with arrangements for the day. Parents/carers need to transport their child to and from the venue. The deadline has now passed to sign up your child.

You do not have to attend the concert as a spectator however, if you would like to, parents/carers 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/>

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. www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk or email: info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk
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 https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c or for more info, email Miss Caroline: dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com
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: stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org or go to the website: www.circusskillsyorkcic.org
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: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
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: clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk
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. shroud.king@gmail.com

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 or ask me in the playground. Ask around for Larry.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL



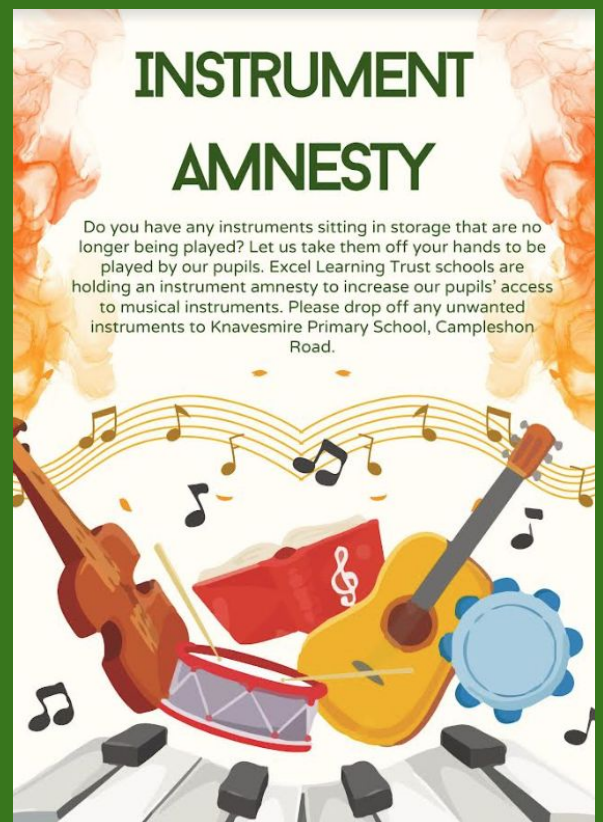
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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	stevepowell726@gmail.com
Piano	Carolyn Amos	carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk
Drums	Alex Woolgar	alexwoolgar1@gmail.com
Singing	Alison Pawley	alisunr@yahoo.com
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com
Brass	Andy Hillier	https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form

MUSIC NEWS

Please check back for updates



KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery	10/12/24	9.30am - 10.15am Christmas Songs
Reception	12/12/24 13/12/24	2pm - 2.45pm Reception Christmas Performance 10am - 10.45am Reception Christmas Performance
Year 1	10/12/24 11/12/24	1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
Year 2	10/12/24 11/12/24	1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
Year 3	11/12/24 14/12/24 17/12/14	6.45 - 7.30pm York Youth Orchestra Christmas Rehearsal @ Millthorpe 3pm - York Youth Orchestra Christmas Concert @ Millthorpe 2.45 - 3.15pm - Ancient Egypt Big Idea Exhibition
Year 4	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	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
Year 5	12/12/24 16/12/24 17/12/24 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Astrocampus Trip Matilda Trip @Millthorpe School Art Workshop @ Millthorpe School Carlton Lodge Residential
Year 6	10/03/25 - 14/03/25	Barcelona Trip
The School House		
Other	11/12/24 13/12/24 15/12/24 16/12/24 18/12/24 19/12/24 10/01/25	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Disco. Nursery and Reception - 3.30pm - 4pm, Years 1-3 - 4.15pm - 5pm, Years 4-6 - 5.15pm - 6pm KS2 Choir, York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican. 3.30 KS2 Choir Carols in the playground 2pm. Christmas Concert at St Chads - Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 2pm. Christmas Concert at St Chads - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 Young Voices Concert

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

Ho, ho, ho ... and that's a wrap on this year's Secret Santa. We're hoping you're all very excited what might be in those parcels that came home today. The children definitely had a lot of fun choosing them and we loved watching their happy faces as well as listening to some very funny comments. One of our absolute favourites definitely was "I'm looking for a present for a very childish man" =) Thanks to all the helpers who made this day possible - the shoppers, wrappers and everyone who helped setting up as well as running the event. It's everyone's favourite occasion and we love doing it.

Next up will be the Christmas Jumper Day which will also be a non-uniform day and during which the children will get a Christmas dinner complete with crackers!!! What's not to like?!

And then there will of course be another children's favourite - the school disco! Whoop whoop! The disco will be next Friday, 13th December and be held in three stages (times and year group allocations should be known from the Friends Christmas letter and the circulating reminders in your year groups). Everyone is already very excited and we can't wait to see the children's moves.

Lastly, we wanted to make everyone in Reception and the KS1 year groups aware that group pictures from the dress rehearsals for their respective Christmas plays is available on ParentPay to buy for £2.50. Due to it being so close to Christmas we set the deadline to purchase the pictures for Friday the 13th December. This way we hopefully can get them to you before the holidays. So keep an eye out for them if you want to get your hands on one.

Have a good weekend everyone (and no snooping around those presents till Christmas Day ;)



Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

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COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR STAFF TRAINING DAYS ARE AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH CHILDCARE BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOLS - THEY WILL BE FOUND UNDER 'HOLIDAY CAMP' ON YOUR BOOKING ACCOUNT

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Bookings are now open for the Christmas Holidays. KCKC will be open as follows:-

Monday 23rd December 2024

Thursday 2nd January 2025

Friday 3rd January 2025

Monday 6th January 2025

If you would like to book spaces, please follow the instructions below.

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

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

Lots more information is available on the school website www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc

CLUB INFORMATION

BREAKFAST CLUB

We serve Breakfast between 7.45am and 8.30am. If you require your child/children to have breakfast, please ensure that they are at KCKC no later than 8.20am.

BIKES

Now that the evenings have drawn in, we advise Parents that bikes should be locked-up in the bike shed in the staff car park to the rear of school, so that they are easily accessible when collecting your child/children from KCKC in the evening.

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

We note that there are a large number of outstanding invoices on ParentPay from before the change over to the new booking and payment system. Please can all Parents check their ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding balances. If you believe that you have already paid by vouchers please can you provide KCKC with all the relevant information regarding payment, including voucher type, amount paid and date of payment.



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

This week in Nursery we have finished off our learning about the Gingerbread Man! We retold the story using our character cards and the children did a fantastic job joining in with the repeated phrases. On Thursday, we got our aprons on and baked our own gingerbread people. We kept a very close eye on them as they baked to make sure they didn't run away, then we decorated them.

We have also begun lots of festive activities and crafts, which will all come home in our final week of the term. Alongside this we have been very busy rehearsing for our Christmas performance. We can't wait to share it with you on Tuesday morning.

Please remember, if your child does not usually attend this session but you wish them to be involved you can drop them off at Nursery at 9am, come round to the school hall to watch the performance at 9:30 and then you can take your child back home with you once the performance is over.

Any questions please ask!

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team ❤️

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant week in reception. We have been doing lots of Christmas activities and practising on the stage for the play!

If you haven't already brought your child's costume in please bring it on on Monday.

Have a great weekend,

The Reception Team!

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

What a busy week it has been! This week, we have finished our Big Idea all about magic and imagination. In English, the children have finished writing their own short version of Cinderella into their own story book. In Big Idea, they finalised their product designs for the engineer competition. We had some wonderful inventions such as everlasting pancakes, a Pikachu on wheels and lots of magic potions! Next week, we are moving onto our new Big Idea about Christmas and Christianity. In maths, we have been working more on writing subtraction sentences from part- whole models. Next week, we are looking at problem solving including subtraction. In PE, we have had a wonderful week practising for the KS1 Christmas performance! Thank you to everyone for bringing in the costumes for the performance. The children do not need any additional accessories/ props as they will all have a headband that we have made to match their character. Have a lovely weekend!

From the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

We have been trying our best with our Christmas rehearsals this week! Next week, we look forward to our performances to you on the Tuesday afternoon and the Wednesday morning. We have also been working hard with our skills for persuasive writing in English - the children have created their own persuasive posters to encourage people to come and see our play. In Maths, we have also been working hard to remember calculations for different Maths questions.

We are looking forward to Christmas jumper day next Wednesday, along with Christmas dinner. We are sure that the children are also looking forward to their Christmas Disco on the Friday!
Have a great weekend ahead of our performance week!

From the Year 2 team.

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a super week! In Maths, the children have learned how arrays can be used to write multiplication and division calculations as well as a number of fact families.

In Writing, the children have finished their plans and have started to write a set of instructions as to how to create a potion of their choice.

In Big Idea, the children programmed a sprite, on Scratch, to move around a maze game. The children created these games, with their learning partner, to mimic the design of a game played during Ancient Egyptian times. In PE, the children have completed their netball unit.

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. We're always happy to help!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.
The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week, in English, we have completed our Medusa versus Percy narratives, which included some dramatic scenes!

On Tuesday, we were fortunate to visit the Merchant Adventurers' Hall in York, where we enjoyed an adaptation of William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Full audience participation was required - and naturally, we obliged! It turns out that Year 4 has much budding acting talent!

This was further seen on Thursday, when we dramatized scenes from the Greek myth, Theseus and The Minotaur, as part of our Ancient Greek-themed day! As well as this, we designed our own Greek plates, sampled Greek food, built circuits to light up Zeus' thunder bolt and even took part in our own Olympics!

Have a great weekend,
The Year 4 Team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

This week, we have created our own version of a WW1 Christmas tin ready to fill with items we have made during this Big Idea. Next week, we will be making our very own biscuits that were eaten during the time of the war.

In maths, we have looked at inverse operations and recapped how to estimate values on a number line. Next week and after Christmas, we will focus on formal multiplication and division methods.

In writing, we have produced some excellent planning in preparation for writing a recount of the Christmas truce.

Astrocampus

A reminder to please arrive at school at 8:30am on Thursday 12th December so we can make the most of the time we have at the Astrocampus. Thank you again for all your offers of help with the trip - it is very much appreciated.

Homework this week will be linked to estimating and the 4x tables (My Maths) and spelling homework will be to practise some challenge words.

Have a brilliant weekend,
The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

What a busy and productive week we've had in Year 6! The children have been hard at work tackling their end-of-term assessments. A big well done to all of them for staying so focused and giving it their best effort – we're very proud of their resilience and determination.

Outside of assessments, we've had a lot of fun and creativity: In PE, we've been honing our hockey skills and learning about teamwork on the pitch. Forest School saw us channel our inner bakers as we made delicious bread – the aroma was fantastic! Our literacy lessons have been full of festive cheer, with story mapping The Grinch using comic strips and drama to bring the characters to life. Also, Friday's Secret Santa shop was a big hit, and the Year 6 children were so helpful with making it all run smoothly

A Reminder: Next Wednesday, 11th December, is Christmas Jumper Day! Children are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers, Christmas apparel, accessories or just non-uniform.

To give the children a well-deserved break, there will be **no homework set this week.**

Thank you for your continued support, – we're looking forward to all the festive fun still to come!

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

This week, we have had a lovely week in the school house! Miss Gilligan joined the school house this week along with a very cheerful elf who has journeyed from the North Pole! His name is Buddy, see if you can spot him through the window.

In Big Idea, the children have been learning more about the religious festival Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. In English, we have been publishing our poetry. Please look out for us performing our 'wishes for the world' on the Knavesmire instagram.

The children have all been working very hard to finish their assessments this week too, we are very proud of their determination and resilience!

In Spring 1, we will begin our new Big Idea with the guiding question 'what does the history of Disney look like?' We will send home a knowledge organiser during the first week back to share some exciting dates for this magical Big Idea!

In the first week back, we will be designing, building and evaluating our very own Disney castle in our DT lessons. Please could we ask for any recycled toilet rolls, cardboard boxes, bottles ect to help us construct our castle.

We are more than happy to start collecting these from next Monday!

Any recycling will really help us and would be greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you for your ongoing support.

School House team 😊

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Saturday 16th November 2024 - Saturday 11th January 2025




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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

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!

Need more information?
Please contact either: Laura Fox (Project Lead) laura.fox@york.ac.uk
or Astrid Bowen (Research Associate) astrid.bowen@york.ac.uk

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Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

A confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's **wellbeing** or **learning**.

Open to **all** parents/carers of children with additional needs or SEND living in the City of York (who have not had recent EP involvement), and practitioners working with children who live in/attend an educational setting in York.

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Calls of up to 30 minutes are available

Monthly – the last Wednesday of each month 9.00am – 3.30 pm

Term time only (September 2024 - July 2025)

To book a slot, please e-mail: EPsupportline@york.gov.uk with your name and a contact telephone number.

Bookings will close on the Friday before each session at 5pm. We will then email you with a time slot for your consultation on the Tuesday.

This is a one-off consultation provided by City of York Educational Psychologists on a rota basis.

Please note: the helpline offers short slots to talk with a psychologist about specific concerns; unfortunately, within the time available, we cannot advise on complex situations where different agencies need to work together to support a child or young person.

September 25th 2024
October 23rd 2024
November 27th 2024
December 18th 2024
January 29th 2025
February 26th 2025
March 26th 2025
April 23rd 2025
May 21st 2025
June 25th 2025
July 16th 2025

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YORK HIGH SCHOOL



FESTIVE SHOWCASE 2024



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BAKE Sale

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School Bands

STAFF PANTO

Thursday 12th December 2024
Doors open: 5:30pm
Show: 6pm

Tickets £5 each
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available in school or via ParentPay



YORK HIGH SCHOOL



FESTIVE SHOWCASE RAFFLE

Raising funds for the Performing Arts Department

All funds raised go directly to helping fund shows, concerts, performances and extra curricular activities in Performing Arts



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- My Time Therapies Massage Voucher
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- Moretone Fitness Vouchers and Passes
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Winners will be drawn on Friday 13th December 2024

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You are very warmly invited to our Festive Showcase on **Thursday 12th December** at 6pm in the hall.

There will be performances from lots of our ensembles, readings by our Drama students, refreshments provided by the Hospitality & Catering students and the inimitable Staff Panto!

Email library@yorkhigh.elt.org.uk to reserve tickets or for raffle tickets.

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CLARE'S KITCHEN - LITTLE CHEFS CLUB



KNAVESMIRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clare's Kitchen after-school Baking Club starts back on **Friday 15th November**. Children plan, prepare and bake their own treats. They learn a whole range of independent skills, as well as having fun and gaining confidence. There are fun 'Bake Offs' around celebrated holidays and special days such as Halloween, Christmas, St Valentine and Easter. Our weekly sessions are £12.50 each, which are payable upfront. A warm snack with bread is provided when we bake sweet treats and little chefs may take home anything they do not eat. Do you have a little chef at home who would like to join us?

Email: clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk Contact: 07813182216



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
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Bookings for February Half Term & Easter 2025 will go live from
Wednesday 8th January 2025 via officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity.

Check out our social media for the details in advance.

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St Leonard's Hospice 

Elf Run

Run for festive fun at the Designer Outlet!

Free elf hats and lots of festive entertainment!

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Sunday 8 December

York Sustainable Schools Network Newsletter

November 2024

Events in York

It was lovely to see some of you at our schools' sharing event, as part of York Environment Weeks last half term.

To build on this network, we are aiming to host a **Sustainable Schools Conference** (at the University of York) in early July, so watch this space as plans develop. We would love to see as many schools there as possible.

For schools wishing to connect each half term, our next meeting (on Zoom) will take place on **Tuesday 26th November from 3:45 - 4:45**, using this Zoom link <https://york-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/94194904663?pwd=qdASmyf7EkhY9Zq7DtVjULSbtmKqR.1>

The **agenda** for this meeting is:

- Sharing ideas (schools invited to share one idea of something they do at school to promote sustainability, climate action or engagement with nature)
- Show your stripes
- Schools conference - what do you want?
- AOB

In the community

Action for Nature Day (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust)

Have you ever wished you could make your area better for wildlife? Be inspired by information stalls, presentations and practical workshops to develop your ideas, grow your knowledge and **Sunday 17 November 2024**. Programme starts at **12 noon** so feel free to arrive a little ahead of the start and get comfortable!

Tang Hall Community Centre, Tang Hall Community Centre, York, YO31 0UG, York, North Yorkshire, YO31 0UG
<https://www.ywt.org.uk/events/2024-11-17-action-nature-day>

Signposting potential funding for schools

Woodland Trust - Free trees for schools and communities. Supplying between 30- 420 tree saplings (multiple sizes and species to choose from). **Applications close 13th January 2025**. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

OVO Foundation Nature Prize
OVO Foundation and Let's GO Zero have teamed up to improve children and young people's access to nature and biodiversity. OVO Foundations 3 year project with Let's Go Zero will award 25 schools a year across the UK a cash prize of £1,000 or £200 for projects that bring their students closer to nature.


For a chance to win schools are asked to submit their ideas for projects. It is a bonus if these projects fall within the key areas identified by Let's Go Zero for effective carbon reduction: Nature, Food, Adaptation and Resilience, Water, Culture, and Waste.
Entries close 25 November 2024
<https://letszero.org/our-competitions/>

Signposting Support for Climate and Nature Education

National Education Nature Park

To support the DfE strategy for sustainability and climate change, schools can sign up to the National Education Nature Park for free.


How does it work?
Once registered, schools have access to a range of resources and tools to help schools map the boundaries and existing biodiversity of their school sites, encourage students to plan and implement nature based changes and track the changes and impacts through interactive mapping tools. Funding opportunities are also signposted through this website.



SCAN ME

Let's go Zero

Is your school looking for support to become zero carbon?
As part of the Let's Go Zero campaign a team of Climate Action Advisors are available to give free and tailored advice to help green England's school buildings, transport, menus and more. They support schools to understand their carbon impact, make effective plans, and find funding and resources. We work with schools of any size, even those that are just starting their sustainability journey.




SCAN ME

What support is available?

Climate Ambassadors


Climate Ambassadors offers every education setting in England free access to volunteer support to develop and deliver impactful climate action plans. Volunteers are trained and enhanced DBS checked so connect with them to request support.



SCAN ME


Sustainability Support for Education

Sustainability Support for Education enables education settings to start or progress on their sustainability journey. This includes all types of settings from Early Years to Higher Education. This website offers suggested actions paired with quality-assured resources, linked with the aims of the DfE strategy.



SCAN ME

Are you aware of the DfE's strategy for sustainability and climate change for the education and children's services systems?

- Did you know that the strategy states that every school should have a sustainability lead and climate action plan by the end of 2025?

SCAN ME
- Where possible we are trying to connect schools and educational settings to signpost support, build networks, share ideas and take action together.
- We are hoping to hold a sustainable schools conference in July 2025 and would love to hear what schools/ educational settings would like from this opportunity. Contact georgia.ramsay@york.ac.uk with suggestions/ ideas.

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See full timetable on our website!



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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 6th September at 5pm


dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com

Many Thanks,
Miss Caroline

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Free Parenting Clinics

with
Anisa Lewis
Positive Parenting
www.anisalewis.com



December
5th @ 12.30 pm
Emotions

What is going on with your child's emotions?
One minute they are happy the next they are talking back or having a tantrum!

Are you wondering why your child's emotional outbursts come just as you are trying to get everyone out of the door, at the end of the school day or quite frankly you know it is coming you can sense it, then BOOM!

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on December, 5th for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic. This talk will focus on emotions 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 for the booking link

Can't attend live, register anyway, the replay is sent out to all that book into the clinic.



7-day Positive Parenting Challenge
17th to 23rd November

- Daily Tasks designed to help parents to build stronger connections with your kids.
- Join me each day as I share a new QUICK activity for you to do with your kids.
- Each day we focus on a different aspect of Positive Parenting.
- Use #positiveparentingchallenge to share progress, experiences and reflections
- Share your journey either in the Facebook group or on social media

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How Children Learn Maths

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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 or

visit 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. 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

14th November 2024
<https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org>

Parent Carer Forum York

NEWS LETTER

Connect@pcforyork.co.uk

Signposts
 The Local offer details all providers in York but in this edition we would like to highlight the following groups who may be able to support you

- York Inspirational Kids
- Autism Arena
- Downs Syndrome Group, YDSC
- Menfulness

Carers Rights Day
 We are pleased to be joining with York Carers at this event. Please pop in for coffee and cake. This is a chance to connect with our staff and legal, financial, and social care professionals who will be available to offer guidance and answer any questions about your rights and entitlements. Topics we'll cover include:

- Lasting Powers of Attorney, Wills, and Trusts
- Independent Financial Advice
- Welfare Benefits
- Paying for Care
- Social Care
- Carers' Assessments of Need
- Balancing Work and Caring Responsibilities
- Support and Information for Parent Carers
- Resources and Advice for Young Adult Carers

Listening Event, SEND employment
 Would you like to find out more about SEND employment? Have you got a question in this area or an experience you would like to share. Join us online Weds 27th November at 6:30 to meet other parents and professionals. Email connect@pcforyork.co.uk for a link




Next edition Friday 29th December
 14th November 2024

Parent Carer Forum York


NEWS LETTER

Coffee Morning
 Come for a chat over coffee (on us) with other parents who share our experiences.
Monday 25th November 10:30 York Youth Hostel, Water End
Tuesday 3rd December 10:30, Folk Hall New Earswick

Cuppa and Chat
 Sometimes its hard to make coffee mornings and chat with other parents who have lived experience like you. Our online cuppa and chat is an opportunity to meet up from your own home, bring a cuppa, glass , chocolate whatever and use this time to meet others. No agenda. Email connect@pcforyork.co.uk for a joining link
Friday 29th November at 7:00 pm

Our Voice Makes a Difference
 In the last six months we have hosted 42 events in which we have listened to 224 shared experiences. These events include coffee mornings in cafe's, schools or online listening events. We have used these events to gather your priorities, some of which are listed below with detail on what has been done as a result of our shared voice:

- Preparation for Adulthood** resulting in the rewriting and revisiting of policy and provision in this area
- Mental health and Neurodivergence** leading to an offer of termly Listening Events with parents, regular meetings with PCF and CAMHS and increased parent voice informing delivery
- Short breaks** CYC commitment to including parent voice in the upcoming review
- Timeliness of EHCP and Annual Reviews.** CYC has instigated a regular and robust audit process and action plan
- Access to Health Services.** Working with NHS and York Carers to develop information about carers needs into all GP surgeries. Representation on a working group with York District Hospital. Representing your voice to the ICB to support commissioning decisions.
- Children struggling to attend school.** CYC have produced a useful document graduated response to attendance
- Support for children without EHCPs:** PCF meets regularly to discuss the learning support hub outcomes. The ordinarily available provision document was produced with the help of parents and carers.
- Access to OT sensory support.** Offered training , working with NHS to produce bite size sensory resources



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Please go to our website address above, for more information.
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