

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school on what has panned out to be a chilly one! Thank you for taking extra care coming in and out of school and we're all looking forward to a thaw next week and the opportunity to spend more time outside.

We have started the term at full speed. The highlights of the week have included theatre workshops in Year 2, wintery Forest School sessions and the beginning of the new term's Big Ideas. The school website will be updated with the Big Idea planners for each year group over the coming weeks.

As we move into the end of the week we are excited for the members of the Key Stage 2 Choir who are attending 'Young Voices' in Sheffield this evening - this is a huge platform for showcasing the skills of young singers across the region. It is always a fantastic event and a huge favourite with children and parents alike. A massive thanks to Mr Sherwin and Mrs Hardy for leading the event, and other staff who have volunteered their time to accompany the children tonight.

Thank you, as always, for all your support and here's to hoping that next week is a little milder!

Mr Gardiner and Mr Cooper



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

We hope that this 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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FAVOURITES DAY MENU

Thursday 16th January is an important day for us...

The number of school meals taken by Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Thursday 16th January relates directly to the funding we receive in school for **all** children.

Please help us, if you can, by sending your children for a school dinner that day... It really will make all the difference to everything we do.

Put very simply, the more children eating a school lunch on Thursday 16th January, the more funding our school can access. Sure as eggs is eggs.

LUNCH MENU

(ALL THE FAVES)

Pepperoni Pizza

Cheese Pizza

Chicken Wraps

Veggie Nugget Wraps

Jacket Potatoes

All with Veg or Salad

Choice of Sandwiches

Ham, Cheese or Egg



**THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR
PUDDING...**

Jam Doughnuts

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. To see if you are eligible check the website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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

Happy New Year! The children have been back in the Library this week, enjoying class sessions.

Next week the Year 6 Library Assistants will be back in the Library after school and we look forward to seeing any parents and children who want to drop in before 4pm to browse and borrow.



*"'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

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 - 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 **30/01/25**. There will be a parent meeting on **Monday 10/02/25 at 3.25pm** in the Year 5 Classrooms. See email sent today (10/01/25).

Year 6

Yorkshire Air Museum Trip, 16/01/25 - Please see email sent 13/12/24. Children should come to school in their school uniform. They will need to bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle. Children should wear a warm coat along with hat/scarves/gloves and sensible footwear (trainers are allowed) as some of the workshop is outside.

Barcelona 2025 - The payment plan is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **30/01/25**.

Other

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/fhfW6GHqax 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.	Please see details below with sign up information.

CLUB NEWS

Knavesmire Chess Club - FREE

Knavesmire Chess Club is open to all levels and it is FREE. If you as a parent are interested and want to volunteer or 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/bpGkdwkVuSgcE6fD7>

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/kRfsNU4RBSvELeGz7>

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



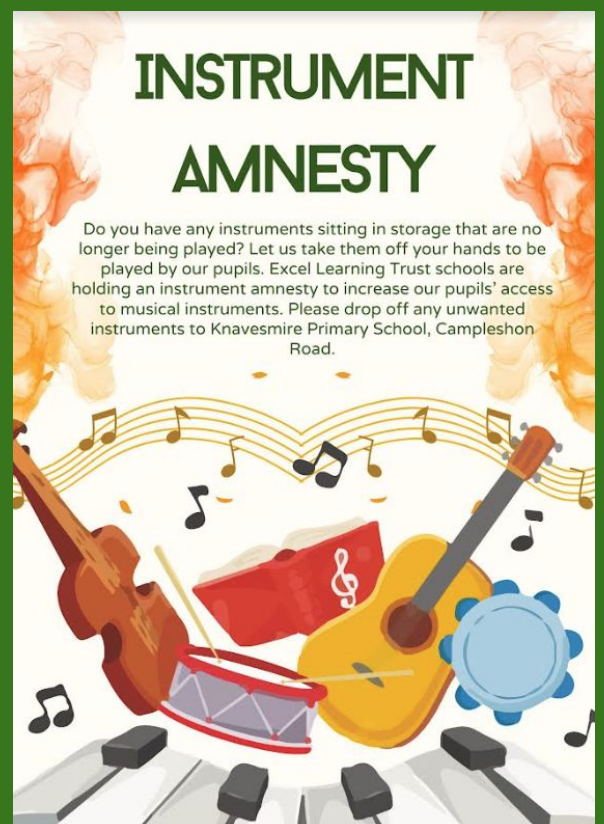
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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	10/02/25 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Carlton Lodge Parent Meeting, 3.25pm Carlton Lodge Residential
Year 6	10/03/25 - 14/03/25	Barcelona Trip
The School House	23/01/25	Panathlon AM at York High - PE Kit needed
Other	10/01/25 16/01/25	Young Voices Concert Spring School Census - Favourites Day Menu for School Dinners

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

Happy New Year to all of you! We are looking forward to planning into 2025 and will update you with upcoming events as they arise.

Once again, thank you for all your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated!



Please consider a donation

The Friends of Knavesmire are always appreciating donations to support the school and therewith all the children. So if you feel you can then please use this QR code to contribute. Any amount is welcome. Thank you.



Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

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COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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

Monday 23rd December 2024

Thursday 2nd January 2025

Friday 3rd January 2025

Monday 6th January 2025

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

Booking Sessions for KCKC

To start making bookings, simply:

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

Queries and system support

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

T: 01444 523335

E: knavesmire@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk

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

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

CLUB INFORMATION

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

BIKES

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

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

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



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

It has been a very cold but lovely first week of 2025 in Nursery! Due to the unsafe conditions outdoors, we had to bring the snow and ice indoors for us to explore. Although we did quickly learn that it doesn't last as long when it is inside and even shorter when you hold it in your hands! We held lots of discussions around the melting process and shared our observations.

We have also been busy learning about our emotions with the help of the Colour Monster. We used the different colours to recall our emotions and shared the experiences we have had that made us feel differently.

Next week we will be beginning our new Big Idea, 'people who help us'. Our end goal is to create a fact book about different jobs. We are starting by looking at vets and how they can help our animals.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Nursery Team 😊

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant week back starting our new Big Idea which is Antarctica! We started this week with learning about the southern lights which are also known as the Aurora Australis and we created our own chalk artwork. We also created Self Portraits where we thought about our physical features and talked about our different characteristics.

We have started Phase 3 in phonics, each day we will be learning a new grapheme, we have posted these on dojo so you can reference them. In Literacy we have been practicing writing words containing these graphemes! In Maths we have been revising numbers that we learnt before Christmas.

We do have slap cheek going around both classes, if your child does have it, they do not need to stay at home unless they are unwell. Have a great weekend!

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a good Christmas break and feel rested ready for a new term. This week, we have begun thinking about our new Big Idea about toys. In English, we recited a poem about toys, adding actions to help us remember the words and in Maths, we have been learning to identify, name and describe 2D and 3D shapes. In Big Idea, we did some Science work to find out how we could make a toy car travel further and next week, we will begin to find out about toys from the past. We had our first Forest School sessions this week and will continue to work with Mrs Banham in Forest School every Thursday until the end of this half term. This week, everyone had plenty of layers as it has been cold, but please make sure your child has warm clothing with them for these sessions. As we begin a new year, we would like to encourage children to bring healthy snacks for morning or afternoon break. Healthy snacks could consist of fruit, vegetable sticks, rice cakes, cereal bars or crackers. Please do not send biscuits or cakes etc and be mindful that we do not have any way of refrigerating snacks in the classroom.

Thank you for your support and we hope you have a good weekend,
From the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays! Thank you again for our kind Christmas gifts. We hope you all had a restful break!

The children have done really well with the cold weather and limited break times outside this week. We have had a lovely start to the Spring term with lots of fun activities. We have officially launched our brand new Big Idea which is Circus themed - we have enjoyed Computing and Art lessons as part of this. In English, we have starting a Narrative unit with the children discussing imaginative ideas to change the endings of stories. We also used our improvisation skills to perform some Drama! On Thursday, 2S were really lucky to take part in more Drama with a Theatre Royal workshop for the afternoon. 2G will have this opportunity next week!

In Maths, we are focusing on the 10 x tables and looking at different 2D shapes - next week we will be looking at 3D shapes too.

Have a brilliant weekend.

From the Year 2 team.

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a fabulous first week of the Spring Term! In Writing, they've identified features of a non-chronological report, organised information using their knowledge of the structure of a report, retrieved information from a fact file and collected information from a fact file using a spider diagram. In Maths, the children have consolidated their knowledge of division using number lines and begun to divide using the chunking method. In Big Idea, the children have begun their new Big Idea: what lies beneath the ocean's surface? In PE, the children have enjoyed their first swimming lesson back and their first gymnastics lesson of the unit. Next week, we are 1 staff member short to accompany the children to and from swimming. Therefore, if you're DBS-checked, and would be happy to accompany the children to and from their swimming lesson at Energise on the morning of Thursday 16th January, please do let a member of the Year 3 team know as we would be ever so grateful!

Both classes have also begun their new class novels. 3U have enjoyed listening to the first chapter of The Creakers written by Tom Fletcher and 3S have started to read The Witches by Roald Dahl.

As always, 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're always happy to help!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

Happy New Year! We've had a great week back. We've launched our new Big Idea - 'What does it take to become a game developer?' investigating the history of gaming, verifying information, and designing our own gaming characters. Our gaming theme has continued in English, which has seen us studying instructions for how to acquire diamonds in Minecraft. In Maths, we have developed our methods of multiplication and division, particularly focused on using our times table s knowledge to do this effectively.

Have a great weekend.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

It has been lovely welcoming all the children back this week and hearing all about their festive period! We started our new Big Idea where our Guiding Question is: Can we make our own rainforests? We started our learning journey with an introduction to tropical and temperate rainforests and comparing physical and human features within these rainforests. Next week, we will be creating a piece of artwork on the impact of climate change and human action on the rainforests. In writing, we have been researching the positive and negative impacts of deforestation in order to start planning and writing a letter next week arguing our point of view. In maths, we have been working on multiplication (multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit) and will continue this next week before moving on to short division. Our homework for next week will be our 8 times tables and spelling words ending in 'ibly' and 'ably'.

We hope you all had a fantastic break over the holidays and are excited for an amazing 2025!

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Welcome back to another exciting term in Year 6! This week, we have started our WW2 Big Idea with some drama work and by creating timelines to gain a real understanding of the events of 1939-1945. We are looking forward to our trip next week to Elvington Airfield. Don't forget to send your child in with warm clothes and a pack-up!

We will be celebrating this Big Idea with a VE Day party in the last week before half-term. More details will follow but we will be asking children to dress up in 1940s costume on that day.

Have a lovely weekend,
The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a great start to the Spring 1 half term in the School House!

In Maths, we have been practicing our times tables using TT Rockstars and Numbergym in addition to learning how to use column multiplication. In English, we have started our Non-Chronological report unit. This week, we looked at the features of a Non-Chronological report and how to use third person.

In Big Idea, we have learnt all about Walt Disney and what inspired him to create Disney. Using DT skills we have designed, made and evaluated our very own Disney castle - make sure you take a look at our magical creation on instagram! We finished our week presenting our Disney castle project in whole school assembly in addition to singing 'you've got a friend in me' in makaton. The School House children made us very proud and presented to the whole school with confidence!

On Thursday 23rd January, we will be taking part in a panathlon at York High. This will take place in the morning and a school kit will be provided for the children. Please could they bring in a PE kit and pack up that day as we should be back to school for 12:30.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
School House Team.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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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.

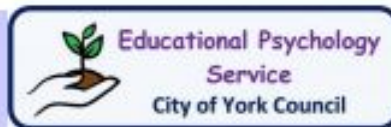
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Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

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.

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"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

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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TO SEE WHAT CLUBS WE ARE RUNNING THIS TERM!



CHILDCARE VOUCHERS AND TAX-FREE CHILDCARE ARE ACCEPTED!

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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
 





MINI MOVIES

**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!**


[HTTPS://THPSNETBALLCLUB.CARRD.CO/](https://thpsnetballclub.carrd.co/)


SHOOTING STARS NETBALL TRAINING



Weekly inclusive indoor netball training for years 3-5 followed by years 6-8 this spring term, led by Ben Orton and Miss Richardson! Hone your skills and be match sharp!

BEGINS:	LOCATION:	TIME:
JAN 13th 2025	TERRINGTON HALL SCHOOL SPORTS HALL	Y3-5: 6.00-7.00pm Y6-8: 7.10-8.10pm



BOOK ON: <https://bit.ly/THPSNetballClubBookingForm>
 OR  07538508923

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 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

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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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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

Free Parenting Clinics

with
Anisa Lewis
Positive Parenting
www.anisalewis.com



January
14th @ 12.30pm
Confidence

Are you worried about your child's confidence?

What IS the difference between confidence and self-esteem?

Is a lack of confidence stopping your child from getting the most out of their experiences?

If these questions resonated with you and got you thinking then join Anisa (Parenting Coach) for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic. This online talk is focused on confidence 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

(The clinic will be recorded and sent out to those who register to attend.)

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January
14th, 12.30 pm
Confidence

February
11th, 12.30 pm
Screens

March
11th, 12.30 pm

Anxiety

April
29th, 12.30 pm

Friends