

# Knavesmire Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

### Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Parents, Carers, Families,

It's beginning to feel like Spring might be springing! Attendance looks like we're beginning to get through the nasty bugs, we've had some blue sky and that orange glowing thing, and we've managed a few sporting events and trips too!

Well done to our Y6 swimmers who competed on Thursday afternoon, to our netballers playing tonight, and our hockey players who have started training at 8am before school four mornings a week! Excellent characteristics of determination, sporty and healthy, high expectations AND resilience!

Thanks for stopping to chat on the playground in the mornings. We got lots of pupils in our school community, so it's lovely to meet the families that we don't know well.

Below I've added a link to a sponsored charity run that I'm attempting. I'm always too awkward to do personal sponsored activities (I even avoided them as a child) but as it's an important cause, I'm being brave a putting it out here. Feel free to ignore but thanks for those who at least look at me sympathetically!

Thanks for a lovely week,

Adam 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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## ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Starting out as a night shelter, Centrepoint's work with young people has evolved beyond all recognition over the last 50 years.

In the centre of London's Soho in December 1969, the Revered Ken Leech opened a night shelter in the basement of his church to give homeless, young people a safe place to sleep. Our services are what make Centrepoint so special, we focus on giving young people not just a bed for a night but a home where they can reclaim their future with the support of our dedicated frontline workers.

Over the years we have grown, offering services around the country and developing truly innovative approaches to help young people. We work in partnership with other charities all over the UK, we learn from each other and we join forces to call for change. We know we can't end youth homelessness alone – it will take collaboration and systemic change but we believe we can do it and are committed to ending youth homelessness.

We started with one small shelter, now we support more than 2,000 young people every day through our floating support, rough sleeping and resettlement services but with almost 136,000 young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness last year – we're needed more than ever.

## ADAM'S FUNDRAISING RUN!

To help combat old age and middle-age spread, I'm doing a fundraising half-marathon at the beginning of April. It's to raise money for a charity that my mum supported and felt strongly about.

If you'd like to support (no obligation), you can scan the QR code here.

Many thanks, Adam



# TOGETHER WE CAN END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS





FOUNDATION

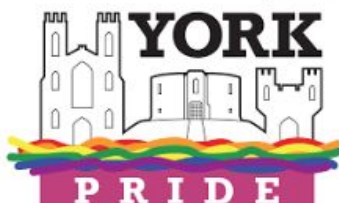
## COMPETITION WINNER!!!

We are delighted to reveal some homegrown artistic talent.

Lyndon, Year 5, has been announced the WINNER of York City Football Club Foundation's 'Football v Homophobia' competition!! The children were asked to design a poster that spreads the message that football is for everyone.

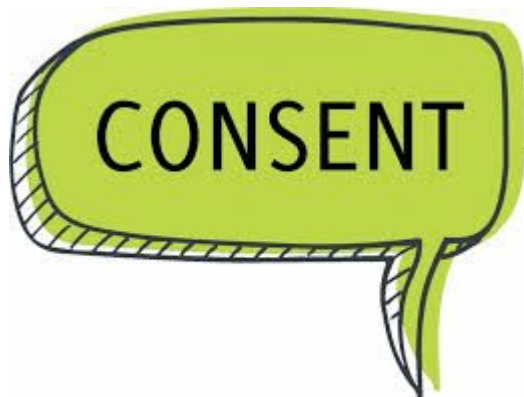
Lyndon's fantastic poster will feature in tomorrow's matchday programme, right.

We are immensely proud of all the entries from Knavesmire children, and a HUGE congratulations to Lyndon for the winning entry!!



York City FC  
Foundation Poster





## CONSENTS REVIEW 2025

As per the ParentPay email earlier this week, we are revising the consents which we collect from parents/carers in relation to how we can use images of your children. We are also redefining how we approach Educational Visits and how we gain consent for Trips.

**The consents and information on the attached form replace all previous consents and information on both use of images and trips.**

**WHAT DO WE NEED? A form submitting for EVERY child in Years 1-6.**

This excludes Nursery and Reception, who are already using these consents. We also do not require a response if your child started at Knavesmire this academic year, as you are already using these consents too.

**HOW MANY FORMS DO WE NEED SUBMITTING? We require one form per child so if you have more than one child at the school submit a form for each child.**

**WHEN DO WE NEED FORMS SUBMITTING BY? By Friday 14th February 2025, ahead of the February Half Term**

**WHEN WILL THESE RESPONSES TAKE EFFECT? The responses you provide will be updated on your children's records and will take effect from Summer Term 2025, AFTER the Easter Holidays.**

Until this point we will continue to refer to your previously provided consents as necessary.

**CAN I CHANGE MY RESPONSE TO ANY CONSENT AT A LATER DATE? Yes, just email the school office with your request.**

**CONSENTS REVIEW FORM - IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO PLEASE COMPLETE -**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19cSjpXGyg5\\_YwwOzp6r853lpTTfkQeThUhCnMGBW1KU/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19cSjpXGyg5_YwwOzp6r853lpTTfkQeThUhCnMGBW1KU/edit)

We know some families who do not usually consent to photos/videos may wish to do so solely for residential or special trips such as Robin Hood's Bay, Carlton Lodge, Barcelona. We will give you the opportunity to give consent for only these trips at the time.

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.







## BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

We're really pleased to share our Behaviour Curriculum, which has been designed in partnership with local artist Ellie Lewis. This poster helps us to show our children what we are trying to achieve, how we should behave and treat each other and what we will do to get there. It isn't exhaustive and works alongside our Behaviour Policy. We wanted it to be child friendly and we have shared it with pupils across school already. It goes hand in hand with our Knavesmire Characteristics, the 50 things and our School Aims, which together complete our school's vision.

## TESCO COMMUNITY CHAMPION

We'd like to offer enormous thanks to Jo Meier who is our local Tesco Community Champion, Askham Bar.

On behalf of Tesco, she has donated a huge amount of stock to the school. This has included brand new uniform items (check out the school rail for new clothes on sale!), play mats for Early Years and soft drinks which we'll sell at school discos etc to raise funds.



# 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](mailto: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.

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## SCHOOL LIBRARY

Year 6 Library Assistants are now in the School Library 3.30 Mon-Thurs to help with all your borrowing needs.

The School Library is open for browsing every day from 3.15-3.30pm, and browsing, borrowing and reading from 3.30-4pm. It would be lovely to see you there!

Miss Smith



## CLOTHES BANK

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

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

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

## REFUGEE APPEAL

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

## SCHOOL MILK

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

## 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

**YOUNG VOICES:** A number of items of lost property have been found on the bus that was taken to Sheffield Arena. If anyone has lost something, please let us know so that we can try to reunite it.

The box for lost hats, gloves and scarves in the gazebo on the playground is overflowing... Please check it out for your missing items.

For valuables, please visit the Friends Of Knavesmire Facebook page and search #lostandfound <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19oEC5BBmk/?mibextid=K35Xfp>

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



# NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL



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

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

**Please do not bring any nut or sesame products into school.**



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





# 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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Reduce Lost Property**



Quote Our Fundraising Number To Raise Funds For School

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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

## Whole School

Parents Evening, 04/03/25 and 05/03/25 - See email sent 14/01/25. Appointments can be booked on our booking system at the link below. Booking is open and will close at 11.55pm on Monday 03/03/25.

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/knavesmire>

## Reception

Lotherton Hall Trip, 13/02/25 - See email sent 24/01/25. If you are willing to make a financial contribution, please do so by 28/02/25.

## Year 1

Harlow Carr Trip, 07/05/25 - See email sent 31/01/25. Please give consent and make payment on ParentPay by 06/03/25.

## Year 2

York Chocolate Story Trip 26/02/25 - See email sent 31/01/25. Thank you to everyone who has completed the consent on ParentPay. Those who are yet to do this, please do so ASAP as this is now overdue. If you are willing to make a financial contribution, please do so by 03/03/25.

## Year 3

Swimming - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Eureka Trip 07/05/25 - See email sent today. Please give consent and make voluntary contribution by 10/03/25.

## 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

Dance Festival Performances, 04/03/25 and 08/03/25 (optional) - Please see update email sent 29/01/25. All places for this event have now been filled.

Bikeability - Please see email sent today (07/02/25). See dates in key dates section. Please complete the online form using the link in the email no later than **Thursday 13/02/25**.

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 10/01/25.

## Year 6

### Barcelona 2025

**Payment** - The next payment is due by **30/01/25**.

**Passports and GHIC Cards** - Please bring in all passports and travel documents to the school office by Friday 07/02/25.

Y6 Choir Members, York Community Choir Festival at Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Sat 08/03/25 - Please see email sent 21/01/25. Y6 members of the choir have been invited to attend. **Please sign up on ParentPay by 03/02/25**.

## School House

Inclusive Cycling, 24/02/25 - See email sent 14/01/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear trainers and bring a pack up for the trip. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

## Other

KS2 Choir - See email sent 21/01/25. Choir is open to children in Years 3 to 6. If you missed the deadline to sign up, but your child is keen to attend, please email or ring the School Office and we will help where possible.

# CLUBS

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

Organisation	Activity	Contact details
Ignite Sports	Ignite run sports clubs after school on a Monday.	You can sign up for these sessions on Ignite's website. <a href="http://www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a> or email: <a href="mailto:info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a>
Dance with Miss Caroline	Miss Caroline runs drama, cheerleading and street dance clubs for all school aged children on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday.	To sign up for these sessions please follow this link <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/fhfW6GHqax">https://forms.office.com/r/fhfW6GHqax</a> or for more info, email Miss Caroline: <a href="mailto:dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com">dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com</a>
Circus Skills	Circus Stu runs a circus skills club for all school aged children. This takes place on a Friday lunchtime.	To sign up please email Stu: <a href="mailto:stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org">stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org</a> or go to the website: <a href="http://www.circusskillsyorkcic.org">www.circusskillsyorkcic.org</a>
Rocksteady	Rocksteady are in Knavesmire on a Wednesday in school hours. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals.	For more information and to sign up, go to Rocksteady's website: <a href="http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com">www.rocksteadymusicschool.com</a>
Clare's Kitchen	Clare runs sessions for all school aged children after school on a Monday. These sessions give children the opportunity to plan, prepare & cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together.	To sign up please email Clare: <a href="mailto:clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk">clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk</a>
Chess Club	This club is run on Tuesday and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer.	Please see details below with sign up information.

## CLUB NEWS

### Knivesmire Chess Club - FREE

Knivesmire 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](mailto:shroud.king@gmail.com) or ask me in the playground. Ask around for Larry.



# MUSIC IN SCHOOL



## Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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

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

## MUSIC NEWS

Please check back for updates



# KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
<b>Nursery</b>		
<b>Reception</b>	13/02/25	Lotherton Hall Trip
<b>Year 1</b>	07/05/25	Harlow Carr Trip
<b>Year 2</b>	26/02/25	Trip to York's Chocolate Story
<b>Year 3</b>	02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 07/05/25	Play performance 5:30 - 6:30 Play performance 1:30 - 2:20 Play performance 5:30 - 6:20 Eureka Trip (Drop off at 8.30pm and pick up at 3.45pm)
<b>Year 4</b>	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
<b>Year 5</b>	10/02/25 04/03/25  08/03/25 18/03/25 19/03/25 25/03/25 26/03/25 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Carlton Lodge Parent Meeting, 3.25pm School Sports Partnership Dance Festival at York High School (signed up children only) Everybody Dance Festival at York Theatre Royal (signed up children only) 5T Bikeability 5T Bikeability 5H Bikeability 5H Bikeability Carlton Lodge Residential
<b>Year 6</b>	13/02/25 24/04/25 - 28/02/25 08/03/25 10/03/25 - 14/03/25	VE Day Celebration - Parents invited from 2.45pm El Cim School visiting York Community Choir Festival (Y6 signed up choir member only) Barcelona Trip
<b>The School House</b>	07/02/25 24/02/25	Everyman Cinema Trip. Inclusive Cycling, Railway Institute. Trainers and pack up needed.
<b>Other</b>	04/03/25 05/03/25	Parents Evening, 4pm - 7.30pm. Booking opens at 10am on Tues 21/01/25. Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Booking opens at 10am on Tues 21/01/25.

# FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

We hope you had a good first week of February and are looking forward to the first half term of the year - only one week to go.

We would like to remind you that we would welcome any dressing up donations (for primary school aged children) in order to be prepared for World Book Day on 6 March. We'll put out our costume rack after half term and would very much appreciate some new additions. Thank you for your help and continued support.

Lastly, as always, we'd be ever so grateful for parents to donate some of their time and volunteer. The more helpers there are the less the individual one has to actually do. So it'd be fantastic to have a bigger pool of occasional volunteers and supporters. Contact us via [knavesmirefriends@gmail.com](mailto:knavesmirefriends@gmail.com) to sign up.

Have a good weekend - even if the weather is rudely never as sunny as during the week.



**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

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Bookings are now open for the February Half Term

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](mailto: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](http://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc)

## CLUB INFORMATION

### EMAIL ADDRESS

New Email Address - our email has changed to [coolkidsclub@knavesmire.elt.org.uk](mailto:coolkidsclub@knavesmire.elt.org.uk)

Please delete any other email addresses which you may have for KCKC.

### 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.



# COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM @ KCKC

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 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.

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Paper Plate Dinosaur	Stone Age Art
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Greek Mythology Paper Craft	Make your own Roman Pottery
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Anglo Saxon Brooch	Viking Longboat Paper Craft
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Medieval Castle Paper Craft	Wooden Knight and Peg Dragon
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Victorian Illusion Toys	Dolly Peg Doll

### HOLIDAY CLUB REMINDERS

- We ask that all children bring a named water bottle with them.
- A packed lunch and snacks are needed each day depending on sessions booked. We recommend a snack for both the 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 NUT PRODUCTS.**
- Sensible shoes or trainers are to be worn. Children must have indoor shoes to change into if they wear wellies to walk to KCKC
- 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

The week started with another very exciting visit! This time York Fire Service came in their fire engine to share their job with us. We had so much fun learning about how to get help in an emergency and they even let us use the hose to spray water! Thank you to Jacob and the team for taking the time to give our children this learning opportunity.

We currently have a lot of lost property at Nursery, please take a look in the yellow box outside if you are missing anything. Please could we also ask that you make sure every item of clothing (including hats, gloves etc.) are labelled with your child's name.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team 😊

## RECEPTION MESSAGES

Hello Reception,

We've had a lovely week in school, and have been looking at Humboldt penguins ahead of our trip next week. The children have impressed us with their retention of information during this Big Idea and it's been lovely to see how engaged they are!

In phonics we have been looking at chunking larger 2 syllable words, and recapping on all of our tricky words. In maths we have consolidated our learning about the composition of 5 using raisins! We hope you enjoy a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

The Reception Team ❤️

## YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we have finished making our wheeled toys in Big Idea using axles and wheels. We decorated our toys to make each one unique and they all look great! Next week, we will evaluate our toys. In English, we have been working on explanation texts. We read an explanation text about toys with wheels and we created a text map to help us remember the text. Then, we used our text map to write our own sentences with careful letter formation. In Maths, we have been adding one digit numbers together. Next week, we will begin looking at number bonds of 20.

Thank you for all the offers to help us with our trip to Harlow Carr. As we have received many offers, we will pull names out of a hat to make it fair. We will be in touch next week to confirm who the helpers are.

Have a lovely weekend,

From the Year One team.



# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had another amazing week! We have continued to learn about money in Maths lessons and practised finding change from different amounts. Next week, we will be consolidating our learning from this half term. In English, the children have been learning about features of a news report and gathered information to write their own next week. The children also thoroughly enjoyed practising their circus skills and performing to each other on Friday. We also had a go at different skills together, including juggling! Please look out for the email regarding the details for our school trip to York's Chocolate Story after half term. If you are able to help make this trip happen as a volunteer, please let the office or one of the Year 2 staff know. Thank you again for all of your support at home. Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

## YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a brilliant week! In Writing, they've continued with their unit on persuasive writing and begun to plan their persuasive letter ahead of their independent piece of writing next week. In Maths, the children have continued their unit on measurement. In PE, the children have completed their final lesson on gymnastics where they performed a floor routine to their peers. In Big Idea, the children learned about famous shipwrecks, worked scientifically and made their very own boats!

This week's homework is on Spelling Shed and My Maths so nothing needs to be evidenced within homework books. In order to get onto Spelling Shed and My Maths, the children will require their login details which are stuck to the inside of their homework books. If you have any problems with accessing this, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 3 Team.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 3 Team.

## YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week has been very exciting for Year 4, as we have continued to build our locomotives! By creating a chassis and adding wheels, gears, pulleys and an electrical circuit, we have created a locomotive which can move forwards and backwards. It has been a delight to watch the children listening carefully to instructions, working as a team and kindly helping each other throughout the process. Next week, we hope to test the locomotives during a scientific investigation.

In Maths, we have focussed on Improper Fractions and Mixed Fractions, ordering and comparing both pictorial and numerical depictions of these. We have also worked really on our times tables and are becoming increasingly fluent through our own hard work.

In English, our focus has been on our locomotive trip around the world, as we have started to write travel guides to various cities in Europe.

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## YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Year 5 have been very creative this week through art and writing where they have sketched a realistic rainforest animal in art as part of our Big Idea and in writing have created and planned a non chronological report for a rainforest creature they have created. Next week, we are going to draft and edit our non chronological reports.

In maths, we have been working with Terry T to find fractions of amounts and will be moving onto looking at decimal numbers next week.

Thank you to all the children who have brought in jars in order to make terrariums next week.

Please remember we have a meeting after school on Monday about Carlton Lodge in one of the Year 5 classrooms.

Have a lovely weekend,  
The Year 5 Team.

## YEAR 6 MESSAGES

This week, Year 6 have worked extremely hard on their end of term assessments. In English, the children have been publishing their own instructions linked to the Blackout, making them look authentically in the style of the War Office. Meanwhile, in Big Idea, they have been continuing their Home Front group projects, exploring how people contributed to the war effort and in PE they have been perfecting their jive dances.

A reminder that we will be holding our VE Day party on Thursday 13th February at 3pm. Children are welcome to dress up in WW2-style clothing if they wish—we're looking forward to seeing their outfits! We also can't wait to show you the fantastic jive dances we've been practising.

Because the children have worked so hard on their assessments this week, we will not be setting any homework this week.

Have a lovely and restful weekend!  
The Year 6 Team

## THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

This week we have had a busy week in the School House!

In Maths, we have been working hard on our times tables in preparation for our test next week. In English, we have published and shared our non chronological reports with a friend of our choice. In Big Idea, we have enjoyed creating our very own future Disney animations! We also ended our week with a behind the scenes visit to Everyman where we learnt more about the history of films.

We can't wait for our Disney film night next week! Just as a reminder, it will be a 4:30pm drop off and 6:30pm pick up at the house. We will be providing pizza, popcorn and a hot chocolate. We are more than happy for the children to dress up if they would like to.

Have a lovely weekend.  
School House team.

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

*Cool Milk*  
**Free & Subsidised**  
**SCHOOL MILK**  
Register your child today!  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

## 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](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help?  
Send us a message  
at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)  
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

## Pharmacy+Health are offering readily available free and local healthcare for your family



**Did you know that your local pharmacies provide FREE healthcare appointments for common conditions by our highly trained healthcare professionals?**

Pharmacy+Health has 35 branch pharmacies across Yorkshire, including one right here in our community. The NHS Pharmacy First service, with accessible health appointments is designed so you and your family can get the treatment you need when you need it.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I need to book an appointment?

A: While walk-ins may be available, Pharmacy+Health recommend booking your free consultation online to secure a time that suits you.

Q: What happens during the appointment?

A: You'll meet with a pharmacist in a private consultation room, discuss your symptoms, and receive advice or treatment tailored to your needs.

Q: Is the service free?

A: Yes! The NHS Pharmacy First service is completely free for eligible patients.

Other services provided by local pharmacies:

NHS services such as NHS Blood Pressure service, NHS Contraceptive service, NHS flu and COVID-19 jabs (seasonal) are offered.

### What is the NHS Pharmacy First Service?

The NHS Pharmacy First service is a free and accessible way to address common health concerns, without the need for a GP appointment. Trained healthcare professionals can offer advice and prescription treatments (where deemed necessary) for 7 common conditions.

You can call into any local pharmacy branch or visit [www.pharmacyplushealth.co.uk](http://www.pharmacyplushealth.co.uk) to book an appointment for the health service you'd like to access. Same-day appointments at a time that suits you are often available.

### Pharmacy First 7 Condition Treated:

- Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs): For girls aged 16 and over.
- Impetigo: For anyone aged 1 year and older.
- Shingles: For adults aged 18 and above.
- Sore Throat: For children aged 5 and above, as well as adults.
- Earache: For children aged 1 to 17 years old.
- Infected Insect Bites: For anyone aged 1 year and older.
- Sinusitis: For anyone aged 12 years and older

### Why Choose Pharmacy+Health?

- Convenient Appointments: Book online at a time that works for you.
- Local Expertise: Pharmacy First is provided by highly trained pharmacists commissioned by the NHS to serve their community.
- Fast Support: Help your busy GPs practice by using Pharmacy First for a range of common conditions and get the treatment you need when you need it.

All pharmacies, including your local Pharmacy+Health branch are here to help!

To book a quick convenient appointment at your local pharmacy simply visit [pharmacyplushealth.co.uk](http://pharmacyplushealth.co.uk)

## NHS Pharmacy First Service Book an appointment for:



**Infected insect bite**



**Sore throat**



**Ear pain**



**Sinusitis**



**Shingles**



**UTIs**



**Impetigo**

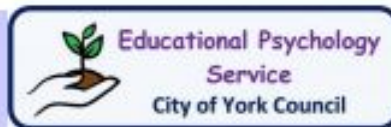
Your pharmacist might recommend and supply an appropriate prescription medicine, without the need to get a prescription from your GP.



Book online to be seen right away in consultation rooms  
[pharmacyplushealth.co.uk](http://pharmacyplushealth.co.uk)



# 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"

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

"Great service. Very easy to arrange"

"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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 2024  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 2024  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 2024  
January 29<sup>th</sup> 2025  
February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 2025  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025  
May 21<sup>st</sup> 2025  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 2025  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 2025



# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

## Clare's Kitchen Baking Club @ Knavesmire Primary Free Taster Session For Year Groups 5 & 6

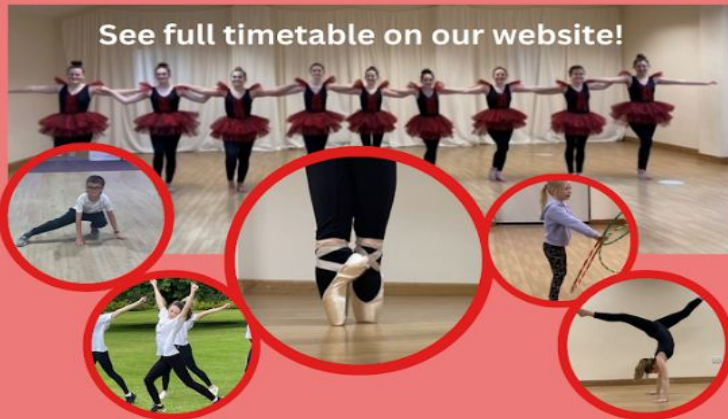


Baking Club runs on a Friday after school until 5.30pm. Our team of little chefs plan, prepare and bake their own food. We do all kinds of recipes from pizzas to gingerbread. We are offering a **Free Taster Session** this term to Year groups 5 & 6 on a first come first served basis. To redeem this invite, contact Clare at [clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk](mailto:clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk) or whatsapp 07813182216. You will simply need to complete a booking form! This offer is only for those pupils who have not previously attended Clare's Kitchen.

Clare's Kitchen has been delivering Cookery Clubs in schools since it was founded by Clare in 2014. See us in action on social media;

Facebook <http://facebook.com/clareskitchenyork>  
Instagram @clareskitchenyork

See full timetable on our website!



## DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES!

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

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

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

**Derwent  
Danceworks**

[derwentdanceworks@hotmail.com](mailto:derwentdanceworks@hotmail.com)



[DERWENTDANCE.CO.UK](http://DERWENTDANCE.CO.UK)

**IDTA**



## FEB HALF TERM MULTI-SPORT CLUB

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY

**ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**25%  
SIBLING DISCOUNT**

**FROM £28 PER DAY!**

**CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!**

BOOK HERE - [IGNITESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://IGNITESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK)





## COMMUNITY MESSAGES



**SCHOOL  
TICKET OFFER**

**B. BRAUN SHEFFIELD SHARKS  
v MANCHESTER BASKETBALL**

**WED 12th FEB - 7:30PM**  
**@ CANON MEDICAL ARENA**

**£5**



### SHARKS SCHOOL OFFER

Please use the link below and enter the code provided:

[https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?fixtureId=8733&mc\\_cid=3197377fa3&mc\\_eid=e5cd69baf0](https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?fixtureId=8733&mc_cid=3197377fa3&mc_eid=e5cd69baf0)

**Date:** Wednesday, 12th February

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Venue:** Canon Medical Arena, Sheffield

**Matchup:** Sheffield Sharks vs. Manchester Basketball

**Special Offer:**

Students and parents can grab tickets for just **£5 each!**

#### How to Claim:

1. Visit: [Sheffield Sharks Tickets](#)
2. Enter the promo code **12FEB** at checkout.

**Hurry – Limited Tickets Available!**

This offer won't last long, so secure your seats today and be part of the excitement! Bring your energy and cheer on the Sharks as they light up the court! 🏀

#### Got Questions?

Feel free to contact Claire Ellicott at [claire.ellicott@thesheffieldsharks.com](mailto:claire.ellicott@thesheffieldsharks.com) for assistance.

We look forward to welcoming you to an evening filled with action, fun, and memories to last a lifetime!

P.S. Make it a school night your students and their families will never forget—spread the word about this amazing offer!

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

## MEET AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST!!

Friday, February 21st · 11:30am - 2pm GMT

The Mount School York

Dalton Terrace York YO24 4DD

Are you a fan of the Olympics? Do you love swimming? Or have you been captivated by Strictly Come Dancing?

If so, you have the chance to meet the incredible three-time Olympic gold medallist, Tom Dean! 🏊  
Join us at The Mount School in York for an exclusive meet and greet where you can chat with Tom, get your photos, ask him your burning questions about the Olympics, Swimming or his appearances in Strictly Come Dancing. Plus, don't miss the opportunity to hold his magnificent Olympic gold medals—this is your chance to feel the thrill of history! 🏆🏆🏆

Best of all, tickets are FREE! Just be sure to book in advance to secure your spot. This is a family-friendly meet and greet.

Confirm you/ your families attendance today 😊

Book free tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tom-dean-mbe-meet-greet-tickets-1227566577679?aff=oddtcreator>

# BACK AT THE LNER



LADIES

YORK CITY LADIES V MIDDLESBROUGH FC WOMEN  
WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY  
LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM, YO32 9AF  
7:45PM KICK-OFF



WFA Women's  
National League





# 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  
**BBB CHILDREN IN NEED** St Leonard's Hospice




# 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](mailto: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

# Inspire Create Enrich



## FREE academic masterclasses for students in years 5 & 6

### Wednesday 12th February 16:15 to 18:00

Choose from:

Maths	Art
Computer Science	Philosophy
Dance	Model United Nations

Plus the option for parents to have a tour of the school and meet the Leadership Team.

For more information and to book visit [bootham/ICEFeb25](http://bootham/ICEFeb25) or scan the QR code.





# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

www.parentcarerforumyork.org 31 January 2025

Parent Carer Forum York **NEWS LETTER** Connect@pcforyork.co.uk

### Coffee Mornings

**Thursday 06 February 2025**  
10:30 – 12:30 am  
New Earswick Folk Hall

**Monday 24 February 2025**  
10.30 – 12.30 am  
YHA, Clifton

Meet other parents and carers who share your lived experience. Swap tips, offload, get updates or share without judgement.

The first hot drink is on us as a thank you for allowing us to use your experience to inform our work with education, health and social care on parent carer voice.

We'll be easy to recognise with the table top sign. All are very welcome but if it's your first time and you would like to meet someone first, email Mary: connect@pcforyork.co.uk



### Listening Event

**York CAMHS from Orca House**

**Tuesday 11th February 2025**  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Online

Meet CAMHS Professionals, give feedback on your experiences and share your views. Email connect@pcforyork.co.uk for the meeting link.

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

### Why Join Us?

- Insightful discussions
- Meet other Parent Carers
- Interactive workshops

**Wed 26 February 2025**  
09.30am – 2.30pm  
Delta Hotels, Marriott, York

**PARENT CARER FORUM YORK 2025 Annual Conference and AGM**

Join us for a packed agenda on the themes of

**Preparation for Adulthood and Access to Health Services**, with updates and developments from across services in York

In the morning we will hear updates and new developments from Preparation for Adulthood Teams, CAMHS, York Carers Centre, York Hospital and therapy services.

After enjoying a complimentary buffet style lunch, attendees will have the opportunity to join discussions with Maxine Spence (Assistant Director of Education, Skills and SEND, CYC), Lynne Johns (Head of SEND, CYC) and Melodie Lighton (York SENDIAS).

Maxine and Lynne will be talking about the Universal Offer, SEND Hub, and support available for SEND families in York. Attendees will learn with Melodie about how best to manage meetings in school.

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### Kingston University London

**KUDYT** Empowering Educators Unlocking Literacy Transforming Lives

### Stop Dyslexic\* Learners Underperforming at School

**TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIES**

- all learners that struggle with literacy

**Tuesday 11 February 2025**  
6.00pm – 7.00pm  
Online

This webinar is part of a series, designed to equip educational professionals and parents with the tools to better support dyslexic learners.

The next webinar, Technology and strategies, aims to help dyslexic\* learners to overcome difficulties with writing.

**Find out more and book your place here.**

### Magical Musicals

**IMP's Holiday Club**

**Wednesday 19th February**  
1.30-3.30pm

Visit **Accessible Arts Media** for more info

### IMP's

**Inclusive music activities for disabled children and young people in York - We want your thoughts!**

IMP's (Inclusive Music Projects) have received funding to develop their programme, and would like parents of disabled children and young people to tell them about the sort of music activities they'd like to see happening in York. Please fill in the **consultation form** before **31st January**.

### FREE SIGNPOSTING EVENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES, LOCAL FAMILIES, PARENTS & CARERS.

**4TH FEBRUARY**  
DROP IN FROM 2PM – 6PM

Attending services include: York Musicale, MusicStart, York Integrated Care Board, Citizens Advice, Big Parents Foundation, SOAS, York SENDIAS, The Streetwise Circus, SPLASH, York Community Voices Partnership, Roke York, FQ, Foundation Positive Choices Services.

**BOOK NOW**

AT YORK ST JOHN CREATIVE CENTRE

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## Free Parenting Clinics

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



February

11th @ 12.30 pm

Screens

- Does your child resist turning off the TV, tablet, or games console?
- Do you dread the meltdowns when it's time to step away from a screen?
- Are you frustrated by endless arguments over screen time limits?
- Do you feel unsure about how much screen time is too much?

If any of these sound familiar, you're not alone. Join Anisa Lewis (Parenting Coach) for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic in February. This month, we'll tackle the challenges of screens and share practical tips to create healthier habits for your family.

Details:

- On Zoom
- 30-minute session

Book your place here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link

The clinic is recorded and the replay sent out to all who register to attend.

## FREE Parenting Clinics



ANISA LEWIS  
POSITIVE PARENTING COACH

[www.anisalewis.com](http://www.anisalewis.com)

To book visit: <https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
or email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com)

January

14th, 12.30 pm

Confidence

February

11th, 12.30 pm

Screens

March

11th, 12.30 pm

Anxiety

April

29th, 12.30 pm

Friends