

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

Comic relief is always a fun day in school; Mr Cooper and I have sported our rival football teams to add to the battle of being gunged...the outcome of that feels slightly ominous! Thank you for your support today, especially in baking so many delicious cakes - it really is appreciated when life is busy already.

We've just about recovered after a superb week in Barcelona. The Year 6 children were exceptional and we could not have been more proud of them. We've visited our friends at El Cim school, seen the Sagrada Familia, Miro Foundation and Olympic Stadium as well as plenty of other top tourist spots. A special thanks to the staff who have helped make the magic happen too.

In the sporting world, 10 of our children represented York in the regional Cross Country race yesterday in Giggleswick, with a 3rd and 1st spot in the respective Y5 and Y6 girls' races...well done! Four football teams, from Y4-6, represented school in both the boys and girls matches on Monday too and they were great.

Finally, our strong relationship with the Theatre Royal saw Y6s having a full day workshop all about the Titanic to link to their Big Idea and Y5 have started their Bikeability course!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Gardiner & 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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ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Starting out as a night shelter, Centrepoin't'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 Centrepoin't 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

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.

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.

SCHOOL MILK

If you want to register your child for school milk, simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register

REFUGEE COLLECTION

Refugee Action York can take donations again! They are looking for good quality washed clothes, new underwear and toiletries. Men's clothes are always in demand. Please drop off any items on the window sill in the office foyer. Thank you very much!

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

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 recycled if an owner can't be located..

Check the Friends of Knavesmire Facebook page to view any valuable #lostandfound items. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/14023395>

RED NOSE DAY IS BACK!

This Red Nose Day, let's celebrate 40 years of going big, giving big and feeling good with Comic Relief. Whether you give a few quid or give your all, let's do it together and support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer.

Red Nose Day 2025.



Go big.
Give big.
Feel good.

We are looking forward to supporting Comic Relief at Knavesmire Primary School on Friday 21st March.

To donate please use this link to our dedicated ParentPay Donations Page:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18294>



FRIDAY 21 MARCH

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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Our Fundraising
Number Is: 11349

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 1

Harlow Carr Trip, 07/05/25 - See email sent 31/01/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

Year 3

Swimming - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

National Railway Museum Trip 25/03/25 - See email sent 04/03/25. Children should arrive at school at 8.45am in their school uniform and with a packed lunch. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Pick up time is 4pm.

Eureka Trip 07/05/25 - See email sent 07/02/25. Children should arrive at school at 8.40am in their school uniform and with a packed lunch. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Pick up time is 4.15-4.30pm.

Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay - Parent meeting on Thursday 24/04/25, please see email sent today (14/03/25). The payment item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **30/04/25**.

Year 5

Bikeability - See dates in key dates section.

Science Enrichment Trip, 01/04/25 (Only for children who have received an email from school) - Please see email sent 11/03/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

Carlton Lodge - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **31/03/25**.



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 and Friday. 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 Tuesdays 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 or ask me in the playground. Ask around for Larry.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL



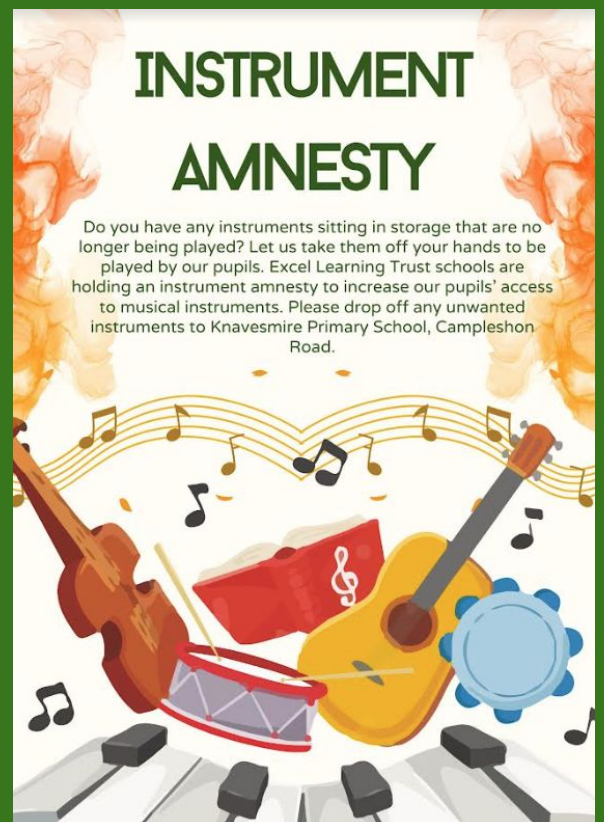
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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	03/04/25 07/05/25	Celebration Party for parents to attend 2:45pm-3:30pm Harlow Carr Trip
Year 2		
Year 3	25/03/25 02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 07/05/25	National Railway Museum Trip (Drop off 8.45am, pick up 4pm) 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, pick up at 3.45pm)
Year 4	02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 24/04/25 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 Robin Hood's Bay Parent Meeting, 3.30pm - 4pm Multiplication Check TT Rockstar Dress Up Day Robin Hood's Bay Residential- 4R Robin Hood's Bay Residential - 4GH
Year 5	25/03/25 26/03/25 21/05/25 - 23/05/25 25/06/25	5H Bikeability 5H Bikeability Carlton Lodge Residential MAT Arts Fest (Parents can attend performance at 6.30pm) More info to follow.
Year 6		
The School House	02/04/25 04/04/25 04/04/25	Space Station Making (please bring in any recycling for junk modelling session) Rowntree Park Cafe Trip (sharing their Space themed narratives at the cafe) Chocolate Works Egg-stravaganza 2:00 - 3:00
Other	01/04/25 27/06/25 (04/07/25)	FoKPS Easter Fair 4.30-6pm, Whole School Sports Evening, Little Knavesmire (more info to follow). (4.30-6pm, Whole School Sports Evening backup date in case rained off.)

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

Happy spring everyone. For once it really feels like it and doesn't just say so on the calendar.

For this occasion we have also put out a separate rack in the school's foyer with lots of summer dresses and shorts. It's £1 per item as usual. So come and have a look.

It's now not too long till our Easter Fair on the 1 April and you should have all received some more information in your child's book bag today - including all the fantastic prizes that are up for grabs in our raffle this year. You can also have a look at them below, on the school's Facebook page or on our notice board on the playground. There are some fantastic prizes available this year so please don't forget to buy your tickets. All the proceeds will benefit the school and make a massive difference.

Thank you to all those who have already purchased their tickets and donated treats and chocolate for the fair. We really appreciate it. But if you haven't yet, then please remember to

- buy your raffle tickets,
- donate some treats and chocolates
- as well as on the day bring in some nut free cakes or bakes for our cake sale at the fair.

And of course lastly a big plea for help. So far, unfortunately none of our regular helpers could offer to volunteer due to work commitments and there has been no sight of any new volunteers. While we're aware that it's not an easy time and you're all working hard, it'd been fantastic if we can get at least two handful of parents (out of 430 pupils) and wouldn't have to rely solely on the fantastic and enthusiastic Year 6ers as well as the teachers, who are equally working hard already. So please have a think and if you can, then use the QR code or the signing up sheet on your info brochure you should have received or write to us on knavesmirefriends@gmail.com to let us know you're available. Thank you very much.

Have a good weekend.



Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

Registered Charity N° 1050289

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

Friends of Knavesmire Primary School



Easter Fair & Raffle Tue 1st April 2025

In the playground right after school with **Games**, **Arts & Crafts**, a **Tombola**, **Lucky Bags** as well as our annual **Easter Raffle** (keep an eye out for details).

We will however need your help to make it happen ...

So please fill the stripy bags (with sweets or other bits & bobs if you like) and/or drop off some Easter chocolate in any form for our tombola. All donations can be left in the boxes in the school foyer & are much appreciated!

Buy your raffle tickets to be in with a chance to win one of our amazing prizes!

Finally, maybe think about giving us a bit of your time too. If you can help out on the day, then please sign up below & hand it into the office. Many thanks!!!

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Pls return to the box in the office or scan the QR code to help on Tuesday 1st April 2025:

Help set up from 1.15pm
 Help on a stall from 3pm
 Help clear away at the end, from about 4.30pm



Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____



**DESIGNER
OUTLET**

£25 voucher

PIGLETS

2 tickets

**YORSHIRE
ARBORETUM**

family
ticket

**WHISTLESTOP
VALLEY**

2 tickets

**WILLIAM'S
DEN**

1 ticket

**ASKHAM
BRYAN**

2 tickets

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS
TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE. GOOD LUCK !!!**

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 2025 Easter Raffle No. 0xxxxx Name _____ Address _____ Contact No _____ <small>All counterfoils, monies & unsold tickets to be returned to promoter by 1st April 2025</small>	Friends of Knavesmire Primary School Reg Charity Number 1050289 No. 0xxxxx <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2025 Easter Raffle</p> </div> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Wonderful prizes to be won including gift vouchers for local shops, restaurants, family attractions and more!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">The draw will take place on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 4.30pm in the school playground.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Promotor: Mrs Lily Reuter, 1/0 Knavesmire Primary School, Trafalgar Street, York, YO23 3HY.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; float: right; font-size: x-small;"> Ticket Price £1 </div>
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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

Easter Holidays

Bookings will shortly be open for the Easter Holidays. We will be open as follows:-

Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April

Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April

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

EMAIL ADDRESS

New Email Address - our email has changed to coolkidsclub@knavesmire.elc.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.



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

We have had a fabulous week enjoying the Spring sunshine in Nursery!

As we have continued our Big Idea we have focussed on the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We used props to retell the story, using lots of our maths knowledge to order the days of the week and numbers. Alongside this, we have been carefully observing the growth of our own caterpillars. They have grown so much in the last week and it won't be long until we can watch the next stage in their life cycle!

We have also kept a close eye on our eggs although we are yet to see any changes, we have to be very patient! We have begun to create our own life cycle pictures, practising our cutting and gluing skills as we put them into the correct order.

Have a lovely weekend!

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Hello Reception!

We've had a lovely week focussing on the 3 little pigs, listening to alternative versions of the traditional tale and enjoying making some wonderful paintings of the pigs and the big bad wolf!

In maths we've been looking at odds and evens as well as number bonds beyond 5.

In phonics we are focused on consolidating our digraphs and trigraphs and reading them in longer words. We've been trying very hard with our sentence writing, including finger spaces and making sure that we form our letters correctly.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!
The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

In Big Idea this week, we have found out why Ramadan is an important time for Muslims and how they celebrate the festival of Eid al-Fitr.

In English we have written the beginning of a story about a magical party hat and it was fun reading everyone's adventures! In Maths we have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones helping us to understand what each digit in a two digit number represents. In Big Idea next week, we will be finding out about the Hindu festival of Holi and how it is celebrated.

On Thursday 3rd April we are inviting you along to our 'Celebrations Party'. This will be held in the Year One classroom from 2:45pm to 3:30pm and will be a chance for your child to share with you some things they have learnt during our Big Idea.

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

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have worked incredibly hard this week! We have completed our Maths and Reading quizzes and we have been so proud of their hard work and determination. Next week, we will be continuing to look at persuasive writing in English lessons to prepare for writing our own advert in a couple of weeks time. In Maths, we will be consolidating our times tables knowledge and practising our reasoning and problem solving skills. In Big Idea this week, we planned and conducted our own science experiment to see which method of melting chocolate was the quickest. We really enjoyed using different methods to melt the chocolate and recording our results. Next week, we will be doing our DT project to create our own chocolate bar. In order to do this, we are asking for children to bring in a small, plastic, named tupperware box with a lid. Take away tubs are the perfect size if you have these at home!

Thank you for all of your support and we hope you have a restful weekend!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a busy week completing a range of assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. They've worked extremely hard and are finally finished, ready to continue their learning next week! In Big Idea, the children researched an explorer of their choice, to create a fact file, alongside their learning partner, and created their very own "explorer's mark" during an Art lesson. In PE, the children continued their unit on tennis, applying their hand-eye coordination skills to control a ball using a racquet. Additionally, the children have been rehearsing several songs ahead of their play, 'Hoodwinked', which is quickly creeping up on us!

The children have worked particularly hard this week, completing a range of assessments, and deserve a very well-earned, restful weekend. We hope you have a good one!

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.

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

Hoodwinked fever has hit Year 4, and rehearsals have been well underway, with some help from Year 3. Please continue to encourage your child to continue to practise their lines at home ready for next week's rehearsals. Thank you for your support in preparing the children's costumes, which sound like they are coming along wonderfully!

In Maths, we have focussed on how to tackle reasoning questions, and in English we have begun to write our persuasive leaflets, convincing our audience to attend Hoodwinked! The Musical.

Hope you have a wonderful, sunny weekend!

The Year 4 Team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

In maths, we have been adding and subtracting decimals in context. Next week, we will revisit some division strategies.

The children have completed some excellent pieces of descriptive writing with a range of vocabulary being used! During our history lessons, we have discussed what power means and how there was a hierarchy of power in Anglo-Saxon times. We then compared it to modern day and discussed the similarities and differences.

A reminder that 5H will complete their Bikeability sessions on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March.

5T had a great time exploring how to use a compass whilst at Rowntree Park.

We will be making our Anglo-Saxon shields in the final week before half term so any cardboard donations would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend,
The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

After our amazing trip to Barcelona last week, we have kept the excitement going and have started our new Big Idea which is all about the sinking of the Titanic. Jenna from the Theatre Royal came in to deliver a superb drama workshop all about the different characters on board the Titanic and how the famous disaster unfolded.

We have also organised our cake competition and gunging to raise money for Comic Relief. Phew!

Have a restful weekend,
The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

This week, we have been working very hard on our Reading and Maths assessments.

We still need clear containers to build terrariums next week. Please could we ask children to bring in a clear jar or bottle by Monday.

We also enjoyed using pastels to create space art. In Big Idea, we have been training like astronauts, learning more about how to survive in Space. Our week ended with a lovely visit from Miss Smith!

Have a lovely weekend!
School House Team.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Cool Milk
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SCHOOL MILK
Register your child today!
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.

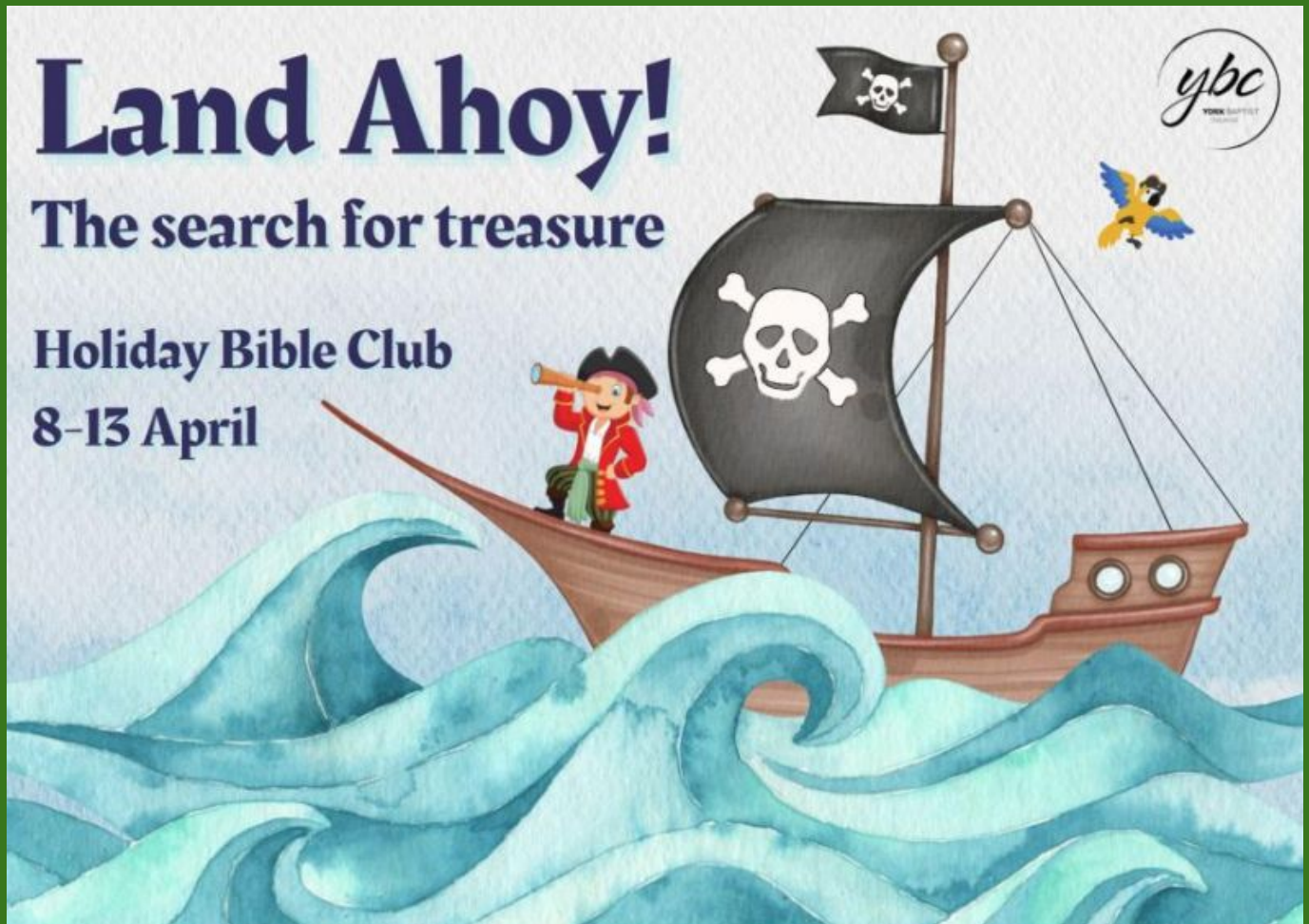
Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



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



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The search for treasure

Holiday Bible Club

8-13 April

You are invited to join us for..

LAND AHOY! The Search For Treasure



A FREE Holiday Bible Club for primary school age children

Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th April (9:45am - 12:30pm)

Holiday Bible Club - sign in each day from 9:30am

Sunday 13th April (10:45am - 12noon)

Holiday Club Day 5 - Parents come too (followed by a light lunch)

Use Q.R. code (top right) to register online or visit www.ybc.org.uk/events

Email holidayclub@ybc.org.uk or phone **01904 640124** for more info.

All these activities are **free**; organised by and held at

York Baptist Church, Priory Street, York, YO1 6EX

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Leeds and Bradford Triathlon Club

JUNIOR AQUATHLON

Sunday 1st June
The Edge – Leeds University
ALL abilities welcomed and indeed encouraged
Perfect way to start multi-sport events
Same heated pool used by Olympians
Closed running course set within the University grounds
Professional chip timing
Medals & goodies for all competitors
No special equipment needed
Distances based on age

- **TriStar Start** (8 years) – 50m Swim & 600m Run
- **TriStar 1** (9-10 years) – 150m Swim & 1200m Run
- **TriStar 2** (11-12 years) – 250m Swim & 1800m Run
- **TriStar 3** (13-14 years) – 400m Swim & 3000m Run
- **Youth** (15-16 years) – 400m & 3000m Run
- **Junior B** (17-18 YRS) – 400m Swim & 3000m Run

Note: Ages are as of December 31st 2025.

This event always sells out each year so [Book Here](#)
<https://lbt.org.uk/junior-aquathlon/>
or just google or scan the QR code



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FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS
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york@thelittlegym.co.uk



ROWNTREE PARK TENNIS CLUB

Easter holiday tennis camps

Monday 14th April
Tuesday 15th April
Wednesday 16th April

Ages 5 - 11

Full and half day options. Discount for full days, siblings and for members of RPTC

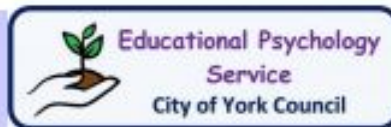
Available to all. Full details, including prices, times and booking details can be accessed using the QR code below.



For further enquiries, please contact
Jill Le Pla on:
jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com or
07531 598512



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Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

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

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

"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 with your name and a contact telephone number.

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

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

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

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

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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 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

ROWNTREE PARK TENNIS CLUB

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COACHING SESSIONS WITH OUR
LTA COACH JILL LE PLA



- Every **Monday** from 3.3.25 - **Junior** sessions
Red group (3.45pm- 4.45pm), ages 5-7
Orange group (4.45pm - 5.45pm), ages 8-11
- Every **Saturday** from 1.3.25 - **Beginner Adult**
(Tennis Express) session (9am-10am) 6 WEEK
COURSE
- Every **Saturday** from 1.3.25 - **Improvers**
session (10am-11am). PAY and PLAY
- Every **Saturday** from 1.3.25 - **Intermediates**
session (11am-12noon) PAY and PLAY
- Every **Tuesday** from 4.3.25 **CARDIO** tennis
session (9.30am -10.30am) PAY AND PLAY

For full details of courses including prices and booking options, please scan the QR Code or search for 'Rowntree Park Tennis Club/Coaching'



For enquiries, please contact Jill Le Pla on 07531 598 512 or jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com

See full timetable on our website!



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HEMPLAND SCHOOL 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th APRIL

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SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK!
VISIT IGNITESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO!

Supporting Children with Early Communication Skills

What is communication? What helps children make sense of spoken language? How does typical speech, language and communication develop? When should I seek support for a child? What strategies can I use when playing with a child to support their language development? How does supporting language development link with the EYFS framework?

This online training session explores the evidence-base around supporting children who are at an early stage of communication development and considers how early communication skills can be practically supported within the EYFS framework.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for professionals who work in a **primary or early years** setting with children who are at an early stage of language development, across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Date and time: **Thursday 27th March 2025- 3:45-5:00, Thursday 24th April 2025 3:30-5:30** For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net
Bookings will close **one week before the above date**

Supporting Children with Selective Mutism

What is selective mutism? Why do children become anxious about speaking in certain situations? How can I identify if a child in my setting or class has selective mutism? When should I refer a child? What helpful information is available online and how do I find it? What can I do to help a child with selective mutism?

This e-learning session explains what selective mutism is, what causes it, how to create a 'selective mutism friendly environment', and how to help children with selective mutism in your school/setting.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for professionals who work in a **Secondary** setting with children who are reluctant to speak or have selective mutism, across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Date and time: **Wednesday 29th January 2025 3:30-5:00pm, Friday 9th May 2025 3:30-5:00pm**

For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net
Bookings will close **one week before the above date**

Supporting Children to Eat and Drink Safely

What can I do to be more confident that the child is eating safely? What is a normal swallow? What types/textures of food are safe for children? What can go wrong with swallowing? Who can I ask about feeding difficulties, and what guidelines should I be following? How do I know something has gone wrong when a child is eating?

This online training session explains what 'normal swallowing' is, considers what can go wrong and provides suggestions for how you can support children to eat and drink safely.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for parents and professionals across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Date and time: **Tuesday 25th March 2025, 3:30pm-5:00pm**. For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net
Bookings will close **one week before the above date**

Speech Sound Development Workshop

When should I refer a child? How are speech sounds made? How do speech sounds develop? What types of speech sound difficulties do children experience? What can I do to support a child with speech sound difficulties?

The course gives a brief overview of how speech sounds are made/develop and advice and strategies to consider when working with children with speech sound difficulties.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for professionals who work with children who have speech sound difficulties, from across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Wednesday 26th March 2025 10:30-12:00
Wednesday 2nd July 2025 9:30-11:00

For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net
Please note booking closes **1 week before the workshop**

Supporting Children who are picky eaters or avoidant/restrictive

How do I know who is picky and who is restrictive? How is a diagnosis of ARFID made and what are the challenges? What will help at mealtimes? What is ARFID? Where can I go for further support? What strategies will help with sensory sensitivities?

This online training session discusses the difference between picky eating and avoidant/restrictive eating, how to identify children with these difficulties and provides ideas of strategies that will help.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for parents and professionals who live or work in the following areas - **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale**

Date and time: **Tuesday 18th March 2025 1:00-2:30pm, Thursday 26th June 2025 3:15-4:45pm, Tuesday 21st October 2025 1:00-2:30pm**

For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

LET'S MAKE SENSE together.

Let's Make Sense Together is a virtual service that has been developed by our Occupational Therapists for York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It is part of our sensory processing pathway, supporting children and young people who have a physical and functional difficulty due to sensory processing differences.

Please use the QR code or link below to access our free advice and further details on how to access our service.

www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/introduction-to-childrens-therapies

Stammering workshop

For setting staff and childcare providers

What is stammering? How should I talk to a child who stammers? What strategies can I use in the classroom to support a child who stammers? Where can I find further support and helpful information about stammering? How can Speech and Language Therapy support a child who stammers? What causes stammering?

This virtual workshop is suitable for all setting staff and childcare providers.

The course gives a brief overview of what stammering is and how you can support a child in your setting to communicate confidently with a stammerer.

Cost: **Free**: to setting staff and childcare providers in the **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale** areas

Date and Time - you only need to attend one of the following workshops;
- Tuesday 28th January 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm
- Tuesday 29th April 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm
- Tuesday 30th September 2025 3:45pm-5:15pm

To book a place on one of the workshops above, please contact yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

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March

11th @ 12.30pm

Anxiety

(3 to 18-year-olds)

Does your child show signs of anxiety?

What exactly is anxiety?

How can I support my child with anxiety?

Anxiety can manifest in our children through constant worry, excessive avoidance, social fearfulness, perfectionism and irritability.

If this resonates with you and you are curious join Anisa (Parenting Coach) for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on Anxiety 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 is recorded and the replay is sent out to all who register so you don't have to make it live)

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Taking place before the TEWV 10k

Saturday
19 April

Knavesmire,
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For anyone aged
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Join us at the LNER Community Stadium...
York Knights v Halifax Panthers
Sunday 9th March - 3pm Kick Off

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YORK INSPIRATIONAL KIDS NEWSLETTER

February

WELCOME

From Ruth Thompson, our CEO...

What a great start to the year we have had. We've been chosen to be Charity of the Year by both Betty's Tea Room and Muddy Boots. We cannot thank them enough for this great opportunity. Our clubs have started back busier than ever and we've been delighted to welcome so many new children into every group we run. That's quite an achievement in 4 weeks!

We're also delighted to have some new volunteers joining YIKs All About Autism, our fundraising team and other activities. There is always room for more so if you have a couple of hours to spare each week please get in touch.

Louise has been busy at many networking events this month, spreading the word about what we do and Kathryn has been busy working with and supporting schools with autism. It's going to be a great year if it carries on like this! Enjoy this months roundup of all our news.

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FEBRUARY AT YIKS

Children and young people in all of our groups have enjoyed participating in lots of different activities.

Post 16s have devoured home-made fruit kebabs, got crafty designing valentines cards and finished off the month at Hollywood Bowl.

Our Saturday Club provided opportunities for families to come together to play, make crafts and chat. "It's a lovely way to start the weekend", said one parent and we couldn't agree more!

Siblings enjoyed pancake making (and eating). They also went to McDonalds. Whilst this wouldn't have been our choice, many told us it wasn't somewhere they could go with their siblings and they wanted to do something that others got to do all the time - who are we to argue!

All About Autism

in conjunction with the City of York Council

Our weekly clubs are very much tailored to the interests of our children. We enjoy crafts, games, and of course, lots of slime making. Our staff loved being challenged by the children to games of air hockey, pool and table football at February Holiday Club.

If you would like to look around and see what we do or if your child would like to look before joining please email autismhub@yiks.co.uk

Kathryn Pullan - YIKs AAA Manager

Eils O'Brien - YIKs AAA Supervisor

Weekly Clubs

Monday	4-8 years	4.30-6.30pm
Tuesday	8-10 years	4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday	10-12 years	4.30-6.30pm
Friday	13-18 years	5.30-7.30pm

Friendship ...
Just being side by side can be enough

HOLIDAY Clubs

More information can be found at our website www.yiksaaa.org

Book in for Easter!

ST CHADS SCOUTS CELIDAH

29th March 2025 at 6.30 - 9.30pm

TICKETS £10/ £6

Music by Fiddler's Wreck,
licenced bar and refreshments

Scan the QR code for tickets or email cubs@stchadsscouts.com

St Chad's scouts are hosting a ceilidh on 29th March. Join us for a lively evening of dancing, music, and fun.

The fabulous Fiddlers Wreck band will be playing in what promises to be a fun family evening. Don't worry if you've never danced a reel before - our friendly caller will guide you through the steps and ensure you have a fantastic time. We'll also have a drinks and snack bar open selling a range of alcoholic and soft drinks. Get ready to kick up your heels, laugh, and make unforgettable memories with friends and family!

<https://bookwhen.com/scgscouts/e/ev-s932-20250329183000>

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Parent Carer Forum York

NEWS LETTER

Connect@pcforyork.co.uk

Coffee Mornings

Monday 24 March 2025
10.30am - 12.00pm
YHA Clifton

Monday 1st April 2025
10.30am - 12.00pm
New Earswick Folk Hall

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



Get Involved

As a Parent Carer Member Representative

PCF York is looking for parent carers who would like to use their experience and expertise to ensure that parent carer voices in York are represented at specific planning meetings. The representative's aims will be to ensure that the forum's views inform meetings and that lived experience of parent carers is fed into decision making.

Meetings may be in person or remote and you will be reimbursed for parking, travel and/or childcare costs.

If you have some time to spare and would like to find out more please email Mary: connect@pcforyork.co.uk to arrange an informal chat.



Virtual Coffee Morning

Monday 24th March 2025
16.30pm - 7.30pm
Online

Join us online for an informal, non-themed 'cuppa and a chat'. Meet other parents and carers who share your lived experience. Swap tips, offload, get updates or share without judgement.

Please email Mary for the meeting link: connect@pcforyork.co.uk

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Parent Carer Forum York

NEWS LETTER

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Introducing Victoria Coyle New Head of Integrated SEND

"Hello, I have started in York on 10th March as the Head of Integrated SEND. I am very happy to be here as I have worked for the last 15 years in the Yorkshire and Humber region.



This includes being a key lead for SEND in Leeds City Council and more recently Calderdale Council. I have also worked in a special school in Leeds. Prior to this I led the SEN team in London Borough of Hillingdon.

I am very passionate about making a difference and improving the lived experience for our children, young people and families. This means listening to your views and being visible.

I look forward to meeting families and children and young people so we can shape our services to continually improve.

Outside of work I have a busy family life, I have three boys, I love being able to get outside and enjoy walking, especially in lovely Yorkshire."

Listening Event

Tuesday 26th March 2025
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Online


Please join us online for this informal listening event with Ruth Horner (City of York Council - Preparing for Adulthood Coordinator) and Richard Bentley (York Hospital - Transition to Adulthood Services Coordinator) which will cover **Preparing for Adulthood and Transition to Adult Health Services**. Email Mary at connect@pcforyork.co.uk for the meeting link.

Carers Survey

NHS York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

York Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS FT are looking for survey participants to help inform their care improvement plan. Please complete the survey by scanning or clicking on the QR code below, or by emailing yhs-tr.patiented@nhs.net

The survey closes on 11th April 2025.



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Parent Carer Forum York

NEWS LETTER

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Supported Internships

Programmes running September 2025 - July 2026 in York.

WWW.YORKCOLLEGE.AC.UK

Supported Internships at Aviva York

Are you ready to leave education and enter the world of work? This one-year transition programme could be the perfect fit for you. In partnership with Aviva, York College's fantastic supported internship programme is for any young person with an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**. They have been designed to give young people the opportunity to gain real-world work experience that will help you gain marketable job skills, independence and confidence, while being supported and guided by a mentor.

Who is it for?
Applicants should:
• Have a current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
• Be 17-24 years old and be ready to leave education.
• Have the desire and motivation to achieve paid employment.
• Be able to travel independently or willing to learn independent travel skills.
• Have between level 1 & 3 qualification in Maths & English.

What do you get out of the programme?
• Training experiences in a real workplace (Aviva).
• Marketable job skills.
• Increased independence and confidence.
• Individualised coaching and daily feedback.
• Interns will gain competitive and transferable job skills in a variety of corporate roles.

A typical day includes...
9.00am - 10.00am Classroom learning focused on employability skills.
10.00am - 3.30pm Interns go to work in their placements, supported by a Job Coach, to learn the role and routines.
3.30pm - 4.00 pm Classroom time to reflect on the day.

Want to find out more? Come along to York College's Open Event 5.30pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 1st April. There will be two short presentation sessions at 6.00pm and 7.00pm, so you can learn more about the supported internships available with the College, in partnership with Aviva. Plus, staff from York College, Aviva and the Local Authority will be also available to answer your questions.

For more information, or if you would like to organise a visit to Aviva, please email: rachel-fowler@yorkcollege.ac.uk

Supported Internship Programme with City of York Council and LNER
A one-year transition to work programme for young people age 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan. Starting September 2025.

Wednesday 9 April 2025 WEST OFFICES, YORK drop in any time 4-6pm
For more information email: skills@york.gov.uk
Click here to book via [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Find out more at **Open Event West Offices, York drop in anytime between 4-6pm Weds 9th April!**

Scan to book your place

MARKETABLE JOB SKILLS

- Marketable job skills
- Increased independence and confidence
- Development of soft skills e.g., financial literacy
- Training experiences of office-based roles in a real workplace
- Individualised support from a full-time Job Coach and Tutor

LNER DFN Project SEARCH

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