

# Knavesmire Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

### Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

It has been an action-packed first week in what is an incredibly exciting and busy half term.

We have ended February by welcoming 37 pupils from El Cim, the school which we have a longstanding partnership with and is just outside Barcelona. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils have all enjoyed time with our Spanish friends and have shared some exciting learning together. Our Year 6s, in particular, have had the opportunity to engage in some great activities with pupils from El Cim and are now even more excited to visit in March. Thank you to the time and effort given up by our staff to make such a wonderful, enriching experience happen.

This week our Year 4 football team played their first match on grass and won their cup match against Lakeside and are through to the next round; well done! Good luck to our Y6 team, who play later this afternoon. Year 2 have visited York Chocolate Story and the School House children visited the Railway Institute to participate in a cycling event on Monday.

You will see in our Governors newsletter that we are holding a Parent Governor election - please read that for more information and note the deadline of 14th February for those interested.

Have a good weekend everyone!



#### 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



JustGiving Menu



Adam Cooper

Adam's run for Centrepoint

Fundraising for Centrepoint

# 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](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.

## SCHOOL MILK

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

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When communicating with the school about your child, please remember to include their full name and class.

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## 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>



# 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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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

## GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Continuing the series of governors contributing to the newsletter, we are back to me – Vanessa Huws Jones. I was re-elected as Chair of Governors at our September meeting, and I have just a short update for you here after our lengthy newsletter at Christmas.

It was National Governor Awareness Day just before half term so what a lovely time to welcome Katherine Marshall – our newest governor. Katherine joins us with a wealth of experience in the academic assessment field. She lives locally and asked if she could come and join us! Katherine will introduce herself to you in the May newsletter and tell you a little more about herself and her interest in our school.

From April, we will have a parent governor vacancy. If you think you might be interested in this elected role and/or would just like to find out more, please do contact me c/o the school office by Friday 14th March I will be very happy to share more information with you.

We have had one governors' meeting since our last newsletter and another planned before Easter. We are very excited about this next meeting as it will be our first meeting held during the school day. Our governors are very committed to visiting school anyway, but this will bring us altogether at the same time and we are all looking forward to this morning very much – joining the staff at their morning briefing and seeing the children and staff at work and play around school. Thom Jones (one of our newer governors) will tell you how it went in the Easter newsletter.

At the January meeting, we had a fantastic presentation from Miss Copping on how the school allocates and spends our Pupil Premium funding. This is government funding for disadvantaged pupils and forms part of the Knavesmire Offer <https://knavesmireprimary.co.uk/pupil-premium/> and is linked to the Trust's Vulnerable Pupils' Promise <https://excellentlearningtrust.org.uk/pupil-premium-pledge/> This was a very informative session and will be followed up with our Pupil Premium governor (Olivia Else) visiting school in the next few weeks. The content of the session from Miss Copping also aligned with some partnership working in the Trust where, following a 'learning walk' around school, from the Trust Improvement Officer, the school's quality assurance processes, handwriting, the environment and pupil engagement in lessons were all seen as strengths and to be celebrated.

As always, thank you to our school leaders and the teaching and non-teaching staff who work so hard, day in day out, to run such an exceptional school.



# 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 - The ParentPay item remains open for any final voluntary contributions.

## 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 - The ParentPay item remains open for any voluntary contributions.

## 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.

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# TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES (Continued)

## 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 - See dates in key dates section. Thank you all for your responses.

Carlton Lodge - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **28/02/25**. Information from the Parent meeting has been sent out by email and is also available on the Year 5 area of the website.

## Year 6

### Barcelona 2025

**Payment** - The final payment is due TODAY, **28/02/25**.

Y6 Choir Members, York Community Choir Festival at Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Sat 08/03/25 - Please see email sent today.

## 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 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: <a href="mailto:clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk">clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk</a>
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

### Knavesmire Chess Club - FREE

Knavesmire Chess Club is open to all levels and it is FREE. If you as a parent are interested and want to volunteer or learn please let me know using the form, you will need a valid DBS from the school to attend the sessions.

Tuesday sessions will be for Years 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday will run from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/bpGkdwkVuSgcE6fD7>

Thursday sessions will be for Years 2 and 3

Thursday will run from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/kRfsNU4RBSvELeGz7>

If you cannot make any of the sessions but want to attend another club see the links below:

<https://www.yorkchessclub.co.uk/> - Every Wednesday at Guppies (on Nunnery Lane)

York Explore library in town Sundays 2-3 pm during term time

Once you have completed the form I will email all parents more details.

If you have any questions please let me know by email to [shroud.king@gmail.com](mailto:shroud.king@gmail.com) or ask me in the playground. Ask around for Larry.

# MUSIC IN SCHOOL



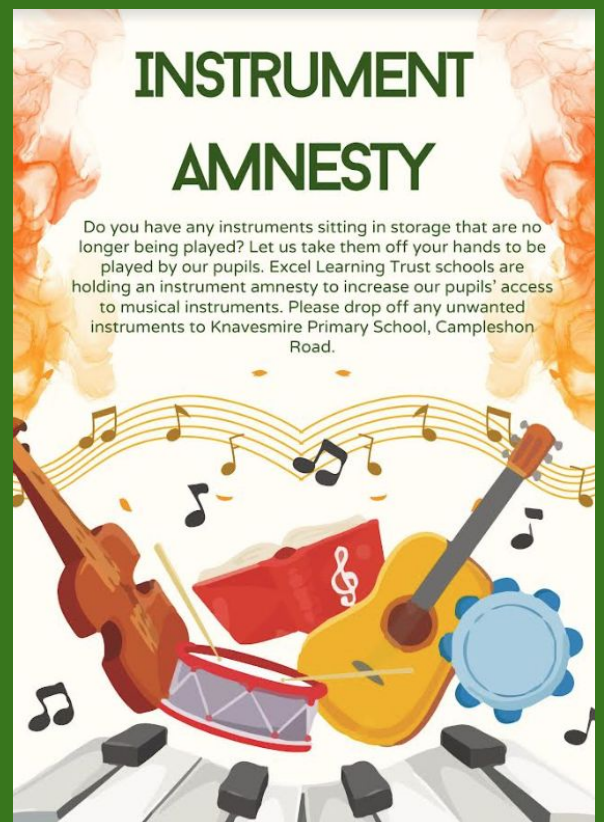
## Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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>		
<b>Year 1</b>	07/05/25	Harlow Carr Trip
<b>Year 2</b>		
<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>	04/03/25  08/03/25 18/03/25 19/03/25 25/03/25 26/03/25 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	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>	24/04/25 - 28/02/25 08/03/25 10/03/25 - 14/03/25	El Cim School visiting York Community Choir Festival (Y6 signed up choir member only) Barcelona Trip
<b>The School House</b>		
<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 all had a good half term and have enjoyed the sunnier weather which finally makes spring not seem so far away anymore.

Please be reminded that it's World Book Day next Thursday and for this occasion we have put up a costume rack in the school's foyer. All items are only £2 - so please come and have a look. Also many thanks to all the lovely new additions - we really appreciate your support and donations.

We will soon update you with information regarding the Easter Fair on 1 April and would love until then to have some parents come forward to show their interest to volunteer on the day. You can get in touch by writing to [knavesmirefriends@gmail.com](mailto:knavesmirefriends@gmail.com).

Enjoy WBD and of course get your pans and batter ready for Tuesday next 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

Spaces are still available for February Half Term,

## 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](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.elc.org.uk](mailto: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.



# 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

This week in Nursery we have begun to explore the book 'Journey' ahead of a whole school focus for World Book Day! We have spent lots of time looking into the hot air balloon imagery used. On Thursday morning we had a visit from the Theatre Royal who led a workshop on the book and we acted it out. Some children then continued this learning as they used their own magic pens to draw where their journey would take them next!

We do have a number of children with the same coat (and size!) at the moment. To make sure your child keeps their same coat, please could you make sure it is named - this would be really appreciated! In addition to this, naming all belongings is always useful and makes sure they get home to you a bit quicker.

Next week we will continue to look at the book 'Journey', with World Book Day celebrations happening on Thursday. We invite all children to dress up for the day to celebrate our love of reading.

Have a lovely weekend! 😊

## RECEPTION MESSAGES

Hello Reception,

We've had a lovely first week back at school, the children have settled in beautifully!

In phonics we've been working on consolidation of the phase 3 digraphs we've learned and writing lots of sentences after lunch every day!

In maths we're looking at odd and even and our mini big idea this week is the circus!

The children have enjoyed a circus themed role play and lots of craft activities as well as a super fun PE session!

Next week we will launch our traditional tales Big Idea 'Into the woods' where we will be looking at traditional tales as well as alternate versions.

In honour of world book day we will take part in a whole school book study on 'The Journey' creating a piece of art and some writing to be displayed in school.

Have a wonderful weekend!!

The Reception team ❤️

## YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we have been finding out about seasonal changes during our Big Idea time and we made posters to show the different things that happen in each of the seasons. In English we have written a short narrative to tell part of a story using our imagination. Everyone had different ideas about what happens in the story and they were great to read. In Maths we have been doubling numbers and learning to find the number difference between two amounts. Next week, much of our work will be based upon the story book 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker. We will be doing some creative writing and art work using events in the story. Sadly, we say goodbye to Miss Holland this week who has been working with 1G since October! We would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her all the best in her future career as a teacher. Finally, please make sure ALL toys are kept at home. These are becoming a distraction during lessons and are better left at home. Thank you for your support and we hope you have a good weekend!

The Year One team.



# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had a fabulous week! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to York's Chocolate Story on Wednesday and learned all about where chocolate comes from. We watched chocolate being made and even made our own delicious chocolate lollies! Thank you for your help and donations towards the cost of the trip, we are very grateful! This week, we have learned lots about how to write a diary entry and will be using this knowledge to create pieces of writing over the next few weeks. In maths we have been looking at measurement and will keep practising this next week. We politely ask the children have PE kits in school ready for our lessons. Next week, our learning will be focused around our school book for World Book Day.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

## YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a very creative, busy and enjoyable week.

In Big Idea, they have begun to create their own paper mache hot air balloons ready for World Book Day next week when we focus on the lovely picture book 'Journey'.

In maths, the children have begun to explore mass and capacity and can read scales using grams and kilograms. During our writing sessions, we have started to look at the features of instruction writing, once again, ready for writing up instructions for how to make a paper mache hot air balloon.

Homework this week is on spelling shed (CEWs) and maths is on my maths.

We hope you have a restful weekend. Do let a member of the Year 3 team know if we can help you in any way.

The Year 3 Team.

## YEAR 4 MESSAGES

Our English focus this week has been on exploring a wordless book and using this to infer and describe. In maths, we have compared and ordered fractions, represented mixed numbers before then converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. This week, we have also made a start on our rehearsals for our 'Hoodwinked' play. Have a good weekend.

The Year 4 Team

# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Welcome back! The children have settled in well after their short break and have got right back into action this week. During our maths lessons, we have recapped how to find the area and perimeter of regular and compound shapes. Next week, we will focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. In writing, we have focused on descriptive writing using a number of techniques we have learned over our time so far in Year 5. We have started our new Big Idea based on the Anglo-Saxons (your child should have their new knowledge organiser in their bag). This week, we have focused on how the Anglo-Saxons got their name and how England was divided during certain periods of time.

Forest School

Every Thursday, year 5 will have forest school sessions with Mrs Banham for half a day. We will alternate morning and afternoon sessions. These sessions will either take place in the first school area or at Rowntree Park. Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great weekend,

The Year 5 Team

## YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the Spring 2 half term and have been brilliant hosts to the children who have visited us from El Cim. Thank you for all of your support with this, the evening activities have been wonderful for the children. In lessons, we have started the York vs Barcelona Big Idea, we are all very excited to explore both cities in our upcoming trips. In Maths, we have been working on factors and multiples and in Art Year 6 have become abstract/surrealist artists and have created their own incredible Miro inspired pieces.

We look forward to seeing you all for parents' evening next Tuesday and Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend,  
Year 6 Team.

## THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

This week, we have had a really fun week in the school House!

Our week started with a trip to the York Railway Institute. We took part in an inclusive cycling event where we got to test out lots of different bikes. We had so much fun! In Maths, we have been working on focus times tables and learning more about different measurements. In English, we have been working hard on our cursive handwriting and editing Buzz Lightyear's sentence type mistakes. This week, we began our new Space themed Big Idea. Our guiding question is 'what and where was the space race?' We have very much enjoyed learning more about the history of space in addition to designing, making and evaluating our own space vehicles. We have sent home a copy of our knowledge organiser to share more information about our new Big Idea.

In week 3, we will be making terrariums. Please could we ask each child to bring in a large jar (with a lid) from home. We are happy to start collecting these from next Monday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,  
School House Team.

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



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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.

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## REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

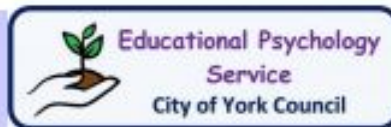
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## Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

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"

"Great service. Very easy to arrange"



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

"I felt really listened to and supported"

Calls of up to 30 minutes are available

**Monthly – the last Wednesday of each month 9.00am – 3.30 pm**

**Term time only (September 2024 - July 2025)**

To book a slot, please e-mail: [EPsupportline@york.gov.uk](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

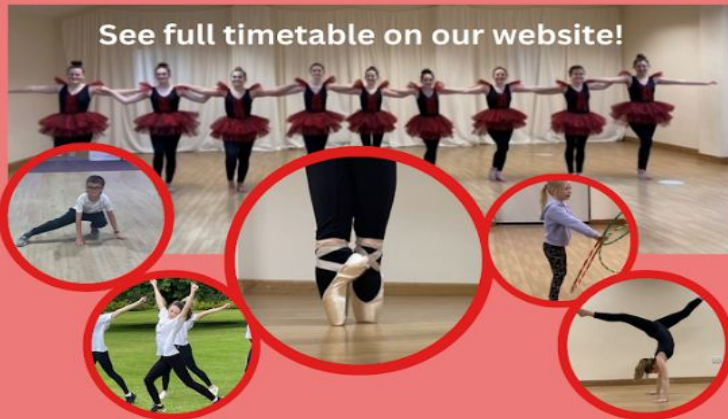


Baking Club runs on a Friday after school until 5.30pm. Our team of little chefs plan, prepare and bake their own food. We do all kinds of recipes from pizzas to gingerbread. We are offering a **Free Taster Session** this term to Year groups 5 & 6 on a first come first served basis. To redeem this invite, 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!!!**

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## ROWNTREE PARK TENNIS CLUB

SPRING PROGRAMME OF TENNIS  
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](mailto:jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com)





**Children's Therapy Team**

## Supporting Children with Early Communication Skills

What is communication?  
 How does typical speech, language and communication develop?  
 What strategies can I use when playing with a child to support their language development?  
 What helps children make sense of spoken language?  
 When should I seek support for a child?  
 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025- 3:45-5:00, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 3:30-5:30** For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net)  
 Bookings will close **one week before the above date**

**Children's Therapy Team**

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 3:30-5:00pm, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 3:30-5:00pm**

For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net)  
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## 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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 3:30pm-5:00pm**. For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net)  
 Bookings will close **one week before the above date**

**Children's Therapy Team**

## Speech Sound Development Workshop

When should I refer a child?  
 How do speech sounds develop?  
 How are speech sounds made?  
 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, parents or children with speech sound difficulties, from across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

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

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

**Children's Therapy Team**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 1:00-2:30pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 3:15-4:45pm, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 1:00-2:30pm**

For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto: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](http://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/introduction-to-childrens-therapies)

**York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals**  
 NHS Foundation Trust

**Children's Therapy Team**

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm  
 - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm  
 - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 3:45pm-5:15pm

To book a place on one of the workshops above, please contact [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net)



# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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](mailto: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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finishers!

ENTER NOW at [www.tewv.nhs.uk/running](http://www.tewv.nhs.uk/running)

## Join us at the LNER Community Stadium... York Knights v Halifax Panthers Sunday 9th March - 3pm Kick Off

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# COMMUNITY MESSAGES



## 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 month's roundup of all our news.



### 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!

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- Saturday Club
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- What's on in March
- Siblings Club
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## 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.



Kathryn Pullan - YIKs AAA Manager

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](mailto:autismhub@yiks.co.uk)



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.



Our February half term holidays were very popular. The children played games, got crafty, made slime and had lots of fun! Come down and have some fun ... Visit our website to book in for Easter!



## HOLIDAY Clubs

More information can be found at our website [www.yiksaaa.org](http://www.yiksaaa.org)

Book in for Easter!

