

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Well, what has not been happening in school this week?!

We have enjoyed fantastic performances from KS1, Reception and Nursery. The hard work and commitment from children and staff alike has been heartwarming to see, and it has been wonderful to welcome so many family members into school for these events. We also enjoyed a Christmas feast on Wednesday, courtesy of the school kitchen, and it was great to see an array of Christmas jumpers and other accessories to celebrate the day.

Tonight, as well as the school discos, we are sending huge best wishes to our Year 5 & 6 girls and boys football teams who are competing in the York Finals tonight!

Looking into next week we have a jam-packed week to finish the term! Details can be found below on all events for children and parents.

We'd also like to thank you all for your commitment to school attendance. Despite all the seasonal germs, we are seeing an increase in attendance towards the end of term so thank you for making good choices in when to send children in and when to keep them off.

Have a great weekend and see you next week for the grand finale of the term!

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.



"'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

RE CURRICULUM

As part of our RE Curriculum, children learn about various world views, including global religions. We are always looking for opportunities to enrich our curriculum through visits, both in school and externally. On the 16th December, YOYO (a non-denominational, Christian charity) will be coming into school to share information about Christianity and Christmas; this will include an assembly and also some work with specific year groups. Next half term, we are planning for Imam Ammar to come into school and share information about Islam.

Please come and speak to us if you have any questions about it, Miss Coulson and Miss Parker.

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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CLOTHES LABELS

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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

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

Yorkshire Air Museum Trip, 16/01/25 - Please see email sent today (13/12/24). Please give consent and make payment on ParentPay by Friday 20/12/24.

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

Reception

-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!

Year 1

-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!

Year 2

-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!

Year 3

-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!

-York Youth Orchestra Christmas Concert at Millthorpe School, 14/12/24 - Please see email sent 29/11/24 with further information. (The deadline has now passed to sign up your child.)

Year 4

-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!

Year 5

-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!

Year 6

-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!

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



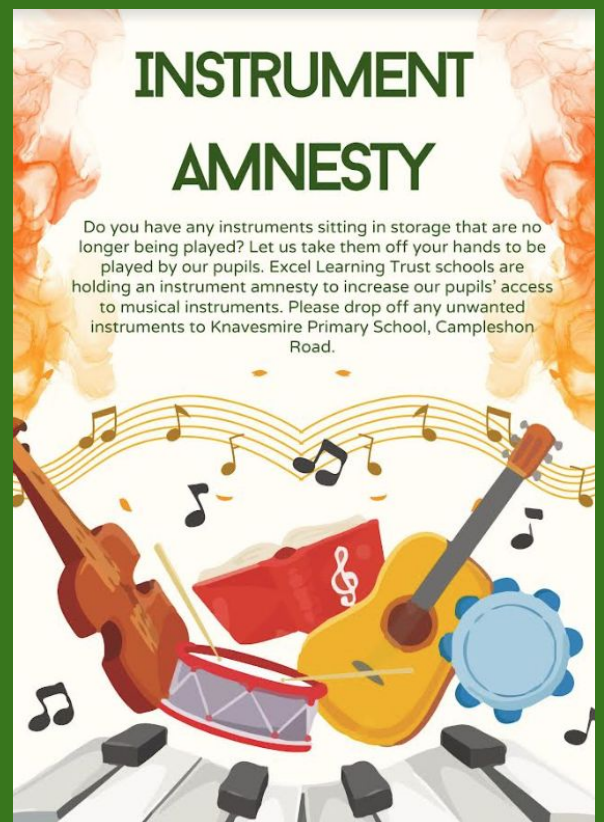
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

Continuing the series of governors contributing to the newsletter, my name is Joe Maitland and I am a co-opted governor. For those of you who might not know what that means, it's simply that I am an appointed governor (rather than elected), having first started as an elected parent governor in 2017. I live just outside of York (having previously lived about 250 metres from the school) and am a solicitor at a law firm based in Leeds. My two daughters both attended the school and are now in years 8 and 10 at Fulford Secondary School (which makes me feel very old...).

It has been (and continues to be) an absolute privilege to be a governor at the school. It has given me the chance to see close up how hard the teachers all work, how passionate they are about the school and your children and how they have such determination and focus (despite the numerous challenges they face, not least chronic under-funding from central government) to deliver the very best outcomes for all children who come through the school. Having seen all of this over the years I have been a governor, I am incredibly proud to be associated with such a fantastic school.

As we mentioned in the last update, governor visits to the school are a vital part of our role and they have continued apace (and with some more booked around enjoying the Christmas festivities!). Of those to have taken place since Jon Hodgeon's update in October:

- Vanessa Huws Jones, our Chair, (and on occasions Jackie Gray, our Vice Chair, too) continues to have fortnightly catch-up meetings with the Head and Deputy.
- In November, Jackie Gray & Jon Hodgeon attended the Trust Local Governors meeting where the Trust Chair and Chief Executive talked to Governors about the Trust's new Strategic Objectives for 2024-27, People Plan and the Promise to Vulnerable Pupils and their Families. It was a great meeting and really interesting to understand the collaborative approach being taken to implement the Strategy across the Excel family of schools, which still fully recognises the uniqueness of each school. It was also a good opportunity to meet Governors of other schools in the Trust, understand what they do to support their schools and to make connections.
- Vanessa had a general, informal visit to the school to view classes and talk to pupils and staff. Vanessa comments that it was a pleasure to be in school and she was made to feel, as always, very welcome.
- Kay Roantree visited the school in October to see how the safeguarding systems in place are working and any adaptations that have been made and to discuss national and local safeguarding issues. Kay also visited in November, in her capacity as Early Years link governor, to discuss how the Early Years team have adapted to changes in staffing, how the children have settled in Nursery and Reception and the key areas of development the team are working on.
- Also in November, Olivia Else came into school for a general walkaround and to meet with the leadership team. This visit was focused on behaviour - the school's expectations in this area and how positive and negative behaviours are handled on a daily basis. Olivia visited every year group in their classrooms and attended a whole school assembly. Olivia has fed back that it was lovely to witness such a buzzing learning environment and see children engaged in a wide range of activities.
- Jackie Gray also recently spent some time with Mr Cooper to review and learn more about some of the key data points and metrics to understand how they relate to Ofsted requirements and help inform the school's approach to pupil development across the different year groups.
- Finally, I met with Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner in early December to discuss tests and overall performance of the school (in my role as data link Governor). It was fascinating to hear how the school uses the data available to it to track the progress of the children throughout school and spot where interventions or additional support might be needed, all designed to ensure that each child can achieve their maximum potential. I also had a walk round the school and can only echo Olivia's comments above about the buzz in each classroom. It must be a particularly difficult time of year to keep the children engaged, but our brilliant teachers more than manage to do so.

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024 cont.

I wanted to end this section with some thank yous. First of all, thank you to all of the teaching and non-teaching staff who work so hard, day in day out, to run such an exceptional school. I hope that you all have a well-earned break over the Christmas holiday. Second, thank you to the Friends of Knavesmire who continue to provide great support for the school through various fundraising activities. During my visit, I was briefly able to see the extension of Santa's workshop the Friends had set up in school so that the children could run a secret Santa and it was filled with so much joy and excitement. Finally, thank you to all of you reading this newsletter for the many different things you do to support the school. To have the brilliant school we have requires a complex, multi-layered collaboration between lots of different people, each contributing in lots of different ways, so for whatever it is you contribute, thank you.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas on behalf of the governors.

KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3	14/12/24 17/12/14	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	16/12/24 17/12/24 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	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	15/12/24 16/12/24 18/12/24 19/12/24 10/01/25	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

What a Friday the 13th it's been! We hope all the children who are attending/attended the school disco enjoyed themselves and loved it as much as we did. It's been a great afternoon and we can't wait for the next one.

We also wanted to share that we raised just over **£2,500** with the Secret Santa last week, which is absolutely amazing. It's really great that one of our biggest fundraisers of the year is also the most loved one. Thank you all so much!

Lastly, we want to remind you of our last Friends' event of the year: the Christmas Hamper raffle draw and the accompanying cake sale on Monday, 16 December. We would really appreciate it if as many people as possible could bring in any sort of nut-free cakes (homemade or shop bought) and leave them at the front office on Monday morning. The KS2 choir will be singing as well and you can still buy your raffle tickets till we do the draw. So don't miss your chance to win one of our amazing hampers!!!

Have a great weekend everyone - only one more week to go ;)



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.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS @ KCKC

Monday 23rd December 2024

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 2025

Monday 6th January 2025

Full Day – 7.45am – 6.00pm - £30.00 per child per session
Half Day – 7.45am – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 6.00pm - £20.00 per child per session
Please do not attempt to drop your child off for an afternoon session before 1pm

We use an external provider to manage our bookings – Childcare Bookings for Schools.
Please visit <https://knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc/> and following the instructions for booking spaces.

Monday 23rd December	Paper Plate Wreath	Tissue Paper Christmas Tree
Thursday 2nd January	Wishing Wand	New Year Painting
Friday 3rd January	Dot Pictures	Sleeping Animal Paper Craft
Monday 6th January	LEGO DAY	

HOLIDAY CLUB REMINDERS

- We ask that all children bring a named water bottle with them.
- A packed lunch and snacks are required each day, depending on sessions booked. We recommend a snack for both morning and afternoon sessions and lunch if attending in the morning (lunch is at 12.30pm). KCKC does not supply meals during holiday sessions. KCKC cannot heat up food. **NO NUTS OR FOOD CONTAINING NUTS.**
- Sensible shoes or trainers must be worn. Children must have indoor shoes to change into if they wear wellies to walk to KCKC
- Children must bring a coat with them for outside play.
- Scooters and bikes must be locked up outside in the bike sheds in the car park and NOT left in the corridor or in the cloakroom.
- Children who require inhalers must bring them each day they are in.
- We ask that children do not bring their own toys as we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

Wow - what a busy week! Thank you so much to all who attended our Christmas sing-along, we hope you enjoyed it. The Nursery team are very proud of all the children who took part and were very brave standing on the stage.

We have also spent lots of time in the hall watching Hansel and Gretel, Early Years and KS1 dress rehearsals. The children have shown brilliant sitting and listening skills and it was lovely to spend time with the rest of school. Next week we will have our Christmas party on Wednesday 12-3pm. You do not need anything additional for this, possibly just some festive clothing and lunch!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week for our last week of Autumn term.

The Nursery Team ❤️

RECEPTION MESSAGES

What a wonderful but busy week we've had in school, we are incredibly proud of all of our Vikings and Romans for their fantastic performance of 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey'. They did an amazing job and we really hope you enjoyed it! Thank you for all of your support in providing costumes and also those heroic parents who provided us with spares and extras in our time of need!

We had a visit from Lee Threadgold who told the story of Hansel and Gretel with puppets which the children loved! We also watched the KS1 performance of 'Gnome Alone' which was fantastic too! The Christmas disco was a big hit with some impressive dance moves all round!!

In phonics we have been practising our digraphs th,ch,sh,ng and nk as well as consolidating the tricky words that we have already learned. In maths we are still practising the part, part, whole method of number composition with the number 5. We have been learning about different faiths, last week we learned about Hanukkah and the Jewish faith and this week the children have been learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas and the Nativity story. We have also been practising our handwriting particularly the curly caterpillar letters which are c,o,a,d,g,q,e,s,f and assessing the children in their pencil grip and correct formation. We will be sending target files home for the Christmas holidays with some activities to help the children further and cement their skills.

Next Tuesday is our Christmas party day, where we will enjoy a workshop by the Theatre Royal group, party games and Christmas fun! This is a non-uniform day.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you next week!

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

Year One has had a very busy and exciting week!

On Monday morning, they watched a puppet show of Hansel and Gretel and then in the afternoon, performed the play for the whole school. On Tuesday and Wednesday everyone enjoyed performing for the parents and carers. We are extremely proud of how hard everyone and their singing and dancing was amazing! Thank you again for your help in providing costumes for our play - everyone looked very festive and jolly.

In Big Idea, the children have been finding out what Christians believe and how Christmas is important to them. Next week, the children will be making Christmas cards and decorations ready to bring home at the end of the week!

Next Friday, we will be having a treat day with movies and games. Please send a small box or bag of treats, labelled with your child's name, into school on Friday that you are happy for them to enjoy during the movie time (NO NUTS PLEASE).

We hope you have a lovely weekend, from the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

WOW! What a superb week we have had! We are so proud of all of the children for their huge efforts with our Gnome Alone production - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you again for your work with costumes and the practising of songs.

During the week, we also had the pleasure of watching Receptions play which was wonderful. On Friday, we did a spelling quiz to check our understanding across some of the common misspelled words we see in Writing. Our Celebrations Big Idea has also come to an end with us sharing a celebration dish once we had designed and made it - some key skills with Design and Technology.

Next week, we look forward to performing at our Carol Concert on Wednesday and winding down for the Christmas holidays.

Have a lovely weekend!

From the Year 2 team.

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a super duper week! In Writing, the children have finished drafting and editing their instructions. They've now moved onto generating ideas and planning a 100-word Ancient Egyptian-themed saga. In Maths, they've consolidated their multiplication skills and have now moved onto dividing numbers on a numberline. In PE, the children have finished their netball unit. In Big Idea, the children have been finishing off pieces of work in preparation for next week's exhibition, such as collaging large Egyptian Gods and Goddesses.

We'd also like to say a very big well done to all of the children who took part in Wednesday's singing rehearsal, ahead of their performance at Millthorpe High School on Saturday afternoon. They represented the school beautifully and did themselves extremely proud! We hope you very much enjoy Saturday's performance!

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

We hope you have a fabulously festive weekend!

The Year 3 Team

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

In English this week, we have identified features of poems and written some effective poetry. In Maths, we have solved missing numbers equations, practised efficient methods and refined our multiplication tables. Big Idea this week has seen us develop our understanding of religious festivals. Not only have we created Rangoli patterns while learning about Diwali, but also produced dragon puppets whilst studying Lunar New Year.

Have a good weekend,

The Year 4 Team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

We had an awesome time at the Astrocampus and the children had the chance to make some comets, discuss UV rays, make bracelets and even control a rover using an I-Pad! As always, the children represented the school extremely well. Thank you again for all your support and offers of help - it is very much appreciated!

Next week, we will be busy with two trips to Milthorpe, a carol concert and adding our finishing touches to our Big Idea End Goal.

On Wednesday 18th December, we would like to have a fun, relaxed and 'Christmassy' afternoon where we can sing songs and watch something all together. If your child would like to bring in a cushion/blanket to make themselves comfortable and a small snack, they are more than welcome to.

There is no homework set this week as the children deserve a little break after all their hard work over the past few weeks.

Have a brilliant weekend,
The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Year 6 have had a festive (and slightly Grinchy) week this week! In English, we became Cindy Lou from the Grinch and have written a letter of complaint to the Grinch for trying to steal Christmas. In Big Idea lessons, we have been learning about the story of the Nativity and have created beautiful mini books to retell the story. In Science, we conducted an investigation to determine which material will keep us insulated the best in cold weather and in Forest School, we have made fantastic Christmas decorations from foraged materials.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Carol concert next week. Year 6 will be performing in both concerts on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December.

On the last day of term (Friday 20th December), we will be holding our Year 6 Christmas party. Please send your child in with a mug by Friday so they can enjoy a festive hot chocolate.

Have a wonderful weekend and hopefully we will see you next week for the carol concerts if you are able to attend.

Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a very festive week in the school house!

This week, we have enjoyed lots of different performances in the school and our Christmas jumper day! We also ended our week with some Christmas baking.

Thank you for all of the recycling you have dropped off so far. If you have any more boxes or recycling, we would really appreciate it for our Disney castle.

Have a lovely weekend!
School House Team.

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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




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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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"Great service. Very easy to arrange"



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"I felt really listened to and supported"

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



Raffle

GREASE Preview

BAKE Sale

Festive Readings

School Bands

STAFF PANTO

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

Tickets £5 each
Buy 3 get the 4th free
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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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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...

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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!

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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.



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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?
- 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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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

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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

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.

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Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30, 24 Sept - 4 Dec

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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.

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<https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org> December 12th 2024

Parent Carer Forum York

NEWS LETTER

Connect@pcf York.co.uk

Autism Strategy Consultation

This consultation will inform the city wide strategy and commissioning over the next few years.

Weds 18th December 12:00 – 14:00
Folk Hall, New Earswick

- What needs to change in wider society to make York a better place to be autistic or have ADHD?
- What can we do to improve the assessment and diagnosis journey for autism or ADHD
- What should support for health and wellbeing look like for those that are neurodiverse, whether with a diagnosis or not

In addition there will be a shorter online event for those who are not able to attend the above in person. Online Monday 16th 18:30- 19:30. Email connect@pcf York.co.uk for a joining link



Christmas activities

Use the Raise York website to find accessible activities this Christmas holidays <https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/directories?categoryid=5>

York Mumbler details all accessible activities throughout the year and send activities at Christmas <https://york.mumbler.co.uk/kids/accessible-information-for-families-in-york/>

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Topic	Notes
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	9.00 - 12.00	Parent & Carer Telephone support	Telephone	Telephone advice and support	email: parentcarersupport@pcf York.org
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	1.30 - 2.30 pm	Parent & Carer drop-in session	In person at 1903 Aulston Hall, Clifton Children's Centre	Advice and support from the Autism Team	No need to book
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	10.00 - 11.00 am	Parent & Carer Workshop: Comic Strip Conversations	Online - Microsoft Teams	Topic discussions	email: parentcarersupport@pcf York.org
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Parent & Carer Workshop: Comic Strip Conversations	In person at 1903 Aulston Hall, Clifton Children's Centre	Topic discussions	No need to book
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	9.00 - 12.00	Parent & Carer Telephone support	Telephone	Telephone advice and support	email: parentcarersupport@pcf York.org
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	1.30 - 2.30 pm	Parent & Carer drop-in session	In person at 1903 Aulston Hall, Clifton Children's Centre	Advice and support from the Autism Team	No need to book

Specialist Teaching Team, ASC dates for January



Sending our best wishes to you and your families at Christmas.

Next edition January 16th 12th December 2024

Parent Carer Forum York

NEWS LETTER

Planning 2025 with PCF

Planning with the PCF
We love seeing you at our events and hearing about your lived experiences which inform our in our regular meetings with senior staff and decision makers at City of York and NHS.
In order to make planning your engagement simpler we aim to replicate the offer below EVERY week of term time.

Coffee Meet Ups:
1st Tuesday in every month 10:30 am, Folk Hall, New Earswick
3rd Thursday in every month 10:30 am, Explore York, Acomb (except November)
Last Monday in every month 10:30 am, Youth Hostel, Water End Clifton

Listening Events: (6:30)
2nd Tuesday in every month Listening Event
4th Wednesday in every month Listening event

Remote Meet Up (no agenda):
4th Monday in every month remote Meet Up. 6:30 pm

For listening events and online meetups email connect@pcf York.co.uk and you will be sent a joining link

Welcome to SENDIASS new manager

Hello, my name is Melanie Leighton and I have just started work as the York SENDIASS manager. I am beginning to meet some local groups and services across York and want to thank everyone for their warm welcome. I was working within a different SENDIASS service for nearly 9 years prior to accepting this post. I have a lot to learn about York itself and the new systems in place. I am also very interested to hear what parent carers would like from our service and whether we can manage to offer some new things from these discussions in 2025.

I am really looking forward to meeting you and I have been invited to join some of the Listening events, so please look out for the dates in the New Year and come and join us in these sessions.

With best wishes for the coming year, Melanie

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/listening-ear/#th-book-an-appointment> (Listening Ear) is a service which is for anyone feeling overwhelmed and needing to talk to someone about their situation

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COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Merry Christmas!
From all at Family Matters York

Hi!

The run up to Christmas can be exciting and full of wonder. Children are counting down the days till Christmas Day; there are concerts, nativities and carol services galore; and our streets and homes are lit up with an array of twinkling lights and colourful decorations. For many families, Christmas can be a truly joyful time.

But some families will be struggling - dealing with many demands and challenges, facing financial pressures, parenting children who are overwhelmed, and noticing strains in their relationships. And some people will be noticing that they have drifted apart from their loved ones and feel the need to reconnect.

We are here to help local families!

Through our **FREE** courses, events and mentoring we support parents to nurture their relationships with their children, and we support couples to deepen their connection.



We need your help! WE'RE RECRUITING VOLUNTEER PARENTING FACILITATORS

Do you enjoy helping others?

Do you understand the joys & challenges of family life?

Our charity is looking for people who have a heart for supporting parents and carers with family life.

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Begins Thursday 27th February 2025
9.30-11.30am session
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* Chat & share * Bite-sized tips & strategies * Know that you are not alone!

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Anger and conflict in families is normal!
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Join us for 4 sessions for parents/carers to find out more about anger as an emotion and its impact on our family relationships. Learn how to 'lower the temperature' and cool things down. Take 'Time Out' to help your family thrive.

Begins Weds 15th January 2025
9 am cuppa
9.30-11.30am session
St Barnabas Church, Jubilee
Terrace, Leeman Rd, York YO26 4YZ

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