

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

We sit here writing this (feeling slightly full of chocolate already) reflecting on a jam-packed term that has ended with some lovely Carol Concerts, a few more choir events last weekend and a lovely assembly today, where we said thank you and goodbye to Linda Jones. Linda is retiring today after over 30 years working at the school, having attended Knavesmire as a child and also served as a governor. We truly appreciate how she has contributed to our community in various roles over the years.

We do need to take a moment to thank all of the staff who have made the last week so magical for the children. Thanks especially to Mrs Hardy and Mr Sherwin for the musical endeavours. All the hard work has paid off - now for a well deserved break!

Thank you for your support. It is a privilege to teach your children and we know this is a special community to belong to. Whatever you are doing and wherever you are, we hope you have a restful and peaceful Christmas.

We'll see you in the New Year with the term starting on Tuesday 7th January.

Why are Christmas trees bad at sewing?

They always drop their needles!

Mr Gardiner and Mr Cooper



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

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.

Have a very happy Christmas and see you in the New Year!

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.



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

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

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

Our Fundraising
Number Is: 11349

TRIPS, 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 live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **28/02/25**.

Year 5

Carlton Lodge - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is 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 13/12/24. The deadline to give consent and make payment was today. If you have not done this, please do so ASAP.

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 - Tickets and T-shirts ordered through the music room are ready to collect from the school office. Please see email with reminder of plans for the day sent 17/12/24.

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/>



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



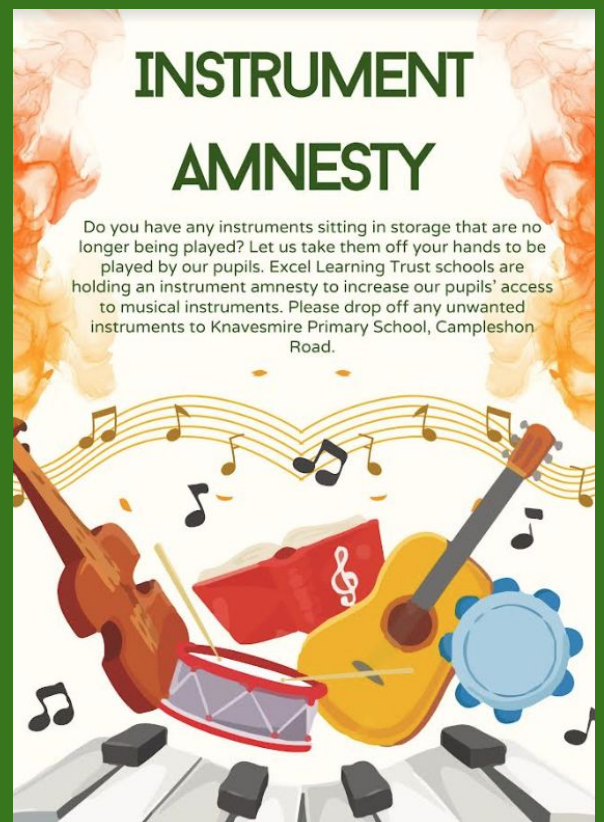
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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		
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
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	21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Carlton Lodge Residential
Year 6	10/03/25 - 14/03/25	Barcelona Trip
The School House		
Other	10/01/25	Young Voices Concert

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

We wanted to say a big thank you for all your support and contributions over the past months. Especially the Christmas period was a heavy duty one for everyone and we really appreciate you all taking part in it. Thanks to you we have already raised an amazing amount, so we hope you have enjoyed all the events as we will be certainly back for more in 2025.

But for now, we're certainly all ready for a break, which just leaves us with sending our huge congratulations to all our raffle winners. We hope you have been enjoying your hampers.

Enjoy the festive season and a Happy New Year to you all!!!



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

What a wonderful end to the Autumn Term! ❤️⭐

This week we have certainly been bringing the Christmas spirit! We had a fabulous party on Wednesday afternoon with our visitor from the Theatre Royal.

There has also been lots of hard work going on as we began practicing forming the letters in our own names. Alongside identifying 2D shapes and numbers 1-5.

Thank you for all the very generous cards and gifts, they are very gratefully appreciated.

The Nursery Team wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you back in Nursery from the 7th of January.

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant final week of school. We can not believe that we have completed our first term and all of the different things that we have learnt.

Thank you for your kind words and Christmas well wishes. We hope you have a wonderful and safe Christmas and everyone has a really good rest.

We will see you in January!

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

We cannot believe we have completed the last week of the Autumn term! It has been a long term and everyone is very ready for a break and hopefully a rest.

On Monday, the Christian charity YoYo joined us for a workshop to help us find out more about why Christmas is an important celebration for Christians. We have also drawn beautiful pictures for our calendars and on Tuesday, we got very glittery making crown decorations to take home!

On Wednesday, we worked on creating a repeating pattern for our Christmas cards using different shapes to print with. We are very proud of how the children have worked this term and the progress they have made.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for gifts, cards and kind messages and wish you all a very merry Christmas!

From the Year One team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Merry Christmas!! Have a wonderful break! Thank you for all of your hard work with play preparation, Reading efforts and battling illnesses over the last term. We have had a brilliant start to our Year 2 adventure and we look forward to seeing the children back on the Tuesday after the New Year!

From the Year 2 team!

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a fabulously festive week! In Writing, the children have written and edited their Ancient Egyptian-themed 100 word sagas. In Maths, the children have consolidated their multiplication and division knowledge by going onto NumberGym and using number lines to divide numbers using their multiplication knowledge. In Big Idea, the children completed their Guiding Purpose: to host an exhibition. Thank you so much to everybody who came, the children thoroughly enjoyed showing their work and talking to their families about what they've learned. This week, the children have also enjoyed many Christmas crafts such as producing their own Christmas card and calendar.

The children have worked incredibly hard this half-term and deserved a well-earned break! We hope you all have a wonderful time with loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

What a fab week we've had, rounding off our Big Idea: 'How do Festivals build a sense of 'community'?' Not only have we created paper star decorations to pass on to others as seasonal greetings but we've also designed intricate mandala patterns to adorn our 2025 calendars and staged our own Christmas celebration!

Wishing you all a merry christmas and thanking you all for your support this term.

The Year 4 Team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

We have had an extremely busy week! The children were brilliant during our short trip to Millthorpe School to watch the excellent performance of Matilda and to experience an art workshop that focused on printing and layers (the art pieces should arrive home with your child today).

We have evaluated our WW1 Big Idea and created our questions ready for our new Big Idea: The Amazon Rainforest!

The carol concert showed how hard the children have worked over the past few months and we are extremely proud of all their performances.

All that is left to say is have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

As we come to the end of a very busy and successful term, we wanted to extend our thanks to all of the parents and guardians who have supported us this year.

The children have had such a busy week, singing and performing beautifully in our carol concerts and working incredibly hard to finish everything, that we feel they deserve a proper break before coming back in January ready to work hard; we won't be sending homework for the holidays but we would ask that children read as much as possible over Christmas.

Have a restful and peaceful festive break and we look forward to a brand new term in 2025!

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a lovely final week in the School House!

We have enjoyed many different Christmas activities including the lovely carol concert at St Chads. We hope you like your christmas card and present from the children. They worked really hard to create these for you.

Have a lovely Christmas and as always, thank you for your support.

School House Team.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2

This is the second online safety newsletter of the academic year for 2024-2025. Each half-term, we share an online safety newsletter with you to provide support and guidance on keeping your child/children safe online. Each newsletter will have a different E-Safety focus.

This newsletter will focus on **new technology**.



With Christmas just around the corner, some children may receive new technology or related games. Here are some quick reminders about the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the **PEGI** rating of any new games.
- Remember, **PEGI** rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Tablets/Smart Phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age.

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

JORVIK

Viking Festival

BLOODAXE BOOK CHALLENGE

Saturday 16th November 2024 - Saturday 11th January 2025




Read four books to collect all four stickers, earn a certificate and win a **FREE Child's Ticket to JORVIK Viking Centre**, **PLUS** a chance to meet our Book Challenge author Sophie Kirtley (bestselling author of *The Wild Way Home* and *The Way to Impossible Island*) at a special event!



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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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Is your child registered for **SCHOOL MILK?**

Child
UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child
OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



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.

"It's
invaluable"

"Great service.
Very easy to
arrange"



"I feel confident
in the next steps
we can take"

"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

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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
stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org
07871 545388

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HOLIDAY



MULTI SPORT CAMP

CHILDREN AGED 5-11 (YR 1 - YR 6)
FROM ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME!

ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

23RD, 24TH DEC & 2ND, 3RD JAN

8.30AM-4.30PM

25% SIBLING
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CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED!

Ignite After School Clubs - Spring Term!

Click this link:

[ignitesportscoaching.co.uk/book-now/](https://www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk/book-now/)
to book dodgeball with Miss Dye!

Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free
Childcare are accepted!

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

ITV's hit kids' show, Mini Movies, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part.

You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills!

If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email...

casting@thechancercollective.com

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

**CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON ITVX
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**

YorKAOS

York Kids Art Open Studios

Are you a young artist from York?

Are you primary school age?

Submit your artwork to YorKAOS

Go to our website to join the exhibition

www.yorkaos.art

We'd love to see your
painting / drawing / digital-art
photography / collage / video / sculpture



We are Ada, Henrik, Seth and Mabel
We want to show the artwork of
kids our age to the
wider York community
during February half-term 2025
at **SPARK***

Fundraising for
 **CHILDREN
IN NEED**  **St Leonard's
Hospice** 



COMMUNITY MESSAGES

FREE MEAL
FUNDED SPACES ONLY



WINTER
Activity Camps

FOR AGES 5-12

FREE
Free for those with a HAF code or unique reference number.

30TH DECEMBER - 3RD JANUARY

VARIOUS TIMES & DATES
Not running bank holidays

BOOK NOW!
Call our team on **01482 218 753**
Or scan the QR code to book online
bit.ly/york-haf
info@firststep-sports.co.uk

GREAT VENUES TO CHOOSE FROM
See reverse for details

SPORT **DANCE** **ARTS & CRAFTS** **AND SO MUCH MORE!**

FREE
PAID SPACES AVAILABLE
£20 PER DAY

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QR CODE

This holiday club is part of the City of York Council HAF Programme and is free for those with a HAF code or unique reference number.

Supported by Department for Education

CITY OF YORK **First Step Sports Group** **KIDS TAKEOVER HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS**

ENERGISE LEISURE CENTRE YO24 3DX

FOXWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE YO24 3HY

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

York RLFC Foundation are a running free turn up and play session in partnership with Westfield Ward Committee.

WHAT: Free turn up & play, Indoor Multi-Sports Session.
WHEN: Friday 3rd January, 1:30 - 3:30pm
WHO: Suitable for children aged 5 & upwards!
WHERE: Our Lady's Church Hall, Cornlands Road. YO24 3DX.
TO BOOK: No need to book just turn up on the day!

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CITY OF YORK COUNCIL



JOIN YORK CITY FOUNDATION FOR SOME HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

RECEIVE A YCFC GOODIE BAG

10AM TO 3PM

£14 PER DAY

Monday 23rd December	1 Day	£14
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall		
Tuesday 24th December	1 Day	£14
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall		
Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January 2025	2 Days	£28
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall		

ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE FOR ALL COURSES AT
officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity

Advance booking is required and is available online up to 48 hours prior to the course start date unless sold out. We regret we cannot offer a refund for illness or other reasons for non-attendance.

YORK CITY FC FOUNDATION OFFERS FOOTBALL HOLIDAY FUN COURSES EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AT VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS THE CITY

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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See full timetable on our website!



DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES!

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

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Derwent Danceworks derwentdanceworks@hotmail.com
DERWENTDANCE.CO.UK **IDTA**



dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com

07540606684

RE: Lunch and After School clubs

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Lunch Clubs

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

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

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

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

After School Clubs

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

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

Prices

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

Lunch Club £3.50 per week - £45.50

After School Club £5 per week - £65

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

dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com

Many Thanks,
Miss Caroline

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

<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	Contact
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 1902 Aulston Hall, CFCN 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 1902 Aulston Hall, CFCN 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 1902 Aulston Hall, CFCN 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. 1

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 2

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Fully Funded School Support Course

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Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.
*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

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.

We need empathetic people with good communication skills to help deliver our parenting courses.

Our courses run at various times, days of the week, and locations around York, so you can volunteer when it suits you. Training will be provided.

REGISTER INTEREST NOW



www.fmy.org.uk/volunteering
email: jenwootten@fmy.org.uk

Contact Jen for more details : jenwootten@fmy.org.uk; 07393 147259

Time Out for Parents: Children with Additional Needs FREE Family Support Course



Parenting children with additional needs can bring unexpected joys, but also unexpected challenges.

Join us for 5 sessions to find out more about your child's emotional needs, the importance of self-esteem and strategies to manage tricky behaviour and emotions. Share with others and find you're not alone!



BOOK NOW

www.fmy.org.uk
jenwootten@fmy.org.uk

Begins Thursday 27th February 2025
9.30-11.30am session
Cornerstone, Millfield Lane, York YO10 3AP

* Chat & share * Bite-sized tips & strategies * Know that you are not alone!

Handling Anger in the Family FREE Family Support Course



Anger and conflict in families is normal!
But how often do we talk about it?



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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