

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

Looking back to last week, we were absolutely blown away by the huge number of cakes baked, decorated and donated to the Comic Relief Cake Sale last Friday - the judging was fierce with so much talent to choose between. Needless to say many children, and a lot of adults, got to enjoy this baking and this contributed to what was a staggering £1190.61 taken for Comic Relief. While Mr Gardiner and I would like to downplay the part that gunging plays in fundraising, there is no denying that getting us covered in custard and beans seems to definitely have many people reaching into their pockets - we will not take offence, but we will remember!

In other news, we have had another busy week in school. Green Socks Hockey Team have reached the Peter Feasby Hockey Finals and Orange Socks competed admirably, Year 5 have now successfully completed their Bikeability course, and Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Wonderlab at the National Railway Museum.

We're looking forward to some nice longer warm evenings, with the clocks going forwards this weekend, just in time for the last week of the Spring Term. Wishing you all a restful weekend, minus 1 hour sleep!

On another note, many thanks for the donations for my run, which is next week now - I have been preparing this afternoon by eating chocolate. All will be fine.

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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RED NOSE DAY

The total is in - Knavesmire Primary School's total fundraising for Comic Relief 2025 is a whopping...

£1190.61



Thank you to everyone for their huge generosity, for the bakers and joke creators. And thank you to the Year 6 for organising our events. Obviously a HUGE thanks goes to Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner for risking life and limb in the name of entertainment!!

See you back
here next year!



FRIDAY 21 MARCH



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!

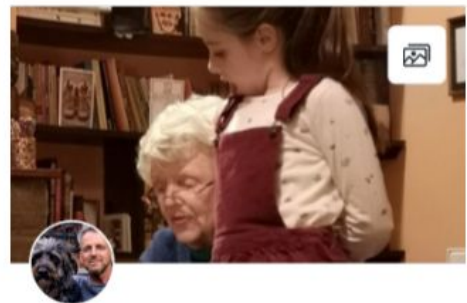
To help combat old age and middle-age spread, I'm doing a fundraising half-marathon at the beginning of April. It's to raise money for a charity that my mum supported and felt strongly about.

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

Many thanks, Adam



JustGiving Menu



Adam Cooper

Adam's run for Centrepoin't

Fundraising for Centrepoin't

TOGETHER WE CAN END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Many thanks for the donations so far, they are greatly appreciated!

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>

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



SEN COFFEE MORNING

Miss Gilligan, our SENCO, would like to invite all parents to our SEN coffee morning. This is an informal chance to meet other members of the Knavesmire community and to find out more about what support is available for you and your family.

Our coffee morning will take place on Friday 9th May 9am-10am, in the hall. A member of staff will be waiting outside the hall doors at 9am to welcome you in.

Our coffee cart will be set up to offer a range of hot drinks and treats. We will also gladly welcome any cakes!

We have different agencies and charities joining us including Millthorpe SENCO, York Family Information Services, York Inspirational Kids, York City FC, York St Johns and our School Wellbeing Services.

Please email e.gilligan@knavesmire.elt.org.uk to confirm your attendance.



KNAVESMIRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Guests will include:

York Family information Services

A free and impartial information service for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0 to 19.

Raise York (Family Hub Network)

Designed to support parents, carers, children, young people and anyone who works with children, young people and families.

Accessible Arts & Media

Inclusive creative learning & wellbeing activities in and around York.

Jo Bryenton – Makaton Tutor

Makaton tutor in York with a daughter with Down Syndrome.

York Inspirational Kids

Offers support, friendship, activities, training and outings for parents, families of children with a disability and/or additional needs living in the York area.

My Sight York

A local independent charity supporting local people to live well with sight loss.

York Disability Rights Forum, Young Carers, ELT SEN Director, School Wellbeing Service, Knavesmire Pupil Mentor, Millthorpe Secondary School and more.

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 in 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



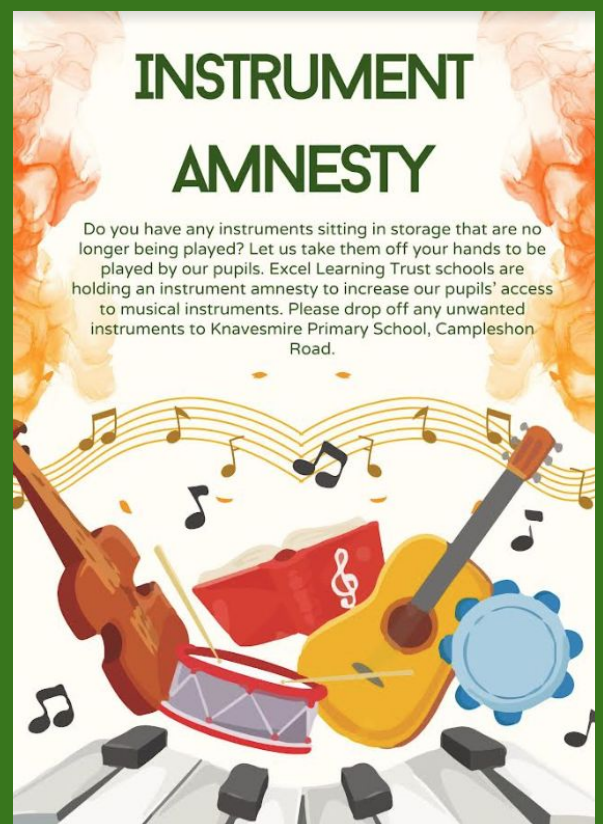
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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	24/04/25 01/05/25 08/05/25 15/05/25	Forest School Forest School Forest School Forest School
Year 3	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, 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	21/05/25 - 23/05/25 25/06/25	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 09/05/25 27/06/25 (04/07/25)	FoKPS Easter Fair SEN Coffee Morning 9-10am 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 KNAVSMIRE UPDATE

We hope you have enjoyed the arrival of spring and therewith the first balmy, sunny days.

It's only a few days till our Easter Fair next Tuesday, the 1 April. We'll be running various stalls with drinks, treats, arts and crafts, games as well as our raffle. We are picking the winners at the end of the fair and will notify all the lucky ones on the same day.

Again, thank you to all those who have already purchased their tickets as well as donated treats and chocolate for the fair. We are very grateful and really appreciate it. But if you haven't yet, then PLEASE remember to

- buy your raffle tickets (and see the list of prizes below),
- 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.

We're also still very much in urgent and desperate need for volunteers and would be ever so thankful for any helpers who think they can spare some time next Tuesday. PLEASE, PLEASE consider supporting us by lending us a hand to either set up (from 2pm on), run a stall during the fair or tidy up after (from about 4.30pm on) and let us know as soon as possible (using the QR code, our email address knavsmirefriends@gmail.com or fill in the form you all should have received). It would really mean the world and make things so much easier. Thank you very much.

Enjoy your weekend.



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 _____



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

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

This week we have neared the end of our Big Idea and have shown off all we know. We have worked hard with an adult to make life cycle pictures, using lots of new vocabulary. We have also been busy making fruit salads! We discussed the importance of food hygiene, listened carefully to follow instructions and used different tools to cut up the fruit. After all our hard work we were able to enjoy a yummy fruit salad.

Our caterpillars have moved onto the next stage in their life cycle as they begin to make their cocoons! Fingers crossed, we may also have some four legged friends join us at the start of next week as our chicks are due to hatch.

We look forward to seeing you next week for the final week of the Spring term!

Have a lovely weekend 😊

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have continued learning about different traditional tales this week with Little Red Riding Hood! The children learnt new and different art techniques to make Little Red in the woods. In Maths we have continued to find number bonds to 10 and we have also been making numbers up to 10. In Phonics we have focussed on reading words that end in -ing and -es. We have a lot of un-named jumpers and cardigans in class at the moment. Please name all items of clothing so we can return them to your child, if your child's name is in it, we put it back in their locker.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we have continued learning about different celebrations. We have found out about the history of Mothering Sunday and why it is celebrated and have made something special to bring home! In English, we have learnt how to use exclamation marks and then wrote our own sentences using them. In Maths, we have begun working on comparing and describing length and height and have used non-standard units to measure objects. Next week, we will be finding out about the Christian celebration of Easter and preparing for our celebration party!

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

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

We have had a great week in Year 2! In our Maths lessons this week, we have been practising our reasoning and problem solving skills by answering word problems with one and two steps. Next week, we will be consolidating this half term's learning. In English, the children have continued to practise a range of different persuasive writing techniques ahead of writing their own advert for their chocolate bars next week. The children thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their own delicious chocolate bars! They especially enjoyed tasting and evaluating them on Friday! Next week, we will be finishing off our History of York's Chocolate by answering our guiding question: Why is chocolate important to York. Also this week, we have welcomed our Student Teachers Miss Walls (2G) and Miss Couper (2S) who will be working with us until July. We are looking forward to them working with us and the children. After half term, we will be having forest school sessions with Mrs Banham and these will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure the children have weather appropriate clothing and shoes with them each week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a fantastic week! They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the National Railway Museum to learn about the development of trains over time and learned about the fire triangle during a 'Fire-Powered' talk. In Writing, the children have looked at a variety of settings in the book Journey by Aaron Becker and talked about the importance of writing a good setting description. In Maths, the children have continued with their unit on Capacity & Mass. In PE, the children have continued with their unit on Tennis. In Big Idea, the children have finished their paper-mache hot air balloons, reflected on their trip to the National Railway Museum and rehearsed for their performances next week! We were blown away by how brilliantly the children represented school and how well they tackled the mammoth walk to and from the museum! We'd also like to say an extremely big THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who accompanied us to and from the venue - without you, the trip wouldn't have been possible!

As always, if you have any questions or queries about anything at all. Please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 3 Team.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

It's been our final week of rehearsals in Year 4, and we're looking forward to welcoming you into our performances next week! As Tuesday's dress rehearsal gets closer, please continue practising with your children at home, focussing on volume so that we can hear all of their wonderful lines during the play.

In English, we have continued writing our persuasive leaflets, persuading our family and friends to come and see Hoodwinked with the use of techniques such as painting a picture and placing our audience. Maths has had a times table focus, with the children brushing up on times tables which catch them out.

At the end of next week, we will be doing our end of half-term spellings and times tables assessments, so please take some time to practise the words given on the homework over the last two weeks.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

The children have had a fast-paced week with a mixture of bikeability, forest school and cricket/dodgeball thrown in for good measure.

In writing, the children had the chance to create a free write and share all their own ideas. Next week, we will focus on sentence structure and punctuation reminders.

In maths, we have revisited division strategies and why remainders are important.

The YoYo trust will deliver a workshop to both classes on Tuesday 1st April linked to Easter. Spelling homework is 'ei' and 'ie' words and maths homework will focus on division (MyMaths).

Thank you for all your cardboard donations - it is very much appreciated! We still require more however so please keep them coming if possible!

Have a great weekend,
The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

What a fantastic and productive week it has been in Year 6! The children have been working incredibly hard on their practice quizzes, showing great determination and focus. We are so proud of their efforts and the progress they are making.

Alongside this, they have been busy drafting their Barcelona diaries and working on their Titanic logbooks, demonstrating creativity, historical understanding, and excellent writing skills.

After the Easter holiday, Year 6 will be writing a non-chronological report on a subject of their choice and their homework over the Easter holiday will be to research their chosen subject so that they have lots of facts to write about in their non-fiction pages. The children have begun to think about this already but any support you could offer your child with this would be greatly appreciated.

Well done, Year 6, for another great week of learning! We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Year 6 Team.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

This week, we have had another lovely week in the School House.

In Maths, we have been working hard on our times tables, completing our end of half term times tables test. In English, we have designed characters and settings for our narrative. We also learnt more about how to use speech punctuation. In Big Idea, we have marble patterned planets using paints and we also cooked and tried space food!

Next week, we will be building our terrariums. **Not every child has brought in a jar for this. Please could we ask for them by Monday.**

Next Friday, we will be taking our space themed independent writing to Rowntree Park Reading cafe. We think it is a wonderful place for the children to socialise, share their writing and celebrate their hard work. **Please could we ask each child to bring £5 to purchase a drink and a snack.**

Miss Gilligan is also very excited to share a coffee morning invite. This coffee morning is for SEN parents and it takes place on Friday 9th May 9am-10am. There are many external agencies and charities joining for the coffee morning who we would love for you to meet.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
School House Team.

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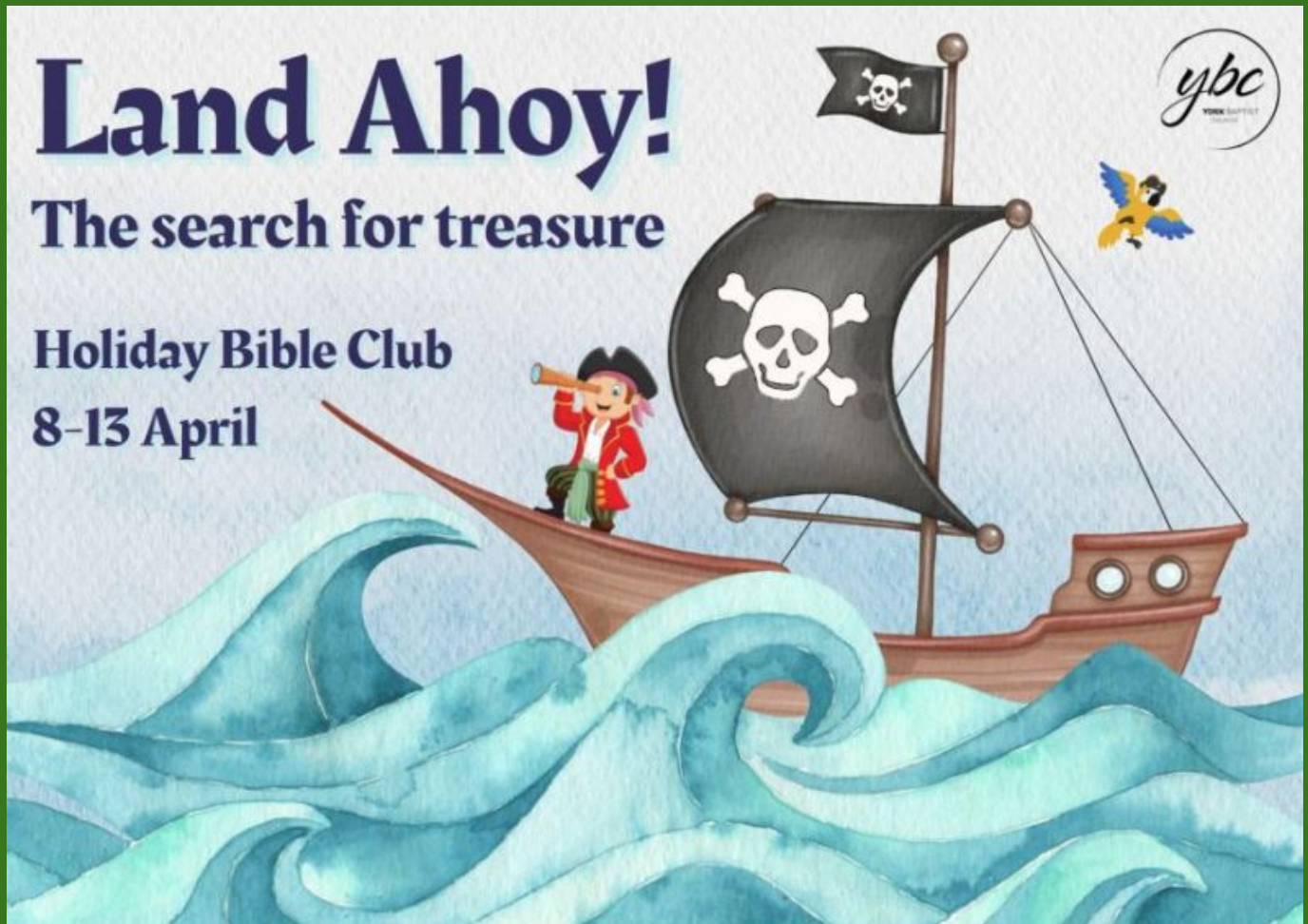
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Holiday Bible Club

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.

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- **Youth** (15-16 years) – 400m & 3000m Run
- **Junior B** (17-18 YRS) – 400m Swim & 3000m Run

Note: Ages are as of December 31st 2025.

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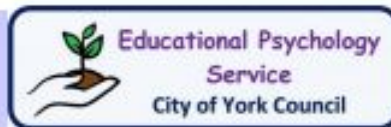
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Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

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"



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Calls of up to 30 minutes are available

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

Term time only (September 2024 - July 2025)

To book a slot, please e-mail: EPsupportline@york.gov.uk with your name and a contact telephone number.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Clare's Kitchen 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

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

See full timetable on our website!



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2 HOUR WORKSHOP
11:30-13:30
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Seasonal sessions for those wanting to go wild in the woods at weekends!

Next session: Saturday 29th March 10am-12pm



Suited to ages 2-12 and their parents/carers.

£8.50 per child members/£9.50 Non members



For more information and to book your place - scan the QR code or go to the link.



rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking/

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THE LEGENDARY ROWNTREE PARK EASTER TRAIL

Thursday 17th April
Timeslots from 10am -12.15pm



Follow a trail around the park to help the Easter Bunny.
A friendly family event that gets kids active in nature and having fun!

£2.50 for members/ £4 non members
Book online:
www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking
Some drop-in places may be available on the day.



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FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES

JOIN OUR COACHES FOR FUN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS

**CHESNEY FIELDS,
FOXWOOD LANE YO24 3BF**

Tuesday 8th April

Tuesday 15th April

10am - 10.45am (4-5 & 6-7 years)

11am - 12pm (8-10 & 11-14 years)



Book in advance using the QR code. Limited spaces will be available for turning up on the day. Parental supervision is required for 11 and under.
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FOUNDATION

FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES

JOIN OUR COACHES FOR FUN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS

**ACOMB GREEN,
ACOMB YO26 5LL**

Monday 7th April

Monday 14th April

2pm - 2.45pm (4-5 & 6-7 years)

3pm - 4pm (8-10 & 11-14 years)



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Clare's Kitchen



Year 6 Leavers' Bake Off

Year 6 leavers can come together to create fun memories with a Bake Off Challenge. This 2 hour Bake Off Class will allow time for pupils to design, bake and decorate their entry. The winner and runners up can then showcase their work with photos to use in the school letter and on Clare's Kitchen social media.

Follow Clare's Kitchen in schools
<http://www.facebook.com/clareshkitchenyork>
Instagram @clareshkitchenyork
Email clare@claresh-kitchen.co.uk
Whatsapp 07813182216



COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday Football Fun Activity

WHEN: Monday 7th - 10th April

Huntington Secondary School (Astro),

WHERE: YO32 9WT (Outdoor Course)

TIME: 10am - 3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York (you will receive a code)



FOUNDATION

These Free holiday Activities are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active using football as the tool in a FUN, SAFE and SECURE environment. You will receive a food order form prior to the Holiday Course start date which will need completing in order to ensure we provide an appropriate lunch.



Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday Football Fun Activity

WHEN: Monday 14th - 17th April

Millthorpe Secondary School, 78 Millfield Road,

WHERE: YO23 1WF (Indoor Course)

TIME: 10am - 3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York (you will receive a code)



FOUNDATION

These Free holiday Activities are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active using football as the tool in a FUN, SAFE and SECURE environment. You will receive a food order form prior to the Holiday Course start date which will need completing in order to ensure we provide an appropriate lunch.





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, parents or children with 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

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 months 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
- Post 16 Group
- 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

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

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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www.parentcarerforumyork.org 21 March 2025

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

Connect@pcforyork.co.uk

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.

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

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